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### EDITOR'S NOTE

The New Year is born. Another term is about to begin at the RIMC. The merry band of Cadets is away, but soon will arrive to rekindle the torch of learning. Our Commandant has been promoted to the rank of a full Colonel and we join in his proud moments of joy and exaltation. He was interviewed by our Cadets and we publish the same in this first issue of the Chronicle for the year. We do not know what the future holds for us, but we know WHO holds the future. We wish all our readers a Happier New Year.

### OUR NEW COMMANDANT

Born in Bharatpur (Rajasthan) on 9th October, 1935, Col Krishna Nand Sardana had his early and university education at Multan (Pakistan), Allahabad and Ajmer. He has to his credit an exceptionally brilliant academic career. He was commissioned on 9th June 1957 in the Corps of Signals, after passing out second in order of merit at the Ninth Graduates Course from the Indian Military Academy, Dehra Dun. He has held a number of important instructional, Regimental and Staff Appointments during his service career. He got transferred to the Army Educational Corps in December 1960. He is a first class post-graduate in Mathematics and also B.Ed. with first rank in the University.

To mention a few landmarks of Col Sardana's Service career, he was instructor at the IMA twice (Dec '60-Dec '62 and Dec '67-June '68); was instructor class C/B and OIC Foreign Languages Wing, AEC Training College and Centre, Pachmarhi (Dec '64-Dec '67) and again from November '71 to June '73 as Company Commander. He has also served at the Army Headquarters as GSO2, MI Dte from June '73 to January '75. Prior to serving at the Army Headquarters he attended a two-year Chinese Language Course at the University of Hong Kong where he was placed first in his batch. He served as Official Interpreter in Chinese to the COAS for one year (1965-66).

To add to the long list of his academic and service credentials it may be mentioned that he was placed first in order of merit at the No. 18 Technical Staff Course at the Institute of Armament Technology, Pune, specialising in Armaments. For two years thereafter he worked at the Armament Research and Development Establishment, Pune, and was selected for permanent secondment to the Ministry of Defence R & D Organisation in 1971 with the rank of Lt Col. He, however, declined the offer and also the rank of Lt Col and chose to stay on in the AEC.

The two major appointments which Col Sardana held before he came to RIMC were the principalship of Sainik School, Chittorgarh for three and a half years, and Sainik School, Kazhakootam, Trivandrum for about two and a half years.

Col Sardana has taken over the command of RIMC after a long, distinguished and experienced service career. The rich experience of Sainik Schools, the long association with the civilian staff and cadets, the skill in handling problems of academic, technical and administrative nature—all these will certainly equip him well to lift the RIMC to still greater heights of excellence and fame. Under his command this national institution of great traditions and past glory will continue to be a lodestar for the educational institutions of this country. We, staff and cadets solemnly affirm our undivided loyalty and co-operation to him and his efforts to make RIMC worthy of its great name. We extend to him a very warm welcome and wish him a fruitful and distinguished tenure at RIMC.



**Cadet GV Krishna, Cadet Biswajit Roy and Cadet Ranjit Kumar interview  
Col Sardana, our new Commandant**

*Question :* Sir, which arm were you commissioned into ?

*Col Sardana :* I was commissioned in the Corps of Signals.

*Question :* Why did you change over to the AEC ?

*Col S :* Because there was more excitement in Army Education. Soldiering and Education were considered incompatible in the fifties. So there was great fun in bringing the two together.

*Question :* Were you happy with the change ?

*Col S :* Yes, I was and am still happy with the change.

*Question :* What was the first impression that you formed about the RIMC ?

*Col S :* The RIMC boys are an intelligent lot, the best material among all the Sainik and Military Schools. The place is being well maintained by the MES. The rate of entry of the RIMC boys into the NDA is, however, far below the standard expected of this college. All of us, including the cadets, will have to work hard to improve the results at the NDA examinations.

*Question :* Out of all the places that you have been posted to which place did you like the most ?

*Col S :* I liked Hong Kong the most.

*Question :* What is your favourite game(s) ?

*Col S :* My favourite games are Football, Hockey and Squash.

*Question :* What are your hobbies ?

*Col S :* My hobbies are reading and writing. I have written some articles for 'The Indian Express' and the 'Sainik Samachar'.

*Question :* Which one will you follow here ?

*Col S :* I will follow both.

*Question :* Who is your favourite author ?

*Col S :* Ayn Rand. I liked 'Fountain Head' the most. I also like reading Leon Uris.

*Question :* What will be your priority here at the RIMC ?

*Col S :* I find that the cadets generally exhibit indifference towards academic work. There is, therefore, an urgent need to give top priority to academic training.

*Question :* What are your expectations about cadets ?

*Col S :* I expect cent per cent results from them at the NDA Examinations.

*Question :* What was your first experience as an instructor, i.e. how do you feel about your profession ?

*Col S :* I felt that teaching was a great job, challenging, exciting and difficult. In this profession we have to tune ourselves to each student differently as each student is different in potential from another.

*Question :* What are your experiences as the Principal of Sainik Schools ?

*Col S :* Managing a Sainik School is not easy. However, the compensation lies in the satisfaction one derives from preparing boys from the weaker sections of society for entry into the NDA.

*Question :* How about introducing the 10+2 system of education at the RIMC ?

*Col S :* Yes, I am in favour of it. In fact, the RIMC must come out of its isolation and find its rightful place in the country-wide school education programme.

*Question :* Do you think it is possible to have cent per cent results at the UPSC Examination ?

*Col S :* Yes, it is easy to achieve this performance when the RIMC selects just about one boy per state for admission and provides excellent instruction to its cadets. Why then should they not qualify for entry into the NDA after five years stay at the RIMC ?

*Question :* Why can't we run the RIMC more on Public School lines ?

*Col S :* It is already being run on Public School lines. The minimum Government control presently existing is good for its growth.

*Question :* Should we have so many examinations ?

*Col S :* Too many examinations restrict the opportunities available to improve the academic content of teaching work. Number of tests should not be more than the minimum required to check the extent of assimilation of the syllabus covered.

*Question :* Should masters and cadets keep a safe distance ?

*Col S :* The cadets should keep the company of teachers so that they learn more about the complexities of life. There should not be any gulf between the two. An adolescent needs the steadying influence of a Master.

*Question :* How can we avoid the monotony and boredom of a Spartan life ?

*Col S :* With waiters waiting on you, bearers to make your beds, in the mornings and to polish your shoes etc., there is hardly anything Spartan about life in the RIMC. In fact you tend to become soft in such a set-up. There is much to gain from leading a hard life and a change in the life-style of an RIMC cadet will do wonders.

*Question* : Can we have the privilege of hearing about your family ?

*Col S* : Mine is a small family. My two sons aged 10 and 8 having left Loyola School Trivandrum now attend Cambrian Hall.

*Question* : How will you compare and contrast a Sainik School with the RIMC ?

*Col S* : Sainik Schools are controlled by an autonomous Board of Governors in the Ministry of Defence but the funds are provided by the State Governments concerned; RIMC on the other hand is directly under the Army Headquarters and works like a Military Unit. Sainik Schools being much younger have many problems concerning finance and administration. The Principal of a Sainik School faces many challenges and thus has greater excitement.

*Question* : Do you have any message for us young cadets who are planning a career in India's Armed Forces ?

*Col S* : Yes, you must be truthful and courageous. You must think of the task at hand and get on with the job. You must have a positive attitude and develop confidence in your ability to face the world with a smile. Knowledge brings confidence; so acquire knowledge by strenuous academic work. Play hard and grow into strong men of character. Shun conformism. In this way you can serve the nation better.

### NEW ARRIVALS

We very warmly welcome the following to the staff of the RIMC :—

1. Mr. Champapilly Augustine Joseph, M.A. B.Ed. (Master in History)
2. Capt. Pratap Chandra Pathy, M.Sc. AEC (Master in Physics)
3. Mr. SK Dwivedi, MSc. B.Ed (Master in Chemistry)

We wish them well and hope that their contributions and services to this great institution will make it a more excellent place of scholarship and study.

### RIMCOLLIANA

Our heartiest congratulation to Brig AM Joglekar and Brig Karan Singh on their promotion to the rank of Maj General.

### AH ! Laugh a While !

Report received by a father from his young son's teacher : "Dull but steady—would make a good parent."

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Classified advertisement : "Dr Joseph Chekov, Psychiatrist. Positive cure in two years or your mania back."

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One sweet young thing arrived at her first football game after the first half. "The score is nothing to nothing", she heard a fan say.

"Oh, good", she cooed to her escort. "Then we haven't missed a thing."

### A TREK TO THE GARHWAL HILLS

Man's spirit of curiosity and wonder, his tireless energy to explore and discover the hidden mysteries and thrills of remote nature have fostered in the human heart angelic qualities of love and strong feelings of companionship. The treasury of nature is inexhaustible and replete with wonder and mystery. Nature lovers have succeeded in climbing the highest peaks of the highest mountains and reaching the remotest parts of the world.

It has been very lightly said—"Every cloud has a silver lining". The Mid-Term examinations ended on 1st October and the campus was thrown into a holiday mood. Happiness and joy were conspicuous on the Cadets faces because the hikes were nearing ; or may be the results of the examinations were not yet out !

The Garhwal Hills are considered to be one of the most rugged mountains of the world. The height of the mountains ranges from 2,000–20,000 ft. Ironically enough they are also the home of the religious myths.

*October 2nd* :—The break of dawn announced a yet another day—a day different from others—because that day we were to move to Joshimath. We were ready to move by 6 O'clock. But because the Mess Staff was not ready in time, we started from R.I.M.C. at 7-15 IST (Indian stretchable time). Any way we reached Rishikesh in good time. The atmosphere in the bus was exuberant. The bus UTL 5536 itself was comfortable. Hardwar—Joshimath road is a national highway numbered 45.

The contingent consisted of 35 Cadets and CHM Bhist. Captain Das was the Officer incharge of the hike. We were privileged enough to have with us the Commandant, Mrs Chawla, Mrs Das, Miss Neera Chawla, Miss Poonam Shrivastava and Miss Kumud Thakur. Thus our crowd was a motley one.

From Rishikesh to Devprayag the road moved along the great Ganges which appeared more like a stream. Slowly but surely liveliness gained momentum and the atmosphere of the bus was filled with laughter and a clamour of voices. By the time we reached Byasi, laughter was replaced by songs. Byasi is a small roadside village at an altitude of 1600 ft. We had our packed breakfast over there. We had many good songs from many good singers including some from the Commandant. From Byasi to Srinagar the road was a bit rough and the scenery monotonous. Soon we were overcome by sleep. We had a break in between Devprayag and Srinagar. The cool water and the beautiful scenery of the surrounding hills proved refreshing. The Commandant reminded us of lunch and the very thought of it brought us back to life. We had our lunch at a cool spot in the hills. It was a bit late for lunch, the time being 3 O'clock in the afternoon. The lunch was cold but nevertheless delicious. We resumed our journey at 4-30 P.M. We sang a number of songs all through the way to Joshimath. Near Chamoli, CHM Bhist became seriously ill on account of vomiting and acute stomach ache. Fortunately we were close to an Army stage hospital and he was admitted there. We reached Joshimath at 11-30 P.M.

*October 3rd* :—We had our breakfast at about 9 O'clock and started for Auli which is at a height of 9,800 ft. All through it was a steep climb. We were given a guide, Lance Naik Birendra Singh, who on the previous day had completed a two day trek of 180 kms. We reached Auli at 10-30 A.M. We could see the snow-clad majestic Nanda-Devi peak towering above the others. It filled us with awe and admiration and instilled in us an exaltation which can only be felt and never described. We had our delicious lunch at 1 O'clock. We were told we could purchase apples at a very cheap rate if we so liked. All were very enthusiastic about it. So the Commandant sent four Cadets, namely Aukta, Gurinder, Kaila and Ashok Kumar with the guide to a village 4 kms away. They found big, red apples on the trees. They purchased 20 kg at a price of Rs. 2.00 a kg. They came back to Joshimath. Jubilantly they announced to the Commandant that they were successful in their mission. Mrs Chawla cut an apple and tasted it—only to find the hidden taste of the apple to be sour! What an anti-climax! At 4-30 in the afternoon we were invited by ex-Cadet Major Mohanty for a cup of tea. He apprised us about the Trans-Himalayan terrain in their sand model room. *(To be concluded in next issue)*

### Thought for the Month

*Old order changeth yielding place to new  
And God fulfils himself in many ways  
lest one good custom should corrupt the world*

—Alfred Tennyson

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**ON THE NDA VICTORY STAND**

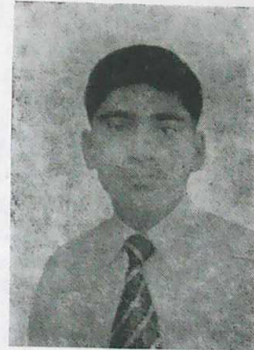


**DEEPAK DHAR**

He hails from Jammu and Kashmir and carries on the family torch of military service. This quiet Kashmiri held a responsible appointment in the Pratap Section and made valuable contributions in sports and games. He entered the corridors of the College on 21 Feb '76.

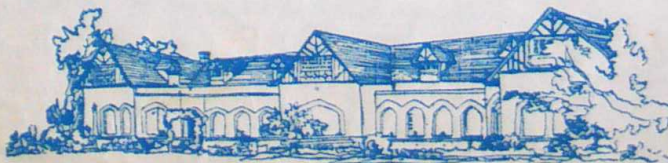
**UTPRABH TIWARI**

This soldier pandit from the sacred city of Varanasi had a good deal of humour in his nature. He could laugh at and laugh with others. He held a National Merit Scholarship and broke many coveted records in swimming. He stood nineteenth in the All India Merit List (Army and Navy). He joined the College in the January term 1976.



**KM DHIR**

Kapil Mohan Dhir always had a disarming smile on his face. His soft spoken nature was an added asset. He commanded the Pratap Section and he left lasting impressions on one and all in the Section. A glorious future awaits this Haryanite who joined the RIMC in the January term 1976.





**SK BANERJEE**

Salil Banerjee made himself heard by all and his presence was felt everywhere in the Campus. He loved to argue his case out with anyone and was fond of striking a different note in his discussions with college mates and teachers. He had many a latent talent which he profusely made use of during the years he spent here at the RIMC. He joined the College on 21 Jan. 1976.



**PK MITRA**

He was Cadet Captain and then Cadet Adjutant during the term. He excelled in Hockey and Football and he always set a consistent record in academics. He brought credit to himself and to the College by standing second in the Air Force list and fourth in the Army/Navy list. A cadet with a great destiny. He joined the College on 21-1-76.



**RPM PANGHAL**

This lanky Jat is a good sportsman. He held a responsible appointment during the term and was a Chandraguptian. He did a lot of hard work to attain the heights. He joined the College in the January term, 1976.



**JS NEHRA**

He was the second of the Nehra brothers who passed out from the RIMC (the third is still at RIMC). A very steady and studious cadet with lot of initiative and enthusiasm. He held various appointments including those of the Cadet Adjutant and Cadet Captain. This Pratapian is a very good foot-baller and hockey player. He entered the College corridors on 21st Jan. '76.



#### SK BANDOth

Commanded Ranjit Section during the term. A good athlete and sportsman; and impressive and industrious Cadet and Commander. Bandoth had a simple, practical style to deal with people and situations. He was a first termer during the January term, 1976.

#### SAMEER SRIVASTAV

Sameer had an eloquence with which he carried away trophies in the elocution competitions and debates. He represented the College on many platforms and he did exceedingly well in academics. A courageous and competent Cadet whose reading and thinking made him contribute so much to the life of the College. As student Editor of *The Chronicle* and Commander of Chandragupta Section Sameer did excellent jobs. This Cadet from Nagpur joined the College in the January term, 1976.



#### PAWAN BHATNAGAR (He is Camera shy !)

He always took us by surprise. This innocent looking Cadet stormed (Pawan means wind) the bastions of the NDA rank list. In the All India merit list (Army and Navy) he stood third. Though he joined the College on 3-8-76 he made big strides to jump into the NDA band wagon along with those who joined the College a term earlier. He was the lone Shivajian to join NDA this time and he commanded the Section during the term. He is a 'peaceful' citizen from Moradabad.

#### NEWS FLASHES

The College reopened on 20th January. The campus became alive again. The sunny weather proclaimed the beginning of another new term at the RIMC.

The new Cadets arrived on 22nd January. They, along with their parents, were given a warm welcome by the Commandant. The Cadet Appointments took every effort to make the new entrants feel at home and made the occasion a very impressive and dignified one. The film on the RIMC and the lunch hoisted in honour of the parents and new Cadets served as a fitting prologue to the future life at the RIMC. The innocent faces reflected the wonder and surprise they experienced in the new-found land of the Olive green.

The snow clad mountains of Mussoorie beckoned the Cadets on 25th January. It was too great a temptation to resist, and they did trek the whole way up. They weathered the punches of a heavy snow fall and they enjoyed every inch of the adventure.

The Republic Day celebrations at the RIMC began with the distribution of sweets to the Cadets, group D employees and their children by Mrs. Amba Sardana.

At a simple function held in the Convocation Hall Cadet Zaki and Cadet R Chaudhari spoke on the importance of Republic Day. Mr. C.A. Joseph's speech which followed further enlightened the audience on the subject. The Commandant in his speech called upon everyone to do the utmost for the Nation's progress. A patriotic song sang by the members of the Music Club gave the occasion an artistic touch.

The Coffee break was followed by a magic show. The magician himself was in a Republic Day mood—he gave his bit of sermon, 'on the importance of being a magician'. (More magic of words than of magical feats).

"Tora Tora Tora", a II World War movie, provided good entertainment for the Cadets. They went to see the movie on 29th January.

### MR. CATCHPOLE VISITS THE RIMC

Mr. Catchpole, former Principal of RIMC, paid a visit to the College on 3rd February. Class III and III A attended his lecture on 'Common Errors in English'. Mr. Catchpole spent time with Cadets in the Cricket field and later went around the campus. Members of the staff had the privilege of spending an hour with the grand old man in the staff-room. Mr. Catchpole appreciated the warm welcome extended to him by the Commandant and members of the staff.

### SPORTS ARENA

The Cadets are already in the grip of competitive spirit. They can envisage a good fight in the Boxing and Hockey competitions. The Section spirit dominates every sportsman and the respective Sections are determined to snatch the Trophy in every field. The winter rains have given a new look to the fields and they are now ideally suited to give the Cadets their best form and style.

The Hockey Match between the Cadets and the Staff on 28th January marked the beginning of a long series of Sports events. The staff, who led by one goal in the first half of the game, had to agree to a draw when the boys scored a goal in the second half. The Commandant who fractured his finger while playing, did afterward lend moral support to both the teams and perhaps it led to the happy ending—a draw.

### RIMCOLLIANA

Our heartiest congratulations to the following ex-cadets.

1. Maj Gen SC Sinha (R) for the award of PVSM.
2. Lt Commander PV Chaudhari (P) for the award of Nau Sena Medal.
3. Col RK Manchanda (S) for the Arjuna Award.
4. Lt R Mathews on his marriage.

### ODE TO A PILOT

Somewhere between the sky and ocean, somewhere suspended across the painted horizon, you will find him defying time. There are many such men and their flying machines; but for me there is only one, like no other. He is my poet-pilot who, unfettered and unchained, is a professional above all else.

He flies between sunlight and shadows, relentlessly through applauding guns, winging his aircraft fuelled by the wrath of a nation that believes that between the temple and the mosque lies another God. He flew as the battle cries ended in sorrow; sorrow upon misery, as friend fell to foe. His eyes showed the depth, the futility of war, as it punctures his balance, as bullets penetrate steel.

That was, however, another day, another time. I await the quiet evenings when the sun turns its back on the stars. I await his return. There are stories that lighten the spirit, stories that push back the frontiers of consciousness, that take one away with him into the limitless sky. For, romance to him is his pressure suit, his boots, his medals, his trophies won in pride and with honour. He is romance to me.

Flying is his honesty. He finds his own special brand of glory in it. Flying on the fringes of the Cosmos, in that rootless suspension. I ascend with him into the heavens, captured ever by his daring. He has been to the threshold of his limits, perhaps beyond. His stories speak of nerve, sometimes luck, of sure and permanent bonds that come from the comradeship of combat.

I feel then the shivers that turn into a tremble, and the chill of the early winter on a parched summer night, so suffocatingly still. Indeed, I am together awed by the splendour and by its poetry, of his words that describe 'flight'. He climbs into the gathering dusk and then into the scattered specks of sunlight. He weaves a web of new stories, of 'new faces, other minds'. I hear the moan of his air-



craft as it tops the loop, as it comes spinning and whirling down in a tail slide, like a falling leaf. I wonder at the harmony of man and machine, so in the tune with the rhythm of each other's needs, at the sensation of the flawless formations, of rolls and dive, of dog fights and pull outs, of stratonimbus, of set faces, of voices, precision, split second divisions.

He sees the ground's vacillating lights as he rises higher. He leaves it all behind earth-bound, temporal. The whisky sours dry weather, surrealist art, the new hair dye just out, tardy men, women in boxy houses, wills and deeds, and words like sacrifice. Then darkness envelopes me. I clutch my new chicken recipe book. I am strangely cold and alone. Going inside, I know my wonder on the perfect starlit night. My poet is there, up above, Pilot by profession, a romanticist at heart. I smile, for I know he shall return.

Cadet JAGJIT UPPAL  
Class III

## A TREK TO THE GARHWAL HILLS—II

(Continued from last issue)

*October 4th* :—We started for Badrinath at 7.30 A.M. The road went past the tormentous Alaknanda flowing deep down in the valley. Our pot-belly driver was not only generous in his eating habits but also very good at his wheel. He made the distance in good time. We had our breakfast at Mana (height 10,000 ft) and then proceeded on to Sasudhara fall which is about 6 kms from there. Sasudhara fall is at a height of 11,500 ft. It itself is 400 ft. high. We also visited Mana gorge where it is believed that the legendary Saraswati disappears and reappear at Triveni at Allahabad. We returned to Mana at 2.30 P.M. Mana is the last road—head of this side before the Indo-Tibetan border. Beyond this there are no motorable roads, mules being the only mode of transport. We had a quick lunch there and moved on to Badrinath. There we had a luxurious bath in the Tapt Kund and then visited the temple across the bridge over the Alaknanda. We came back to Govind Ghat which is on the Joshimath-Badrinath road. It is situated at an altitude of 6,000 ft. The Gurudwara, the place where we supposed to stay, was down in the valley and the vehicle could not go there. It was already dark and as a result moving the paraphernalia was a problem but we overcame the problem without mishaps. It was really very enjoyable because it gave us a feeling of adventure and after all it is all a part of the game. We had our dinner at the Gurudwara. The hospitability of the Gurudwara is really a praiseworthy. We were given good accommodations and were looked after very well.

*October 5th* :—We started from Govind Ghat at 7 A.M. We were also provided with four army muels. We had to traverse a distance of 13½ kms to Ghangaria. It is at a height of 10,200 ft. The journey was tiring as most of the way was a steep climb. Some of us reached Ghangaria by 10 O'clock. Soon after it began to rain and many of the Cadets as well as the Commandant were caught in the rain. We had our lunch at Gurudwara and moved on to the Valley of Flowers. Thanks to the initiative taken by the Commandant. We had heard that the Valley of Flowers is an Ocean of multi-coloured multifarious flowers. But when we reached over there to our great disappointment we found it flowerless! Even the bushes were dry. Actually we had gone at the wrong season. But still we expected something. Mangat collected specimens for the Commandant. We spent 15 minutes over there and returned to Ghangaria. At 4.30 P.M. we started back for Govind Ghat. Some of the Cadets even caught up with Captain Das and his walking and wounded contingent, who had started nearly an hour and a half before as they did not go to the Valley of Flowers—and what a coincidence—they reached just as Capt Das and party entered a shop to have some tea. Everyone reached Govind Ghat by 7.30 P.M. As we had trekked 36 kms the Commandant advised us not to have dinner and believe it or not we had 100% attendance at the langar. Anyhow it was a good trip to the valley with Gill providing an added amusement. Gill, being physically quite unwell did the trekking with enthusiasm and courage although at the end drenched to the marrow and chilled to the bone he fell flat. Mrs. Chawla who was present at the spot immediately attended to Gill with all the motherly care and affection. At her suggestion glucose hunting operation was launched. And there was Saxena in his usual stylish dress produced a packet of Glucose which he was carrying. Instantly Gill was administered Glucose in luke warm water. In the bargain Commandant and Captain Das did not miss their opportunity to replenish their energy by having a spoonful of Glucose each.

*October 6th* :—By 7 O'clock we had everything packed up on the bus. We bade a tearful farewell to Govind Ghat and the beautiful hills in which it is sheltered. We vowed to come back again

whenever an opportunity came our way. We were all very silent at first. "They have not got their breakfast" the Commandant reasoned. He promised us breakfast at Joshimath. At the promise of breakfast the atmosphere became lively again. We had a good breakfast and then moved on. Everyone was in a jovial mood. At Pipal Koti, which is around 40 kms. from Joshimath many of us purchased Maltas which were very cheap. We got them at a rate of 20 paise a piece. We were promised lunch at Rudraprayag and everyone was expectantly waiting for it. But when we reached Rudraprayag we were disheartened not to find even a single chapati over there as it was well past the lunch time. With shattered hopes we waited for Srinagar which was 34 kms. away. There our patience was rewarded. We had our lunch—lunch-cum-dinner—as the time was 6 P.M. We then did a bit of shopping. We moved from Srinagar at 7.30 in the evening. Soon we took to jokes and songs and the atmosphere soon became jovial. The Commandant cracked some jokes which sent us into fits of laughter. It was not without regret that we had started our return journey. All pleasant experiences came to an end but the memories of such experiences will linger long as the shadow of life lengthens.

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

Where silence reigned supreme a month ago juvenile enthusiasm and youthful spirits have taken over. It is nearly a month since the new term at the RIMC has begun. The 'new arrivals', as usual, represent a wide cross-section of the country and the society. Slowly and steadily they are fast adjusting themselves to the many demands of the system which, though unsavoury at the beginning, in the end will mould them into full-fledged and finished products for a noble profession. The fields of Hockey; Basketball and Cricket and the Boxing ring are humming with activities of their kind. The snow and the aching cold has not allowed any let-up in their enthusiasm and determination. This short term will witness many an event of importance and we are on our march to achieve the best and highest for the College and for ourselves. The will to strive for the hardest and the best and the facilities to attain the highest are at our disposal. So let's run the race with all our might, and mind and soul in whatever we do. We publish the photographs of those who made their way into the portals of the National Defence Academy. We are proud of them and the honour they have brought to the College and for themselves. Long live the glorious tradition begun long back and is being continued at the RIMC!

#### Thought for the Month

*The trouble with most of us  
is that we would rather be ruined  
by praise than saved by criticism.*

—Norman Vincent Peal

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### A Word of Welcome

A stream of men, illustrious and valiant, has made the Rashtriya Indian Military College a synonym for the magnificent and excellent in India's military training and history. RIMC lives not in its idyllic surroundings, nor in its Victorian roofs under which it is sheltered but in the quality of the students it trained and their remarkable and imperishable achievements in later life. The high standards set by this premier military institution have produced generations of exceptionally eminent men and leaders of military service. The services rendered by the alumni of this college to safeguard the prestige and honour of this country are almost unrivalled and unparalleled. The Old Boys of this college can justly take pride in the fact that they share a glory unexcelled and unclaimed by other institutions of its kind. RIMC fosters a fraternity, which with the passage of time its old students never barter away. Time and again they come to get baptized into that spirit of brotherhood and oneness and unity. The Alma Mater welcomes them every year on 13th March. The floral carpets are laid out, the Spring sounds its bugles and the Thimayya Gate is thrown open to receive the veterans. It is the privilege and prestige of those of us within the gate to spend a couple of days in the company of the valiant and illustrious sons of the glorious past. We extend to the Old Boys and their families a most hearty and sincere welcome. We wish them a very happy time during the Reunion when they will re-live the days they spent here years ago. This Reunion Number of the Chronicle is dedicated to them who made RIMC what it is today. We know that if the past was glorious because of them, the future will be more glorious because of what they mean to us. We wish all Rimcollians a very happy Reunion.

## REUNION 1980

The 1980 Reunion celebrations started with the traditional Hockey Match between the Old Boys and the College in the afternoon of 12th March. The youngsters proved the better of their experienced counterparts and won the Match by a margin of one goal. Both the teams were photographed with Gen GG Bewoor, an illustrious and ardent Rimcollian.

*Lest they forget the departed*



*Floral Homage to RIMC Martyrs*

In the evening of the day, the Old Boys and their families assembled in the Convocation Hall to witness the finals of the Inter-Section Boxing. There was a large number of guests from the station as well. The old boys lent their support to the contenders from their respective Sections, cheering the Rawlinsons, the Kitchners, and others. Pratap Section annexed the Boxing Championship. S Khatri of Shivaji Section and SK Pandey of Ranjit Section were declared as the most scientific boxer and best loser respectively. Brig. L S Negi gave away the Trophy to the Captain of Pratap Section and individual prizes to the winners and losers.

The most solemn ceremony was at the War Memorial in the morning of 13th March when the whole College paid tribute to the memory of RIMC martyrs who had sacrificed their precious lives in the defence of the motherland. Many a tear rolled down when Brig. Gajender Singh laid the wreath and the Buglers sounded the retreat.

Thereafter, the scene shifted to the Cricket ground where everything was ready for another contest between the Old Boys and the College-the much awaited Cricket Match. The Old Boys' team lacked the glamour and sting of its previous players and succumbed to the College stalwarts who won the match by seven wickets. Mrs. Gajender Singh gave away the Old Boys Trophy to the Captain of the College Cricket team.

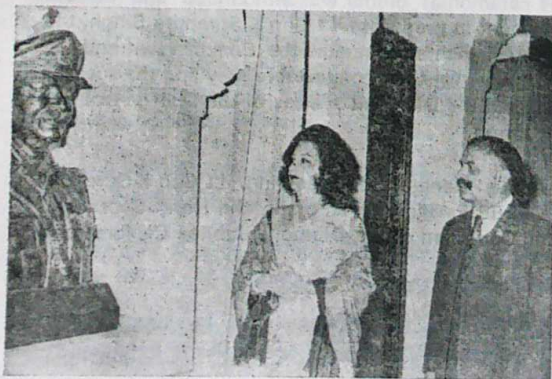
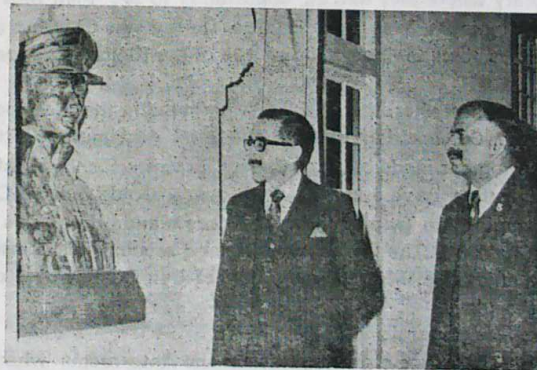


*A Reunion of the Old & New (After the Battle of the willows)*

The unique feature of this Rim-collian Meet was the installation of the busts of Lt Gen PS Bhagat, PVSM, VC and Major Somnath Sharma, PVC, two illustrious ex-Cadets of RIMC.

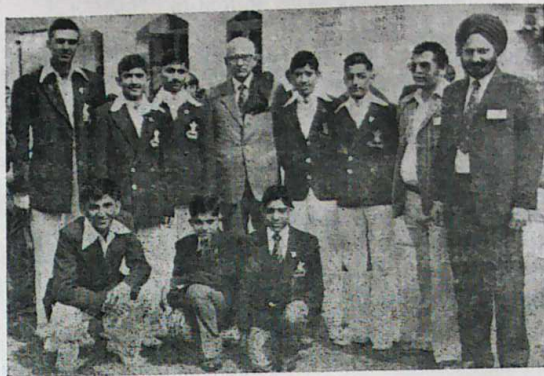
These two brave officers form a part of the saga of RIMC history and they will remain a constant source of inspiration and motivation to generations of Cadets at the College. In the evening of 13th March Mrs Mohini Bhagat unveiled the bust of her late husband, Lt Gen P S Bhagat, and Brig V N Sharma unveiled the bust of his elder brother, the late Major Som Nath Sharma.

THEIR NAMES ARE WRIT IN BRONZE



*The Busts of Lt. Gen Bhagat and Maj Somnath Sharma being unveiled.*

Gen G G Bewoor former Chief of the Army Staff, paid his homage in moving words and reminded the community of Old Boys present on the occasion, of the significance and greatness of the meritorious services of these two old boys. The whole ceremony was highly touching. The two busts will remain as a beacon of dauntless courage, and supreme sacrifice. The heroic deeds of these two ex-cadets will be solemnly treasured up in the memory of the Cadets of RIMC. While passing through the corridors of the Convocation Hall each day they will reverently bow before the mute memorials of their proud predecessors in the College. They are bound to be filled with feelings of awe and a sense of gratefulness.



*Grow old like me  
The Best is yet to be, (A General with the younger generation)*

The Old Boys then went round the Art and Aero-modelling Clubs. Then they went to the library where they had an opportunity to see their files and terminal reports of the years when they were studying in the College. Quite a few Old Boys were more interested in the reports of their friends than their own. Souvenirs of the Rimcollian Meet 1980 were available for sale.

Thereafter, the Old Boys gathered in the Convocation Hall for the Founders' Day Address by the Commandant and for the prize distribution. The Commandant apprised the Old Boys of the progress made by the Cadets in various spheres of their life at the College. Brig Gagender Singh then gave away the President's Gold Medals, Col Haughton Silver medals, Intersection Championship Trophy and other medals and prizes. This was followed by the Hindi play 'Chakkar Hi Chakkar'. The Cadets gave a good account of themselves and the play proved highly hilarious and enjoyable. Mrs. Bewoor, wife of Gen GG Bewoor, distributed prizes to the Cadets who acted in the play.

There was a get-together in the Ante-rooms where the Old Boys had a tete-a-tete, recounting the glorious days of their student life. The ceremonial dinner was announced and the Old Boys and the members of the Staff took their seats in the Mess. Lt Gen K Surendra Singh, the President of the Old Boys Association, made a brief speech and thanked the Commandant and the members of the Staff for making excellent arrangements for their comfortable stay and the success of the Reunion. He requested the Old Boys to attend the Diamond Jubilee of the College in 1982 in larger numbers and to get ready for the big occasion.

On 14 March the Rimcollians held their Annual General Body Meeting. Lt Gen K Surendra Singh was re-elected as the President, and Lt Col BB Parida stayed on as the Honorary Secretary. Major General Virender Singh has been appointed Chairman of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in 1982. Our heartiest congratulations to them.

Thus came to a close the 1980 Rimcollian Meet.

Long Live the Rimcollian Association.

## THIMAYYA OF RIMC

General Kodendera Subbayya Thimayya, PV, DSO, ex-Chief of the Army Staff, popularly known as 'Timmy', was not only an ardent and illustrious ex-cadet of this College, but also one of the most eminent, talented and outstanding Generals of the Indian Army. He was the second Indian to be promoted to the rank of a Brigadier, (first being General Cariappa), and was given the Command of a Brigade in action in Burma. Gen Thimayya was born on 31 March 1906 at Mercara in Coorg, in the family of Shri K K Thimayya, a rich coffee planter. This illustrious Rimcollian was snatched away by the cruel hands of death on 18 December 65, when he was only 59 and was commanding the United Nations Peace Keeping Forces at Nicosia in Cyprus.

At the age of six he joined St Joseph's School at Conoor. After six years he shifted to Bishop Cotton School at Bangalore where he developed a passion for games, music, and dance. At the age of 15 he passed out from Bishop Cotton School at Bangalore and was thrilled, as many of us are today, when he came to know that he was going to join The Prince of Wales Royal Indian Military College.

Gen Thimayya grew up in Rawlinson Section, now known as Pratap Section, under Lieut FR Kittermaster, Assistant Master. The other thirtyfive cadets who joined the College from other parts of the country, included Gen Hira Lal Atal and Mr Zafar Alam. About Thimayya, the Commandant Mr HL Haughton remarked, "A first class cadet in whom I have great hope". This hope came true, indeed!

Within three days of his stay at the College "Timmy" displayed grit, uprightness and a sense of truthfulness. On being asked by the Commandant, if every body was happy, he was the first one to reply boldly in the affirmative, and thus gained popularity amongst the cadets. Within a short period he fully acclimatised himself to the new environment and began to take active and lively part in the College life. He was fond of playing pranks on his friends, the most outstanding one being when, to the great delight of the cadets, he bribed the barber to shave off the luxurious growth of hair of Nawabzada Qudratulla Khan, when the latter was dozing in a chair.

Maulvi Sahib, the Instructor in Urdu, who used to wear a green coat every day also became a victim to his pranks. Thimayya managed to throw some ink on his precious coat to ascertain whether Maulvi Sahib possessed only one coat or another also of the same colour. He had to write "Mere hare kot par syahi kisne dali" a thousand times as imposition.

Thimayya was very fond of music and even learnt many Punjabi songs, not a word of which he understood. He sang these songs to the delight of ladies and used to blush in later life when he was told that the songs were of an obscene nature. He was an outstanding sportsman and had excelled in football, hockey, athletics, squash, tennis and cricket. After 18 months of stay at the RIMC Cadet Captain KS Thimayya was selected for admission to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst on 24 Sep 1924.

A report written by the Commandant on him, just after he left for Simla to appear in the Entrance Examination for admission to The Royal Military College, Sandhurst, reads:—

"He has, as usual, done a very good term's work in every way and has gone up to Simla for the Sandhurst Examination with my very best wishes for his success.

He is a boy of whom I shall expect a very great deal in the future and I shall watch his career at Sandhurst and afterwards with very real and sincere interest.

He has performed his duties as Cadet Captain quietly and most efficiently and his sound leadership will be surely missed in the life of the College."

The tremendous success, fame and glory he attained throughout his career as a soldier, a general and as a man is well known throughout the world. The RIMC atmosphere will remain charged with the words uttered by him in his farewell visit to the RIMC in 1960, at the time of laying down his office as the Chief of the Army Staff.

"What I am today is due mainly to the training I received at the RIMC."

Cadet AS Shekhawat  
Class V A

### ARJUNA AWARD For Maj. Raj Manchanda

Among this year's Republic Day Award winners was the name of a 36 year old Rimcollian now posted in Bombay. This proud Shivajian had the privilege and fortune of representing India in many International Tournaments in squash. It was Raj, an unassuming major and an ace sportman of national pride, who set an enviable record by winning the National Championship for the third time in succession (not a minor victory by the Major).

He learnt the game of Squash Racquet inside the Thimayya Gate in the late fifties where his future was being moulded and shaped in the olive green uniform. Cadet Rajkumar, who established a firm hold on the bat and the racquet while at the RIMC has consistently followed up his zest for Squash and Cricket. He justly and rightly earned the country's highest award for it's greatest sportsmen-the Arjuna Award.

He was born on August 5, 1945 and entered the portals of the college in 1957. The section and the College depended a lot on Raj for the victories in various competitions. Table Tennis and Cricket too were his domain, and he walked away with many a trophy. He held the highest appointment of the College-that of Cadet Captain, and excelled in all the racquet games of the College during that period.

Raj made his appearance on the National scene when he ended the monopoly of Anil Nayyar in squash, the national champion who reigned supreme during the years 1971-77. This ex-Cadet has now reached the pinnacle of his glory that he is planning to retire from the game and he proposes to coach youngsters who are eager and ambitious to go up the National squash ladder.

We are proud of this great Rimcollian who got the nation's highest award in sports and games and we join in his proud moments of joy and elation. It was at RIMC he had the opportunity to begin and to perfect his art, and later in the Squash Courts of the Armed Forces he got the rough edges of this game smoothed out. We greet him on his great success and wish him many more laurels in his crown on his onward march to glory and fame.

Cadet KK Bamba  
Class III



## HOME COMING

( An Old Principal Visits His School )

Mr. H. Catchpole, former Principal RIMC visited us on 3 Feb' 81 and reminisced over his life at the College as Master and later as Principal. It was with a sense of satisfaction and a feeling of elation that he visits RIMC every time he is in Dehra Dun. This grand old man is at present Head of the English Dept. at the Abbottabad Public School, Pakistan. He is now over seventy years 'young' and still can hold a willow wood efficiently and skilfully. He spent most of his time with the Cadets at the Cricket Nets, played Table Tennis with them and took time to go around the Squash Courts of the College. The Cadets were very impressed with the energy and enthusiasm displayed by a man of more than seventy years and they tried to find out the secrets of his youthful agility. The curiosity aroused in them was well quenched by his witty and prompt answers. We give below the gist of the conversation between Mr. Catchpole and the Cadets (Ranjit Kumar and JS Kairon):



*Meeting of the Twain—Past & Present  
(West & East Too)*

Cadets: Mr. Catchpole, when and why did you come to India ?

Mr. Catchpole: I emigrated from Britain in 1928 because I was appointed Master at RIMC, and between 1948-53 I was Principal here.

Cadets: What was, you think, one of your most pleasant experiences at RIMC ?

Mr. Catchpole: Oh, it was, perhaps, when I took four wickets in four balls in a match against IMA. Another time was when I scored a 120 not out against IMA.

Cadets: What all changes have taken place since your departure ?

Mr. Catchpole: There was a tea-garden behind the pavilion and there are playfields instead. There were only three sections during my time. The number of cadets was only 125. We used to shoot hares in the tea garden at night with torches tied to our guns.

Cadets: How are the Rimcollians in Pakistan doing ?

Mr. Catchpole: They are doing fairly well, three of them are Governors of Provinces. They are Lt. Gen Fazle Haq, A. Bazi, Lt. Gen. Tiloni.

Cadets: Sir, could you kindly get the Pakistani Rimcollians come over for the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in 1982 ?

Mr. Catchpole: The Pakistani Government will object to their officers mixing with their Indian counterparts. Moreover, I will be busy with the annual examination of my boys.

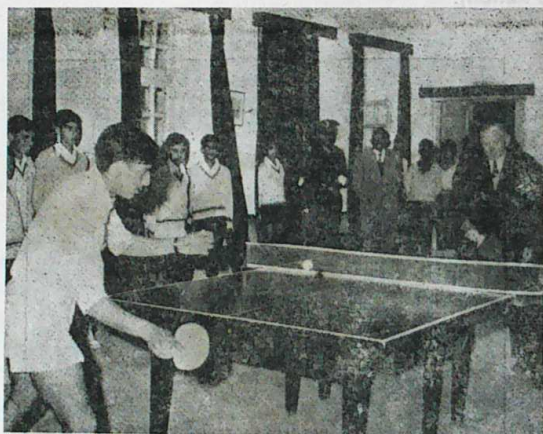
Cadets: Why did you take to teaching ?

Mr. Catchpole: I was, and am, very fond of games and I found that only a teacher gets a lot of time to play games.

Cadets: What are your future plans after retirement ?

Mr. Catchpole: I expect to retire this May. After that, I will spend the Summer in England and the rest of the time in India and Pakistan.

#### Putting the ball in the other's Court



*Mr. H Catchpole making a game of T.T. difficult for the Cadet Captain*

### BRITISH AWARD FOR CATCHPOLE

[Among the new year's honours announced in London On 31 Dec' 80 was the award of Commander of the Order of British Empire (CBE) to Hugh Catchpole of Abbottabad Public School, a tribute to his contribution to Anglo-Pakistan relations over many years, said a British embassy Press release.

After taking his degree at Oxford, Mr. Catchpole joined the staff of the Royal Indian Military College, Dehra Dun in 1928 as a teacher of English. He was appointed Principal of the College in 1947. In 1953 he founded a similar College, the Hasan Abdal Cadet College in Pakistan and become its first Principal. In 1958 he moved to be Principal of the Pakistan Air Force Cadet College at Sargodha from where he retired in 1969. However, he wished to continue teaching and has since then been Head of the English Department at the Abbottabad Public School.

In 1979 he was awarded the Sitara-I Imtiaz.-App]

Contributed by  
Captain P D Sharma (Ex-Cadet)  
Naval Attache IN  
3 Jan 81

**TELL US !**

1. Name the body of men born on 13th August at the Capital. They say it is thirty one this year. You are here because of it.
2. Tell me the name of the gentleman who came and went away during the War ? Why did he leave behind the trio who, we are told, later got Indianised ?
3. He was only a Lt in the Navy in the twenties. Later, he was knighted. 1948 he was no less than an Indian Emperor. We all heard him once. What was his name ?
4. Tell us dear old timers. Who painted the Duke of Windsor for the Rashtriya Indian Military College ?
5. It is all Greek and Latin to us. Please tell us what it means.
6. Young he is, but ancient in name; stands apart, but he is no recluse; still in his teens, but rich in wisdom and knowledge. He is closer to the man who lords over it.
7. I listened to every conversation, but was far from a mere listener. I chaired the house and had to set it in order every time. I never fought a war but I had to shout order, order. Who am I ?
8. I have a long trail of predecessors. Name my great great grand father who set the tradition of wielding the stick to maintain discipline ?
9. Tell me Sirs, who was that House Master who used to teach us Maths and Science and sucked one or the other fingers of his left hand ? You remember, to prevent this he used to dab them with tincture iodine ? But that really did not stop him from doing so.
10. They have gone with the wind. Now the wheel has come full circle. The feathers are more colourful than before. We are its proud inheritors. What is it ?

Cadet Nugial & Cadet GV Krishna

(Answers on page 11)

**COMMANDANT'S MAIL BAG**

MR. H. CATCHPOLE, M.A., CBE, SI  
HEAD OF THE ENGLISH DEPT.

ABBOTTABAD PUBLIC SCHOOL  
ABBOTTABAD, PAKISTAN  
PHONE : 2906

6th February

My dear Colonel,

Just a line, on the eve of my departure, to thank you for the very enjoyable time I had at the R.I.M.C. on Tuesday. It made my visit to Dehra Dun really worth while.

I wonder if you would be good enough to get an estimate of the cost of constructing a squash court with a wooden floor. Without making any rash promises, I am seriously thinking of presenting a court to the R.I.M.C. It should be side by side with the present court so that the balcony can cover both courts by being extended. To play squash matches two courts are really necessary.

Please convey my best wishes to the staff and Cadets.

Yours sincerely,  
Hugh Catchpole

Col. K.N. Sardana  
Commandant  
R.I.M.C.

**HUMOUR IN UNIFORM**

Sign in a recruiting office: "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Career".

The barracks heating plant had failed during a cold spell last winter. After the platoon had struggled through two cold nights, one recruit mustered the courage to report to the sergeant.

"Heat?" demanded the Sergeant. "What do you want heat for? It's 48 degrees F outside".

"But it's only 44 degrees in the barracks," replied the recruit.

"Well," thundered the sergeant, "open the windows".

The other day an airman came into the sergeant's office and requested emergency leave because his wife had just had a baby. He was informed that he could not be granted emergency leave but could probably be helped with some other type. He reflected for a while and then said wryly "Well, sergeant, it's our 11th child. Does the Air Force give a catastrophe leave?"

He got his leave.

At a tense moment in the Desert War, the General concluded a briefing to his staff with the exhortation: "Remember, Gentlemen, God is on our side." There was a moment's respectful silence. Then a junior officer was heard muttering to himself "In support, Sir, or under command?"

An infantryman, who during the 1944-45 War, was asked if he was going to see the film "The Battle of the Bulge", replied "No I saw the play".

## HERE ARE THE ANSWERS

1. Rimcollian Association
2. Wavell
3. Lord Mountbatten
4. Murray Urquhart, the famous portrait painter
5. Ich Dien = I serve
6. Chandra Gupta Section
7. Ex-Cadet G S Dhillion, formerly Speaker of the Lok Sabha
8. Hon Capt Sardar Khan (the first AO)
9. Mr C A Philips
10. The New Crest with three peacock feathers and Ashoka Chakra instead of the three ostrich feathers and British crown.

## OLD BOYS (A YEAR'S DIARY)

Our heartiest congratulations to the following Old Boys on their achievements.

1. Maj Gen SC Sinha. on the Award of PVSM on the occasion of the 31st Republic Day Celebrations
2. Air Commodore S Raghvendra on his promotion as Air Vice Marshal.
3. Brig VN Sharma on his promotion as Maj General
4. Brig SV Giri " " " "
5. Col YK Yadav " " " Brigadier.
6. Brig KS Kohli on his being selected to attend the National Defence College, Delhi.
7. Brig VPS Yadav " " " " " " " "
8. Col IM Lal " " " " " " " "
9. Col TV Manoharan " " " " " " " "
10. Shri HS Butoha on his appointment as Commissioner in Nagaland.
11. Shri KS Puri on his appointment as Finance and Revenue Secy to the Govt of Nagaland.
12. Col Subbarao on his appointment as the Commandant of the Maratha Light Infantry Regimental Centre.
13. Lt Cdr PB Choudhry on being awarded the Nao Sena Medal.
14. Wing Commander V Patney for receiving commendation from the Chief of Air Staff.
15. Major RK Manchanda on being awarded Arjuna Award & for winning the National Squash Championship for the third year in succession
16. Lt Col PK Gupta on being appointed professor of Civil Engineering at College of Military Engineering, Kirkee.
17. Cdr Kochar (Retd) on being appointed as General Manager of Cursetji & Sons, Bombay
18. Maj AK Samant Rai on his being selected to attend the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington.

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| 19. Major DK Mukerjee    | On being selected to attend the Defence Services Staff College Wellington.             |
| 20. Major Randheer Singh | " " " "  |
| 21. Major HS Gill        | " " " "  |
| 22. Major NS Pathania    | " " " "  |
| 23. Capt PK Sinha        | " " " "  |
| 24. Capt Subhash Gupta   | " " " "  |
| 25. Capt PP Rajagopal    | " " " "  |
| 26. Lt BS Negi           | for receiving Johar and Commando Dagger in YO 30 Commando Course.                      |
| 27. Lt Col DK Khullar    | On being selected to lead the Gunners Mountaineering expedition to Manirar and Deoland |
| 28. Capt SK Singh        | For being fourth in the National Squash Championship.                                  |
| 29. Capt AK Singh        | On being selected as a member of the World Sailing Expedition.                         |
| 30. Capt MP Yadaav       | On being selected as a member of the Army Team to climb Nanda Peak.                    |

Our heartiest felicitations to the following Old Boys on their marriage.

1. Capt CS Thapa
2. Capt R Mathew
3. Sq. Leader Rajbir Singh

News from IMA

GC Buo JS Gill

Won the Sword of Honour for being the best all round Cadet and Gold Medal Standing First in order of merit, in Dec 79.

News from NDA

ACA Deshpande

Won the silver Medal for being 2nd in order of merit in the passing out parade, Dec 80.

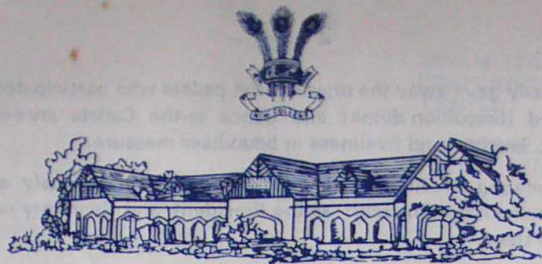
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**Reunion 1981.** Thirteenth of March! It awakens the spirit of brotherhood, feelings of elation and thoughts of admiration for one another. It inspires thoughts too deep for words for a Rimcollian and it revives one's association with one's school and brings back a bunch of beautiful memories.

1981 Reunion was celebrated with the usual gusto and enthusiasm by the Old Boys of RIMC. They came from far and near to refresh themselves and renew their association with the alma mater; they represented the three elemental spirits, land, air and water. But they have a unity and cohesion which is matchless and enduring. The traditional hockey match on 12th March and the boxing finals in the open air theatre added colour to the beautiful fabric of the Reunion. The Old Boys proved too strong and superior to their juniors in Hockey. There was wild enthusiasm among Old Boys when they cheered up their respective sections. Chandra Gupta section walked away with the coveted Boxing cup, Royal Shivaji trailing behind. Brig. LS Negi gave away the prizes to the winning section and the boxers.

It was a wet Reunion this time. After witnessing the boxing bouts the Old Boys gathered in the senior Anti Room and the informal and relaxed atmosphere was very congenial for narrating old tales and exploits of yester years. The dinner time too was in strict Rimcollion style—all the sumptuous and varied dishes adorning the table was a treat to watch.

The floral homage paid at the war memorial on 13th morning was a fitting prologue to the day's events. The Cricket Match, which followed the wreath-laying ceremony, was witnessed by one and all. The College XI beat the Old Boys, fairly squarely in Cricket, and thus more than made up for the bad luck in Hockey and hence the spirits were high. Mrs Charangit Singh gave away the Cricket Trophy to the Captian of the college Cricket Team. The long and laborious game was followed by lunch in the college quardrangle.

The evening of 13th March witnessed the Rimcollion meet on yet another fashion. Old Boys and their families went around the archives section and art gallery. Souvenirs of the Reunion 81 were available and they religiousiy bought every item to keep the memories of the auspicious day. The dossiers in the archives section retold unforgotten tales of the years they spent in RIMC; and some were seen lost in meditative moods and prayerful postures.

The Commandant's address to the assembly of Old Boys was followed by a very rich cultural programme. The English play "Cox and Box" and the Naga Dance added a fresh dimension to the celebrations and they came as a fitting and proper conclusion to the day's events. The medals and awards for the year 1980 were given away by Maj. Gen. MS Chopra (Rted), Mrs.

Virendra Singh very graciously gave away the prizes to the cadets who participated in the cultural programme. Then followed Rimcollion dinner and dance in the Cadets ante-room and Mess. There was mirth and music, laughter and liveliness in boundless measure.

The General Body meeting of Rimcollians on 14th March unanimously elected Lt. Gen. Surendra Singh and Lt. Commander Choudhri as the President and Secretary respectively. Our heartiest congratulations to them.

Thus came to a close the 1981 Reunion. Looking forward to 1981—the Year of the Diamond Jubilee. Long live the Rimcollion Association.

### SPORTS ARENA

The boys are practising hard for the Inter Section Basketball Championship beginning on 8th April.

The Inter Section Cricket matches which were begun before the Reunion were concluded after the Reunion Celebrations.

### RIMCOLLIANA

Lt. Col. J B Singh has been awarded VSM .

Lt. Col. D Banerjee has been posted as instructor, IMTRAT.

Commander P D Sharma has been appointed Naval Attache in Indian High Commission, Pakistan.

Maj. A K Samant Rai has been selected to attend Staff College in French Army Academy.

Maj. J U Matai has been selected as an instructor at Nigerian Military Academy.

Our Heartiest Congratulatory.

### LAUGHTER

The Adjutant in the Academy did not know what to do about two cadets caught "streaking" since there was nothing against such an offence in military law. However, he eventually found an answer. As the cadets were not clothed, he wrote in his report that they were exposed to mosquito bites, and hence, they could be charged with "violating the local standing orders - not adhering to anti-malaria precautions."

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An old lady who had not driven a car for thirty years was taking a driving test to renew her licence.

The examining officer, surprised at how well she drove, complimented her on her skill. "Son," she replied, "driving is just like love-you never forget how".

### COMMANDANT'S MAIL BAG

Holland Green, High Street  
Lytchett Matravers, Poole,  
Dorset, BH 16 6BG UK

Dear Sardana,

I should like to thank you and the Editor for sending me a copy of the Chronicle which I received recently.

I am writing to say that I hope to come out to India, with my daughter and her husband, for a fortnight, flying out to Delhi on Apr 2nd. No such trip would be complete without a return to Dehra, and we should like to have a brief look at the College and refresh old memories.

At present I cannot fix exact dates to say when we shall be in Dehra, and may not be able to do so until we reach Delhi; but with your permission I hope such a visit can be arranged.

I was most interested to read that Joglekar and Karan Singh, both of whom I remember well, have been promoted to the rank of Major General. I look forward to getting news of other ex-cadets of my period.

Yours sincerely,  
E J Watson



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27 Feb 81

Dear Sir,

We, a few Rimcollians living in and around Jorhat, feel very much hurt when we find ourselves to be missing from the mailing list of the Rimcollian Old Boys Association. Therefore, would you kindly send me the address of the Hony Secy, Rimcollian Old Boys Association as we very much like to be in touch with the same.

Also if you have, kindly send me a few application forms for enrolling new members.

Sorry for intruding upon your valuable time.

With regards.

Yours Sincerely  
Sd B K Chaudhury

Copy of DO letter No. DPS 12/3612 dated 28 Feb. 1981 from Lt Col (Dr) GPS Warajch, Principal Delhi Public School NEW DELHI addressed to Col KN Sardana, Commandant, RIMC.

Dear KNS,

I am grateful to you for your kind invitation to the Fiftyninth Founder's Day Celebrations of the RIMC. The RIMC is rightly proud of its glorious past and I am confident that under your dedicated leadership the institution will attain unprecedented glory. My wife, and children and ex RIMC Cadets studying at the D.P.S. join me in conveying our greetings to the Rimcollians on the Founders Day. I am personally grateful to you and Mr. Singhal for the happy association I have had the privilege to enjoy over the decades.

My warm greetings to the staff and cadets.

From :  
Lt Col Malvinder Singh, Retd  
806-F East Acacia Street  
Glendale, California, 91205  
U.S.A.

To,  
The Principal  
RIMC  
Dehra Dun

Feb 24th 1981

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to you hoping that the Old Boys will be coming down to RIMC for the Reunion.

Here is wishing the present and the old Rimcollians a very happy get-together. I hope they still have the traditional dinner and of course a scotch-egg breakfast. I attended four reunions till I left India in 1974. I nearly made it to the Reunion in March 79 but something crucial came up at the last minute and I had to beg off to Jasbir Khurana in Delhi. Well, may be I will make it in person next year-1982.

Even though I am a Life Member, I do not receive any News Letters. If the reason is the high cost of foreign mail, I shall be happy to defray the cost-but please do send me whatever news letters are published. I have a very hard time explaining to my wife why I am being ignored and forgotten-after I have been telling her for years that Rimcollians always look after each other. I am hoping that an Old Boys news letter is still being published. We both want so much to keep in touch.

Wishing you all a very happy March 13th

Yours sincerely  
Sd Malvinder Singh

Col KN Sardana  
Commandant  
Tele : 219  
1/Archives

RASHTRIYA BHARTIYA SAINYA COLLEGE  
RASHTRIYA INDIAN MILITARY COLLEGE  
DEHRA DUN CANTT.

10 March 81

1. I am in receipt of your letter dated 27 Feb 81. Thank you very much for the same.
2. Although I agree with the views expressed in your letter, I wish to inform you that it is for the Old Boys Association to keep in touch with the Rimcollians and to send out their News Letter/invitation for Reunion functions.
3. As requested I am enclosing a few application forms for becoming member of the Association.
4. We on our part are very keen to keep in touch with our Old Boys provided we have their addresses. You will be glad to know that we have opened an 'Archives Section' which is looking after the records of all the Old Boys and is also maintaining their Bio-data. We have noted your address and will in future send 'The Chronicle, our monthly publication, which will be of some interest to you.

Mr BK Chaudhury  
(Asstt Manager)  
Assam Tea Corporation Ltd  
Cinnemara Tea Estate  
JORHAT, ASSAM-785008

GABORONE 11 OCS  
BEST WISHES FOR RIMCOLLIANS FROM COL WADHWA CAPT JASBIR IN BOTSWANA

COMMANDANT RIMC DEHRA DUN INDIA

### Thought for the Month

*I will drink life to the lees.....  
I am part of all I have met.....  
Yet all experience is an arch where thro'  
Gleams that untravelled world, whose margin fades  
Forever and forever when I move.*

- Tennyson

### BOOK-POST

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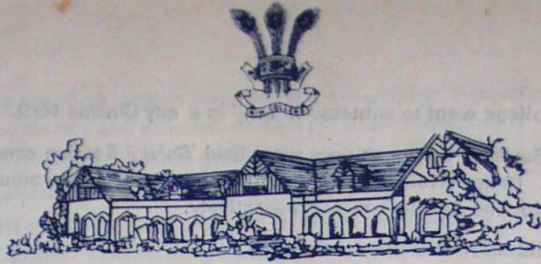
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## The R.I.M.C. Chronicle

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### THE PROLOGUE

It is time to bring down the shutters for the summer months. After the brisk business of the past few months, the term is coming to a close. We bid farewell to the senior cadets for whom the wheel has come full circle at the R.I.M.C. Tomorrow they go out into a wider arena outside the college walls and we wish them best of luck and our prayers follow them. We had distinguished visitors during the last one month—they include Mr. Watson former Principal R.I.M.C., Brig. Tanwar, the Sub Area Commander and Maj. Gen. G.N. Sinha, PVSM, GOC U.P. Area in that order. The end of term coincided with another farewell, that of Maj. PKK Raju who wielded the cane so efficiently during the last two years as our Administrative Officer. We shall miss him and his cheerful ways. Another zealous Rimcollian has taken over from Major Raju, who is posted out to rear up a new unit. We extend our very warm welcome to Major Hiram S. Sen our new Administrative Officer of I GR and a Shivajian. The promised land of the NDA is not far off for those who have qualified themselves in the UPSC Examination. The call letters for the Services Selection Board have begun to pour in and they are leaving for the different centres after full dress-rehearsals at home. The junior cadets had started the count-down—they call it DLTGH (Days left to go home) long ago. Fifteenth of May they launch out for their sweet homes beyond the gate. We wish all of them a very meaningful and enjoyable vacation.

### NEWS REEL

- April 10. ✓ Mr. E.J. Watson, former Principal of R.I.M.C. visited the College.
- April 13. Baisakhi celebrations in the College Gurudwara were attended by one and all. Short speeches on Baisakhi and Bhajans by the members of the Music Club made the occasion very memorable. It was declared a holiday.
- April 14. Brig. NS Tanwar, Sub Area Commander visited R.I.M.C. on his annual inspection.
- April 15. A basketball match between the College team and the Leonine Club ended in the defeat of the former. The score : Leonine Club 52 ; College team 46.
- April 17. Good Friday, Holiday.
- April 18. Cadets visited an exhibition organised by the IRDE, Dehra Dun.
- April 24. Farewell Dinner in honour of Maj. PKK Raju, the outgoing AO, in the Cadets' Mess.

- April 26. The College went to witness "Kranti" in a city Cinema Hall.
- April 27 & 29. Inter-Section PT Competitions were held. Shivaji Section emerged as the Champions. Cadet Vivek Sood (S) and Cadet PK Rai (S) were adjudged the best leaders in Junior and Senior Sections respectively.
- May 1. SSE and SSCE Examinations started.
- May 2, 4 & 5. Inter-Section Hockey Championship Competitions were held. Pratap Section annexed the Hockey Championship Trophy.
- May 5. The Farewell Dinner in honour of the passing out Cadets was held in the Cadets' Mess. Mementos were presented to the outgoing cadets and the Commandant wished them well in their future career.
- May 7. Terminal Examinations began.
- May 13. Examinations came to a close.
- May 15. It was time to say "bye", and the cadets went away to their homes for the term break, thus bringing the curtain down marking the end of another eventful term at R.I.M.C.

#### THEY BETTERED THE RECORD

The results of the UPSC Examination Dec 1980 have shown remarkable improvement. Out of the 22 who appeared in the Examination, seventeen have qualified for the SSB. This certainly is a better record than that of the 63rd and 64th NDA Course. Hats off to our boys.

The dress rehearsals for the SSB are in full swing. Group Discussions, lectures, psychological tests, obstacle tests etc., have been arranged to make them fit to face the SSB. We know for sure that they all will find their way to the corridors of the National Defence Academy.

#### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AFTER

Mr. E.J. Watson, former Principal of the R.I.M.C., accompanied by his daughter Anne and son-in-law Mr. PGD Shallow, paid a visit to the college on April 10. Mr. Watson was visiting the college after twenty-five years and his visit has made us richer and happier. The cadets and members of the staff had the good fortune to be introduced to him. Mr. Watson was interviewed by a team of cadets and we publish the same as it adds to the wealth and wisdom of our readers.

Cadets : Mr. Watson, after how many years are you coming to the College ?

Mr. Watson : I am coming after twenty-five years, my first visit after I retired as Principal.

Cadets : Has anything changed at R.I.M.C. ?

Mr. Watson : No. Not much. The tea gardens have disappeared and there are playgrounds instead. R.I.M.C. remains unchanged even after twenty-five years.

Cadets : What are some of your sweet recollections about life at the R.I.M.C. ?

Mr. Watson : I cannot forget how once I kept the wicket for the cadets in their match against the Old Boys; and we won it. Then on another occasion I knocked out the Cadets goalkeeper and won the match for the staff team.

Cadets : How is the R.I.M.C. different from an English Public School ?

Mr. Watson : Basically there is no difference. But here you are particularly trained for the services.

Cadets : How do you spend your time after retirement ?

- Mr. Watson : You see, time passes faster as you grow older. I spend my time gardening, collecting stamps and at times, doing a bit of photography.
- Cadets : What is your favourite game ?
- Mr. Watson : Foot-ball.
- Cadets : How are the present students different from those in your days ?
- Mr. Watson : In no way. Present cadets are as good and smart as the old ones.
- Cadets : Has Dehra Dun changed since your departure ?
- Mr. Watson : Nothing seems to have changed., except the size of population. In those days there were no three-wheelers.
- Cadets : what is it that you like most about the RIMC ?
- Mr. Watson : The way the cadets wished in smart attention.
- Cadets : Should RIMC be expanded ? Is it desirable ?
- Mr. Watson : Yes it is, but it should not be raised beyond four hundred because then there will be a communication gap between the teachers and the taught.
- Cadets : Is a civilian Principal a better choice for a military institution ?
- Mr. Watson : It is a question for the Army Headquarters to decide. Personally I feel there should be a Principal to look after education and a Commandant to look after the administration of the College.
- Cadets : Please tell us something about your family ?
- Mr. Watson : I have a son in London. He was educated in the WaveII Section here in the RIMC My daughter and her husband are here with me today.
- Cadets : Do you want to ask us something ?
- Mr. Watson : Do you still have the religious parade ?
- Cadets : No Sir. They are no more there.
- Cadets : Any special message you want to leave with us ?
- Mr. Watson : Best of luck. And best of Career. Thats all.

#### SUB AREA COMMANDER VISITS R.I.M.C.

Brig. N.S. Tanwar Dehra Dun Sub-Area Commander visited RIMC on his annual inspection. We as an institution richly enjoy his patronage and guidance and we are grateful to him for the kind visit he paid. A special assembly was held in his honour and Brigadier Tanwar addressed the cadets and members of the staff. The unique character and nature of the RIMC as a feeder institution to the nation's armed forces was recalled by the Sub Area Commander and he exhorted the cadets to keep up those traditions of the past. The cadets who interviewed Brig. Tanwar (Cadets Vijaya Krishna, Zaki and KK Bamba) found the time they spent with him very stimulating and invigorating. We publish the interview.

- Cadets : Sir, how are your relations with the RIMC ?
- Brig. Tanwar : Very cordial and friendly. I feel very pleased to see you cadets when I am here.
- Cadets : Did you ever take the RIMC Entrance Examination ?
- Brig. Tanwar : Yes, I nearly did. But unfortunately I could not appear for the examination as I was in Peshawar at that time.
- Cadets : How do you feel about the discipline of the cadets ?
- Brig. Tanwar : The discipline outside the campus is very good, but inside it is rather forced, and you are mischievous !
- Cadets : What difference do you find between the RIMC and other schools in the country ? And what is common between them ?

Brig. Tanwar : RIMC makes you a complete man. It builds up your character. It makes you good citizens of our land. Here you join with a well-defined and definite objective and most of you do achieve it.

Reading and writing are the only common factors between other Schools and the RIMC.

Cadets : Do you think the RIMC should be expanded ?

Brig. Tanwar : Yes. As I said before, we need more men of character, we need more of good citizens and better leaders. So the opportunities must be made available for many more in this country.

Cadets : What is so remarkable about RIMC in moulding a young boy ?

Brig. Tanwar : A good question indeed. You are like Ram and Lakshman who went to an ashram, a training institution of those days. You have come here to become better men, and the training imparted here certainly makes you better leaders and citizens. I have no doubts about it.

Cadets : How are the Rimcollians better than other Officers ?

Brig. Tanwar : They are doing very well. They should do better. It is expected of them-the more you receive, the more you give.

Cadets : Is there any piece of advice you want to give us ?

Brig. Tanwar : Grab and make the best use of opportunities that you have here. They are not given to others.

#### AREA COMMANDER VISITS R.I.M.C.

Maj. Gen. G.N. Sinha, GOC, UP Area, who visited RIMC on 6th May 1981, was given a warm welcome by the Commandant and the members of the college family. In a very inspiring and edifying address in the College Assembly General Sinha testified to the truth of the noble profession of arms. RIMC has contributed a great deal to the nobility of that profession in India, he added. He called upon the cadets and others to uphold the torch of excellence for the good of the country. General Sinha took time to go around the campus and later had lunch with the cadets and members of staff in the Cadets' Mess. Cadets and members of the staff will cherish and hold dear the memories of his visit. We feel greatly honoured by the kind visit of a person of General Sinha's eminence and rank. Cadets Bamba and Ranjeet Kumar share more of their experiences with the General during his visit to the College.

Cadets : Sir, may we know your full name ?

Gen. Sinha : I am Girish Narain Sinha.

Cadets : Please tell us something about the educational institutions you attended ?

Gen. Sinha : My father was in the ICS and was serving in London when I was born. It was 1927; it is said that he vowed to his English colleagues that his son would become a Captain in the independent Indian Army. So my father never allowed me to study in a Public School. I learnt the script like many other Indian pupils of the time, sitting on the floor and writing in sand. My early education was completed in Ghazipur and later I attended DAV College, Kanpur. I take pride in the fact that the education imparted to me went a long way in making me a true soldier of the great Indian Army.

Cadets : What are the operations you have taken part in ?

Gen. Sinha : I had the good fortune to take part in the Kashmir Operation. In 1961, I participated in the glorious liberation of Goa. During Indo-China War I served in NEFA, and the latest was in the operations assisting in the birth of a new nation-Bangladesh.

- Cadets : What are the leadership qualities of a great soldier ?
- Gen. Sinha : A leader is called upon to lead men and not to operate machines. The soldiers are primarily men. They are persons who have got their parents, sisters, brothers and perhaps wives and children too. When you give orders, you must be absolutely convinced that you yourself are able to carry them out. You must be able to set an example for your men, otherwise you will never be a leader.
- Cadets : What is your impression about RIMC ?
- Gen. Sinha : It is a great institution. It's sons have made history. The education imparted here is of the highest order. I had the privilege to serve under General Thimmaya. Lt. Gen. Prem Bhagat and Lt. Gen. Candeth— I have had occasions to know them from close quarters and to serve with. They and others have made RIMC a unique institution.
- Cadets : Sir, what are your hobbies ?
- Gen. Sinha : Boating, Bridge and Swimming. There was a time when I was a good athlete too.
- Cadets : Is there any piece of advice you want to give us ?
- Gen. Sinha : No, not advice. Remember, soldiering is a great and noble profession still today. Be worthy of that calling.
- Cadets : Thank you, Sir.

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**COMMANDANT'S MAIL BAG**

Copy of a letter dated 15 Apr 1981 from Mr EJ Watson, Ex-Principal of RIMC addressed to the Commandant, RIMC Dehra Dun.

Holland Green, High Street  
Lytchett Matravers, Poole  
Dorset, BH 166 BG. UK.

Dear Sardana,

On behalf of my daughter, her husband and myself I just want to thank you for the very warm welcome we had from you—and indeed from everyone. It really was a thrill and a pleasure to come back to the College after all these years; indeed, the years seemed to fall away and so many memories came back. Details have obviously and naturally changed but fundamentally everything seems to be going on just as it always did.

I was particularly interested in your enthusiasm for the good of the College, as witnessed by the ideas for improvement and expansion. I think the cadets are fortunate in having you as Commandant.

It was good of you to take such trouble in arranging the whole programme for us. Will you also thank your Adjutant—a very good product of the RIMC for taking us round and seeing to our welfare. The Cadet Captain seemed to be a good chap too; I hope he has a successful career.

With all good wishes,  
Yours sincerely,  
EJ Watson

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Maj Gen RM Rau, AVSM (Retd)

1-2-593/42  
 Gagan Mahal Colony  
 Domalguda  
 Hyderabad-500 029  
 3 May 1981

Dear Colonel,

I am extremely sorry to inform you that Lt Col D Sanjiva Rao (Retd) passed away here at 11.50 PM on 2 May 1981. He was in Rawlinsons and was at the RIMC from 1935-41 or so. He was suffering from cancer of the lungs which had spread to the brain. He has been in a Coma for 8½ months and I must say the end was merciful and the torture has ended for his family and friends. As his house is only about 300 yards from mine, we were constant visitors.

I have also informed Lt Gen K Surendra Singh, PVSM, AVSM, MC, the President of the Rimcollian Association.

I will send you an obituary in due course.

You may like to print this sad news in the Chronicle.

With warm regards.

Yours sincerely,  
 Sd/  
 (R.M. Rau)

Col KN Sardana  
 Commandant  
 RIMC Dehra-Dun Cantt.

**RIMCOLLIANA**

1. Maj. RTC Gohain (ex-AO) on his promotion to Lt. Col.
2. Lt. A.P. Singh on getting married.
3. Lt. Gajendra Singh on being blessed with a son.

**OBITUARY**

We express our deep felt sorrow at the passing away of Lt. Col. D. Sanjiva Rao (Retd.) on May 2, 1981.

Our heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved family. May the soul of this ardent Rimcollian rest in peace !

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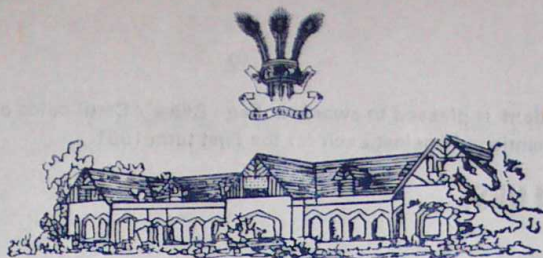
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### Editor's Note

Years, decades and centuries roll by, time never waits for anyone. In our own small world too at the R.I.M.C., the vacations are over and the Cadets are back at the lush green College Campus. After a long stretch of the 'Term-Break' the College is pulsating again with new zeal and enthusiasm. The new term has started with renewed confidence and faith in the future.

The R.I.M.C. family congratulates the new cadets on their entry into this singularly prestigious institution in the country. We welcome them in our midst and wish them a wonderful stay at the College.

It is also a matter of great pride for us that today the nation celebrates its 35th 'Independence Day'. We congratulate ourselves on this day for having preserved the integrity of the largest democracy in the world. Let us rededicate ourselves to strive towards consolidating our hard won freedom which is a saga of many an unsung epistle of valour.

### SPORTS

After nearly six years of disuse, the Badminton court inside the Gymnasium has been re-commissioned. The game is popular in the campus and got going on 3rd August for the August term. A few of the matches were played on the opening day in which the ladies also participated.

A foot-ball match played on 5th August '81 between the staff and the cadets marked the beginning of a series of matches to be played this term. The heavy rains didn't deter the spirit of the players. Though started at a low key the game picked up momentum when the cadets scored four goals in succession.

The staff changed their strategy in the second half and were able to score respectable two goals, one through Mr. U. N. Singh and the other a self inflicted injury by Cadets themselves. The highlight of the game was Commandant Col. K. N. Sardana's active participation in the game which encouraged the cadets and the staff alike.

The Commandant is pleased to award 'College Blues' / 'Certificates of Merit' to the following cadets in games mentioned against each for the First term 1981.

### COLLEGE BLUES:

[a] G. V. Krishna → Basket ball.

### Certificates of Merit:-

[a] A.K. Sharma → Cricket

[b] V. Sood → Cricket

[c] A S. Shekhawat → Hockey

[d] Anoop Chauhan → Hockey

[e] Y.R. Gargey → Hockey

[f] Rajiv Puri → Basket ball, boxing

[g] Sanjiv Khatri → Boxing

[h] Rajiv Bhatia → Boxing

[i] Anurag Chander → Boxing

[j] Anil Katoch → Boxing

### COMMANDANT IMA VISITS RIMC



Commandant IMA signing the "Visitor's Book".

Lt. Gen Mathew Thomas, AVSM, VSM, son of a noted journalist, belongs to an eminent Syrian Christian family of Kerala. At the IMA as a cadet Lt. Gen Thomas won Blues [ colours ] in Football, Hockey, Boxing, Athletics and Cross country. Commissioned in the army, Lt. Gen. Thomas saw active service in Korea in the year 1953-54. In 1957 as member of a Military Mission to Ethiopia

to establish the Haile Selassie I Military Academy Harar, he served for four years at the Academy and was decorated for his distinguished service by the Emperor Haile Selassie I with the "Star of Honour" of Ethiopia.

On his return to India, the General took part in operations in Goa and NEFA. In 1967 for his distinguished service of a high order, he was awarded 'Vashishta Sewa Medal'. As commander of the elite 50 [Indep] Parachute Bde, his direction of Bangladesh airborne assault operations was highly applauded by the world press. In 1976 he distinguished himself in the operations in Manipur and Nagaland against the insurgents and was awarded the coveted "Ati Vashisht Sewa Medal".

It is a matter of pride for us that he paid a visit to this institution and we have to learn a lot from the deeds of this distinguished Military commander.

Lt. Gen. Mathew Thomas visited the RIMC on 14th May 81. He was taken round the college by the Commandant and addressed the College Assembly. He distributed the various prizes and trophies to the cadets and had lunch in the Cadets Mess. The College Community was greatly privileged by the visit of an outstanding soldier of the merit of Lt. Gen. Mathew Thomas and the cadets were naturally thrilled by his presence in the college.

He was interviewed by cadets Ranjit Kumar and K K Bamba of the Journalism Club and the excerpts of the interview are reproduced below :



*Commandant IMA meeting the Cadet Appointments*

*Cadets :* Sir; Is it your first posting to Dehradun after your commission?

*Lt. Gen. Thomas :* No. I had served as an Instructor in 1950-51 at the IMA.

*Cadets :* Have you had any opportunity to serve with any Rimcollian?

*Lt. Gen. Thomas :* Yes, I had served with Lt. Gen. Bhagat I had served with Gen. Thimayya too when he was the Commandant at the IMA; I was an instructor.

*Cadets :* Out of all the places you have been posted to, which place did you like the most?

*Lt. Gen. Thomas :* In my 34 years in the Armed Forces, I had many postings in India and abroad. But amongst all the places, I like Korea the most, where I was posted as a captain for one and a half years.

*Cadets :* Tell us something about your family.

*Lt. Gen. Thomas* : I am married and have three daughters Sunanda Michelle, Gitanjali Jean and Samantha Narditha. My wife Jean is a keen rider and angler, plays good tennis and is fond of books and music.

## IMPROVED SHOWING AT NDA ENTRANCE TESTS

Our results at the SSB interviews have been commendable and mark an improvement over the performance seen during the last two years. As many as 12 out of 17 cadets who were interviewed by the SSBs have been found fit for entry into the NDA.

We were denied the distinction of producing 95% qualifying rate by the unbelievable rejection of cadets KPS Dhillon, H S. Gosal, Rajiv Ratan and Sanjay Patole, who were in fact our sure bet for a place in the merit list. The campus is agog with rumours that they deliberately scuttled their chances for selection to try for entry into the Merchant Marine or the Railway or the IIT. Our good wishes to them but they could have played fair with the College which had nursed them for five years.

## BRILLIANT INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE AT NDA ENTRANCE TESTS

Our heartiest congratulation to the cadets who had been placed in the merit list for entry to 66th NDA course. Cadet Ajay Shekhawat (981/s) has been placed 7th in All India merit list for Army/Navy and cadet S P Dharkar ( 973/S ) 4th in Air Force list. Following is the list of successful cadets :

1. 981/S	Cadet A S Shekhawat	7. 968/R	.. CS Gauba
2. 990/R	.. S K Jha	8. 958/P	.. Ajay Kumar
3. 977/P	.. Anoop Chauhan	9. 984/S	.. Rajiv Puri
4. 973/S	.. S P Dharkar	10. 979/P	.. Atul Sahn
5. 985/P	.. Sanjay Singh	11. 1006/R	.. Sanjay Jha
6. 983/R	.. G V Krishna	12. 978/R	.. Sunil Dhar

## STAFF

- a] Capt. S P Davray left the College on 18 Jun 81 on posting to National Defence Academy.
- b] Capt. N S Sudesh left the College on 10 Jul 81 on posting to 372 (Ind.) Arty Bde.
- c] Capt. R C Laddha joined the college on 10 July 81 on repatriation from Afghanistan.
- d] Mr. ON Chacko Master in English resigned his appointment at the college to pursue higher studies at St. John's College Agra. He was SOS on 04 Aug. 81.

## ON KEEPING THE MOUSTACHE

It is customary for army officers to sport a big moustache. Teachers only keep "that is alright type of moustache." Being an Instructor as well as an army officer, I strayed on to the

band wagon of "I care for none" moustache holders only at the suggestion of my wife. She thinks it is manly and I decided to sport one lest I was divorced.

I have often found that my moustache has stood me in good stead. At Social and other gatherings and whenever there is an embarrassing silence moustaches provide you with something to do. Some people keep twirling it, till it really takes the shape of a pointed sword. Twisting moustaches is to others an interesting topic of conversation and has often avoided uncomfortable silence.

People say smoking helps in concentration but I feel it is not the effect of the cigarette but of doing something to keep the mischevious hands busy, so that the mind is left alone. I do not smoke and find my moustache a good substitute. Many a time when I have hit upon an excellent solution of problems I have found that the contribution of moustache has not been small.

I have less problems of discipline at my place of work. Not that I am strict [at least I think so] but my moustache makes me look that way. The offenders only need be brought to me. I look straight into their eyes, and twist the hair and that does the trick. There are people who do not feel comfortable to talk to a person sporting a big moustacee.

Of course nourishing a moustache is not without dangers. At times people feel offended when in their presence, the hand caresses the hair on the upper lip just by sheer force of habit. It is not their fault; traditionally it is throwing a challenge "Come on, I will see you".

Once a moustache even did a magical trick. One of the students made a sketch of a shoe-mender in the class. I noticed that and scolded him. The boy not frightened at all, as an after thought, put a pair of big black moustaches on the drawing, what the boy had in mind was obvious.

It is not a pleasant sight to see a man with drooping moustache looking like the tail of a frightened dog. Occasionally, a single hair projecting rebelliously gets into a nostril and causes irritation, discomfort and even sneezing.

Inspite of the dangers it is fraught with, I think it looks nice; it adds to the fullness of a man's face. I will continue to sport it till I receive convincing protests.

*Capt R C Laddha*

## RIMCOLLIANA

Heartiest congratulations to the following ex-cadets on their promotions/appointments :-

- a] Maj. Gen. T S Verma on his appointment as Colonel of the Third Gorkha Rifles.
- b] Brig. BS Malik } on their deputation to the
- c] Col N S Malik } Military Academy in Iraq.
- d] Maj. G Prasad on his promotion to the rank of Lt Colonel.
- e] Maj M M Malik on his promotion to the rank of Lt Colonel.
- f] Maj. C S Mann on his promotion to the rank of Lt Colonel.
- g] Maj. A K Sethi on his appointment as Garrison Engineer Dehradun.

### WEDDING BELLS

Our heartiest felicitations to Capt P C Pathy and Mr C A Joseph for having found brides for themselves. We wish them and their wives a very very happy married life.

### COMMANDANT'S MAIL BAG

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June 9th 1981

Dear Col Sardana,

First of all I must apologise for the delay in answering your kind letter dated April 18th. Unfortunately I picked up a germ while in India, and this has only just cleared up in the last week. It was hot in Delhi, after the cool climate here, and I think I must have got it from all the drinking water I consumed. However, things are normal again, so I am hastily writing to you.

I must also thank you for the last edition of the Chronicle, which arrived a few days ago. It is most interesting, and it is good to get up-to-date news of what is going on out there. As for my interview with the team of cadets, I was amused by the statement that I 'knocked out the cadets goalkeeper and won the match'. Poetic or Editorial licence !

You say you are bringing out a special Diamond Jubilee Number of the College Magazine. I congratulate you in advance, of this, it should be very interesting, and is a tribute to your regard for the College. I will endeavour put down a few of my memories; but while I remember cadets, and faces, actual happenings seem to have faded and passed one by, with the years. It has been a long gap. I do feel, however, that if you could get some of the ex cadets (and particularly the older ones of the earlier years of the College's existence) to write and reminiscence, these would go down well and be even more rewarding.

By now Major Raju will presumably have left. He seemed a good type. I hope that his successor will also serve the College well.

It must be quite warm in Dehra Dun at present-though you may have gone away during the break. We could do with some of the warm weather here in England.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,  
E. J. Watson

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Copy of DO letter No. 3950/4/MT dated 15 May 81 from Lt Gen M Thomas, AVSM, VSM., Commandant, Indian Military Academy, DEHRA DUN, addressed to Col KN Sardana, Commandant, RIMC Dehra Dun.

My dear KN

1. It was indeed a great pleasure and a privilege to have visited the RIMC yesterday and to have been given an opportunity to address the Staff and Cadets and to lunch with them subsequently.
2. I was very impressed with every thing that I saw, which speaks volumes for the dedicated manner in which you and your staff are functioning.
3. The RIMC has produced some of our notable military leaders. Yours is an onerous responsibility to continue to give the Armed Forces its leaders of tomorrow.
4. I wish you and the RIMC many successes in the years ahead and you can be assured of my continued interest and assistance in your affairs.

Warm regards.

Yours sincerely,  
M Thomas



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M.R.C. Nayar

29/386, KADAVANTHRA ROAD  
COCHIN - 682020  
May 23, 1981

Sir,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this to inform you of the tragic and untimely demise of my son R Ramkrishnan, who was a cadet of your institution from Jun 1970 to Dec 1974. (676C). He was a Sub Lt in INS Beas which sailed from Cochin on April 30, 1981 on a 5 weeks' cruise to Indonesia, Singapore etc. His tragic end came from a motor-cycle accident on 16/5/81 in Bali. We got the shocking news from the Naval HQ Cochin the next day. Ramkrishnan's body was flown to India and reached Cochin from Madras in a Naval aircraft in the early hours of May 21, 81. The cremation with full Naval honours took place on the same day at about 10 A.M.

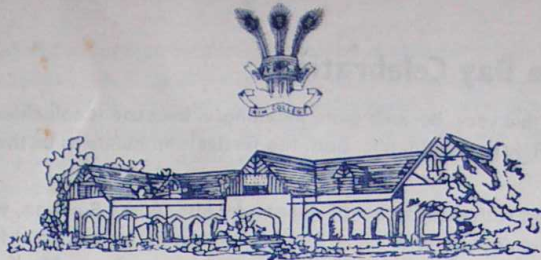
Swimming is one of the sports which my son learned while at RIMC and which he liked best. we are eager to institute one or two prizes for swimming in his memory at RIMC and shall be thankful if you could enlighten us more on the matter.

Kindly convey the sad news to those of the staff members of your institution who still remember my son.

Yours truly,  
MRC Nayar







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### Morning Assembly

Morning Assemblies are not only congregations depicting the oneness of the entire College but also provide the cadets with opportunities to speak on a variety of topics and subjects. The Morning Assembly provides plenty of scope for intellectual stimulation and thinking. Current topics and subjects of academic interest keep the students and the staff abreast of the times. Cadet A.A. Zaki's speech on "Bermuda Triangle" and cadet K.V. Kumar's speech on "Hydrofoils" deserve special mention in this column.

### Outstanding Results at the UPSC Examinations

Our results at the UPSC examination for entry to the 67th NDA Course have been brilliant. In the first attempt a total of 16 Cadets appeared out of whom as many as 14 made the grade thereby giving a qualifying rate of 87.5%. Names of successful candidates are as follows:—

933/R Cdt Alok Kacker	994/R Cdt Tajinder Singh
957/S .. Vivek Sood	998/C .. Anurag Chander
971/C .. N Bhaumik	1002/S .. Anil Rathore
972/R .. P K Rai	1003/S .. Anil Katoch
977/C .. K K Agnihotri	1004/P .. A K Talwar
991/R .. Y G Mundkur	1007/R .. Rajesh Rajain
992/S .. Sanjiv Khatri	1008/C .. Nilanjan Biswas

This represents the best result achieved during the last fifteen years. The cadets are now busy preparing for the SSB interviews. Ample opportunities are being provided to them to practise crossing the individual obstacles, 'Group Tasks' and they are being given intensive coaching in psychological tests, group discussions, lecturettes and planning exercise. It is hoped that all the fourteen cadets who have qualified at the UPSC examination will make it to the NDA.

## Independence Day Celebrations

August 15th this year, became more meaningful because it coincided with another equally important festival "Raksha-Bandhan". Both the festivals stimulate in us the high ideal of defence of freedom.

The day started with distribution of sweets by Mrs. Amba Sardana, wife of the Commandant to class IV employees and their families followed by a special function in the College convocation Hall. Cadet A.A. Zaki and S. Sharma gave speeches. Mr. K. Kumar's speech was very informative. The Commandant Col K.N. Sardana highlighted the responsibilities of all the members of the staff and the cadets at the RIMC and reiterated the need for greater commitment on our part for safeguarding the hard won freedom.

On the wet morning of the Independence Day the celebrations concluded with a "Creamy" soft, plates full, ice cream to everybody's heart's content.

## Janamashtami Celebrations

At a simple function held at the College Temple, Janamashtami was celebrated on 23rd August. Devotional Bhajans sung by the cadets of the Music Club and speeches by Mr. R.C. Singhal and Mr. U. N. Singh made the occasion memorable. Cadets S. Mishra and A.K. Talwar also delivered speeches on the occasion. The Commandant thanked all those who made the celebrations successful. Generous helping of "Prasad" for everyone made the celebrations specially rewarding!

## Inter-Section Hindi Declamation contest

Inter-Section Hindi Declamation Contest was held on 22nd August'81 in the College Convocation Hall. In the Juniors' Section, cadet R. K. Chaudhri [Pratap] who spoke on "यदि मैं अपने विद्यालय का प्रधानाचार्य होता" stood first. Cadet Sanjiva Jha (Ranjit) stood second and cadets Tanmay Kashyap (Pratap) and Harkesh Singh (Shivaji) were placed third.

In the Seniors' Section cadet S. Mishra (Ranjit) who spoke on 'कुर्सी प्रेम' stood first followed by cadets Suyash Sharma (Chandragupta) and Rakesh Kapoor (Pratap).

The overall positions section wise were : Ranjit followed by Pratap, Chandragupta and Shivaji.

## Teachers Day Celebrations

September 5th the birthday of the late Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, the philosopher President of India is celebrated as the 'Teachers' Day' to highlight the role of teachers in the country.

The cadets at the RIMC lost no opportunity in showing their concern for the welfare of their 'Masters' at the College. They reassured the 'Masters' that they were aware of the onerous task of the teachers and that they would uphold the ideals of the ancient 'Guru Chela' relationship. Speeches in English and Hindi by Cdt Rakesh Kapoor and Prem Sagar marked the occasion, followed by a sumptuous tea given by the cadets to their 'Masters'.

The Commandant Col K N Sardana by a poignant, well measured and forceful speech made the occasion serene and sober. He highlighted the fact that the teacher's work more than in most professions, is strewn with a great variety of occupational hazards and yet is most unrewarding. His selfless work remained unnoticed and society could not be forgiven for the deteriorating status of the teachers. He said that the students must hold their teachers in high esteem for that alone would be a fitting reward for their services.

## Visits

A distinguished Old Boy Mr DN Tripathi, Managing Director Chemicals & Fibres India Ltd Bombay dropped in to see the Commandant and his old teacher Mr RC Singhal.

He was in Dehradun to get his son admitted to the Doon School. Mr Tripathi passed out of the RIMC in Dec 1949 as Cadet Captain. He was a brilliant all-rounder and obtained distinction in all the subjects.

## SPORTS ROUND UP

The College Foot Ball Teams of Seniors and Juniors are undergoing rigorous training under the supervision of a coach from 5/9 GR. The College Team is being given ample practice in that a number of matches are being organised against outside teams.

One of the matches played on September 2 between the College and the Boys of the Gorkha Military School adjudged as one of the best teams in town, was bagged by our cadets by a 3-1 margin. The goals were scored by Cadets A Kacker, A Katoch and S Khatri.

The College family witnessed another match between the members of the Himantika Club Dehradun and the College. It was a keenly contested match ending in a draw each side scoring twice.

The results, by no means should make us feel complacent. Our victories were more due to individual flashes of brilliance.

Gymnastics practices are going on in full swing under the personal supervision of the Adm. Officer Major Hirak S. Sen. Frequent visits by the Commandant Col K N Sardana to the Gymnasium have boosted the morale of the cadets.

The activities of the Badminton Club have received equal attention and patronage from the Commandant. The Club has become a popular evening haunt of the masters, cadets, ladies and girls alike.

## Inter-Section Cross-Country Competition

On 29th August 81 the College witnessed one of the most spectacular and colourful competitions of the August term, — the Inter-Section Cross-Country race. The whole College ran. The route was a bit longer for the seniors and they did extremely well on an eight kilometer route. The Juniors were no less enthusiastic about the event. It was heartening to note that most of the Juniors did equally well.

The Results of the Inter-Section Cross-Country competition 1981 are as under:-

	Points	10	Position
[a] Chandragupta			I
[b] Shivaji	"	8	II
[c] Pratap	"	6	III
[d] Ranjit	"	4	IV

Among the seniors, Cadet Gurinder Singh (Shivaji) took the lead and maintained it till the end, finishing the race in 37 min. 5 sec. He was followed by Cadets, S. Khatri and A. Katoch.

Among the Juniors, Cadet Sandeep Singh. (Shivaji) stood first followed by Cadets V. Verma and C.S. Dewgun.

A team of six participants from the College goes to compete in the District Squash championship some time in the 3rd week of September. A team of six cadets also took part in the Doon Club Squash Tournament on 7th September 81.

## Mountaineering

A 'Silver Ice Axe' and 'Alpha' Grade from the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi to both of our cadets Anil Katoch and S.K. Bhatia speak volumes of what goes in the making of a cadet at the RIMC.

The Commandant, Col. K.N. Sardana stuck the 'Axes' on their uniforms and gave away the certificates. Exhorting all cadets in one of the scintillating Morning Assemblies, the Commandant said that the achievement of these two cadets was a feather in the cap of the College and he expected more cadets to participate in such sports which would bring glory to the College.

## CULTURAL ROUNDABOUT

The Various Hobby Clubs meeting once a week on Thursdays are taking keen interest to pursue something useful. The activities of almost all the clubs are being taken stock of by the Commandant. The hard work done by some of the cadets in some clubs is visible whereas the others will put up their show on the right time and day.

## Staff

Capt Manmohan Singh joined the College on 20 Aug. 1981 on posting from the AEC Training College and Centre Pachmarhi.

Lt. R.S. Khatri joined the College on 20 Aug. 1981 on posting from HQ 311 Mtn Bde.

## A Rule

As a rule, man is a fool,  
When it's hot, he wants it cool,  
When it's cool, he wants it hot,  
Always wanting what is not.

by RK Chaudhri Class-II A

## Preps at RIMC

The Roll Call bell and the Preps bell ring simultaneously.

On dispersing from the parade ground, the seniors shout : "C'mon you chaps, hurry up ! Run up to your classes !" The poor junior fights his way through the deadly stampede created by hordes of cadets passing through one small gate. Hardly a minute has passed with us in our classrooms and we hear the booming voice of a senior again.

"Shut up ! Can't you keep quiet ?"

All is deadly quiet. The cannon booms again.

"You can't answer eh ? Be in my class in the 'break'. I'll teach you how to reply."

As expected, there are no sighs of sorrow as this is but their daily routine.

We have hardly settled down when the duty N.C.O. comes in asking for the parade state. Along with the parade state he also gives us a warning advice to keep shut during Preps. I'm sure he's become so used to telling the class to keep shut that even if the class is empty, he will tell the chairs to keep quiet.

This is where head cadet comes in. Now he is the C-in-C of the class. Anyone, even to move a step, has to seek his majesty's permission. And if you've had a rough time with him that day, please do not expect to move from your place, even if you are on the verge of wetting your trousers. He does what he deems fit, without caring a dime about others. Preps are a good time for him to take out a grudge on someone. All he has to do is slide his pen over a piece of paper and pass it on to a senior, within seconds a senior is in your class teaching you how to keep shut practically.

The break bell has gone and I have to report to a senior. WISH ME BEST OF LUCK.

*by Cadet N. Prakash  
Class III*

## CHEMISTRY OF A BOOK-WORM

### Definition :

It is a human creature whose speed of reading is more than that of grasping.

### Occurrence :

- (a) It is mainly found on roof tops and inside the houses.
- (b) It can also be located under trees in those gardens where peace normally prevails.
- (c) Yes, of course in spare time it is seen in the library shuffling through books.

### Preparation :

It is not an easy job to prepare or create this species. However, when a normal Student is compelled to work hard and get good marks by sheer cramming, he gets attracted towards books and after a short while he turns into a perfect book worm.

### Properties. — (Physical)

- (a) Its colour is somewhat pale.
- (b) It is always a lost case.
- (c) It likes to live in isolation.
- (d) It develops a rather serious and reserved type of nature.
- (e) It is normally seen with specks of thick lenses.

### — (Chemical)

- (a) Its eye sight is normally weak.
- (b) It tries to cram the book word by word without understanding its meaning and implication.
- (c) Terrible repulsion takes place when brought near another book worm.
- (d) Very allergic to sports.

—Cadet Vivek Jaswal  
Class I-A

## Rimcol

I am a Rimcol  
I am popular in the College gate  
See me at any theatre gate  
Tell you every picture ticket rate.

I open my eyes gate always late  
Always to find a packdrill at my gate

I go to the class very late  
I box in the super heavy weight

With every girl I have a date  
Only to find myself in bed very late

Latest fashions my clothes indicate  
I am a fifteenth termmer at RIMC  
Extremely lucky to be a RIMCOL.

—Vikramjeet Singh, G.K. Mahadev  
Class III-A

## Hydrofoils

A Hydrofoil boat is analogous in principle to an aircraft. It comprises of a boat shaped body under which wings or hydrofoils are attached which lift the boat while travelling in water in the same way as wings of an aeroplane generate a lift while travelling in air.

Since water is several hundred times denser than air, the hydrofoils need not be as big as the wings of an aircraft. When the hydrofoil is travelling in water, the water passes over the upper surface and lower surface of hydrofoil. Since the upper surface is convex, the water passes at a greater speed over the upper surface and at a slower speed over the lower surface. The pressure is thus greater on the lower surface of hydrofoil and the boat is therefore lifted with only the foil remaining submerged. As a consequence, the hydrofoil boat just skims over the water. Since a major part of the boat is not touching the water, the friction from the water is

very less and as a consequence, higher speed can be obtained. The boat is least affected by the turbulence therefore you get a stabler ride in bad weather.

These boats are highly manoeuvrable and can stop at a distance equal to three times their length. The propulsion is done by marine diesel engines. The propellers are fitted on slightly inclined shafts at the foil level.

There are some limitations too, about the hydrofoil boats. For example at speeds of more than fifty knots the foils have to be specially designed in the same way as the wings of a supersonic aeroplane due to the increased turbulence. They can't be made very big due to the same reasons that limit the practical size of an aircraft. Nevertheless they are really useful because of their economy and effortless speed.

—Cadet K.V. Kumar Class-V

### Life at RIMC

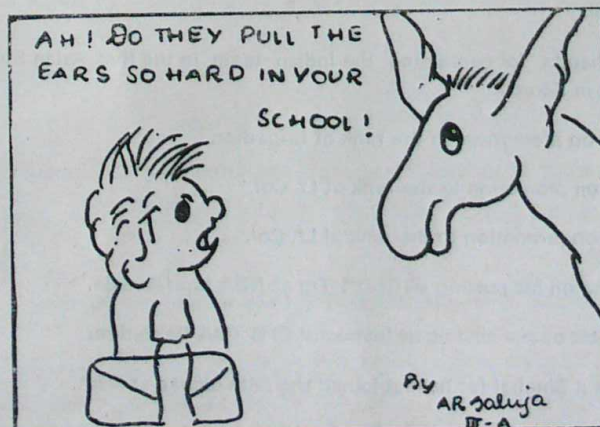
Life at R.I.M.C. is fine,  
And best of all when we dine,  
In the Cadets' Mess,  
And orders are passed 'Talk Less.

Life at R.I.M.C. is tough,  
Which cannot be sided with a huff,  
We are punished a lot,  
And should be on parade at time's dot.

Life at R.I.M.C. is busy  
And time passes fast  
We don't see many a movie  
With an Indian cast.

Life at R.I.M.C. is thus great  
And outside the Thimayya gate,  
One feels like a fish  
In a waterless dish.

Mohit Gandhi Class I A



## Bankruptcy

On a bright sunny Sunday, my friend and I  
Went out to see a comedy movie.  
We came to the hall in a state of fun  
But found that the movie had already begun.

So we waited for another hour or two  
Sitting around with nothing to do,  
But when the movie finished and the audience came out  
We both turned our empty pockets first in and then out  
Only to find that we hadn't any money  
Nothing in fact but a bottle of honey.

So we picked up our bikes and sad in mind  
Drove away from the hall and left the town behind.  
"Never mind; Never mind" said my friend to me  
And we headed back to College, so very cheerfully.

*by Atul Bhatia Class III*

## RIMCOLLIANA

Our congratulations to :

- Maj C.V. Pratap for having won the Services Championship in Golf and for having represented India.
- Maj R.K. Manchanda for captaining the Indian team in the first Asian Squash Championship being held in Karachi.
- Col S.S. Shukul on promotion to the rank of Brigadier.
- Maj M.M. Zaki on promotion to the rank of Lt. Col.
- Maj C.S. Mann on promotion to the rank of Lt. Col.
- Lt Col S.P. Sinha on his posting as GSO 1 Trg at NDA Kharakvasia.
- Maj Anil Malhotra on his posting as Instructor CI B IMA Dehradun.
- B. Roy and Mukul Singhal for having joined the 66th course at NDA.
- P.S. Gill, M. Malik and Sanjay Mishra for having joined the OTS.



**COMMANDANT'S MAIL-BAG**

Copy of letter dated 21 Aug. 1981 from Gen GG Bewoor, PVSM, (Retd) addressed to Col KN Sardana, Commandant, RIMC, Dehra Dun.

My dear Sardana,

Just received your letter giving the good news of the highly successful results of the May 81 UPSC Examination. It is creditable to you as Commandant and to all your staff. I am glad that a little more stress is being given to and more time is devoted to the Academic side in RIMC. I had mentioned this aspect and drawn attention of the staff and cadets to it in my farewell talk at the Annual Day in March 1975. Being a RIMCOLLIAN and being good at games and in discipline will not get cadets into the NDA unless they do well in the UPSC Entrance Examination. This was so in our days also, though the Interview marks did help one to get into the merit list.

I am sure this good record will be maintained. Please accept for yourself and for the staff my 'Shabash' (felicitation really) for the success.

Very good wishes to you all

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Copy of DO letter No. 1813/Col/SCS/81 dated 21 Aug 81 from Maj Gen SC Sinha, PVSM, addressed to Col KN Sardana, Commandant, RIMC, Dehra Dun

My dear Colonel Sardana,

I thank for your DO letter No. 8641/KNS/PERS dated 17 Aug 81.

2. I was delighted to hear about the excellent results obtained by your cadets. These results are indeed very commendable and have only been possible by the efforts made by you and your staff. Please accept my heartiest congratulations for the good work.

With warm regards.

★ ★ ★

Copy of DO letter No 57325/GS/MT 6(A) dated 24 Aug 81 from Lt Col BS Randhawa, Offg DDMT (B) to Col KN Sardana, Commandant RIMC Dehra Dun :-

My dear Colonel,

1. Reference your DO letter No 8641/KNS/PERS dated 17 Aug 81 addressed to the DGMT.

2. The DGMT appreciates the excellent performance of the RIMC cadets in the written examination for entry into the NDA. We are sure that with your guidance, these cadets will clear the SSB tests also.

## OBITUARY

With profound grief we mourn the sad demise of Brig GURDIP SINGH.

We offer our heart felt condolences to the bereaved family and pray to God to give peace to the departed soul.

Late Brig GURDIP SINGH was a student of this College from 31.7.1923 to 1.8.1929

We offer our heart felt condolences to the bereaved family and Cadet R Bhatia on the sudden demise of his mother Smt Sudesh Bhatia on 22 Aug at Sagar.

## Thought for the Month

*"Genius is one percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration."*

— Thomas Alva Edison

## BOOK-POST

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### Editor's Note

The busy hectic days of the examination and summer routine are over. The 'football fever' too is over. The mental fatigue and physical exertion of the long bus journeys for the hikes left the young minds filled with mixed feelings of weariness and excitement. 'Dussehra-holidays' did come as a boon after all. The cool-breeze amidst sprawling green fields beckons the winter which is round the corner. Meanwhile many of our 'finalists' face the Services Selection Boards at various places and we are confident that they will reach the prestigious portals of the National Defence Academy. Our very best wishes to them all.

### Sports

On 9th September, a football match was played on the College ground between the Juniors' team and the Children's Academy. The visiting team was given a crushing defeat by the spirited Juniors, who in their first ever match came out victorious, the score being 6 goals to 2. Cadet Sanjiva Jha, who played an excellent game, scored three goals for the College team. Cadets S.K. Verma, Sunil K. Yadav and H.S. Bainsala also played very well and contributed one goal each to the total score. This was a very good beginning for the Juniors who had been practising sincerely for this day.

The Inter-Section Football tournament started on 10th September and was over on 12th September. Cadets Alok Kacker and Sanjiva Jha of Ranjit Section were adjudged the best 'footballers' amongst the Seniors and Juniors respectively.

On 19th September a foot-ball match was played between the College and the Doon School on their ground. The entire College went to witness the match. Our boys put up a brave fight regardless of heavy odds. Although we lost to an equally good team, the cadets played a spirited game. The Doon School boys are much older (average age from all appearances looked like 20) and they were a select team out of 500 boys. On the other hand our team was selected out of about 30 cadets only and the average age of our boys did not exceed 16. Despite this mismatch, our cadets kept the Doon School boys on the run.

On 21st September a return match was played between the College and Doon School on our ground. All the boys of Doon School were there to cheer up their team. It was a big event with the College resounding with deafening cheers. This was decidedly our match and we were the obvious winners, as was conceded by the 'DOSCOs' themselves. Our boys combined very well and made deadly forays into the opponents half. We were however playing without our renowned goalkeeper and the courageous stopper at the back. This together with the handicap already mentioned above made us concede the match 1-2 to the Doon School. Cadet A. Kacker scored the goal for the College team. The Commandant was very pleased with this performance of the cadets. He was all praise for the College team and he congratulated all the players for their excellent performance.

## Cultural Roundabout

Inter-Section Quiz Competition was held on 10th September 81. The Seniors team of each Section participated in the Competition. Chandragupta Section won the competition with 21 points to its credit and was followed by Ranjit Section-12 points, Pratap Section-8 points and Shivaji Section-4 points. Col. K.N. Sardana though pleased with the improved performance of the cadets, said that there was room for further improvement in the standard of general awareness of the cadets. Following are the questions which were asked in the Quiz Competition (Answers are on Page 5.):-

1. What are the vertices of the Bermuda Triangle ?
2. What fuel is used by Jet Aircraft ?
3. What is the full form of APPLE ?
4. What is the guidance system in F-16 aircraft and what is its speed ?
5. What is the full form of SWAPO ?
6. Who has won the Magsaysay Award for community development in 1981 ?
7. Give the name of the main battle tank in use with the NATO forces.
8. What is the unit of acceleration used by marine craft ?
9. What is Voyager-2 ? When will it reach Neptune ?
10. What is the expanded form of IFAD ?
11. What is the name of the lower house of the West German Parliament ?
12. Who is the religious head of the English Church ?
13. Which family ruled Russia for more than 300 years ?
14. Who is known as the shadow Prime Minister in Britain ?
15. When was the Panchayati Raj system introduced in India ?
16. How many villages are covered by a community development Block ?
17. Who wrote the Book "Mrs Warren's Profession" ?
18. Point out the figure of speech in the following : "Full fathoms five thy father lies."
19. Which is the first man made element ?
20. Which was the first compound of noble gas prepared in the laboratory ?
21. Which is the rarest element on earth ?
22. What is the full form of SDR ?
23. Considering all the isotopes of hydrogen and oxygen how many different kinds of water are possible ?
24. Name the organic acid that does not contain carboxylic group.
25. What is the chemical name of Aspirin ?
26. On the east of Gulf of Sidra there is an important port of Libya, Name it.

27. Name the deepest place in the oceans.
28. Name the instrument used for determining speed of aeroplane and motor boats.
29. What is the capital of Barbados ?
30. India is the third largest exporter of tobacco in the world. Which are first and second ?
31. When was the Union Territory of Mizoram formed ?
32. What is meant by the high seas ?
33. Name the town where Pakistan's nuclear complex is situated.
34. What does it forecast when there is a sudden fall in barometer reading ?
35. The temperature of a body is  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ . What will be its equivalent temperature in Fahrenheit scale ?
36. How many calories are equal to one British Thermal Unit ?
37. What is the mean value of electronic charge ?
38. What is the range of calibration in a clinical thermometer in Fahrenheit scale ?
39. What is the instrument used to measure the altitude of a place ?
40. What is the locus of a line about a fixed line ?
41. What is the locus of a right angle triangle about its hypotenuse ?
42. What is the full form of AWACS ?
43. Who won the Jnanpith Literary Award for 1980 ?
44. The former South Vietnamese capital Saigon is renamed as.....by communists.
45. What is the full form of APC ?

## Debate at the DPS

Three of our cadets-V, Sood, U. Sood and A.A. Zaki participated in the All India Inter School Debate at the Delhi Public School on 15 Sep' 81. As many as 28 Public Schools from all over India took part in the competition. Cadet U. Sood was awarded a consolation prize for standing fourth. The commandant congratulated cadet U. Sood for his good performance and hoped that in future the cadets would further improve their performance in the Inter-School Competitions. This happened to be the first time ever that cadets were sent out of Dehra Dun to take part in competitions in other schools. The exposure of our cadets to the educational atmosphere outside the RIMC was a new experience for our boys, and this practice will be continued every year.

## Mid Term Hikes

After working strenuously for the Mid-Term Exams all cadets were looking forward to go on hikes and get some rest. Everyone was busy preparing for the hikes.

On 1st October, classes III A and IV went on bicycles to Chandigarh. They were accompanied by Capt. M.M. Singh and Hav. H.B. Thapa. In the evening one could hear the noise created by the cadets who were preparing to leave on hikes the next day.

On 2nd October, classes I and V went by bus to Nainital. Mr. V.G. Nene and Hav. U.S. Rawat accompanied them. Class IA went by bus to Joshimath and Badrinath. The Commandant Col. K.N. Sardana, Mr. S.K. Dwivedi and Hav. S.B. Thapa went with them.

Classes II and II A went by bus to Agra. They were accompanied by Mr. C.A. Joseph, Mr. M. Mandal, Nb. Sub. S. Marar and Nb. Sub. J.B. Chand.

Classes III and IV A went by bus to Amritsar. Capt. R.C. Laddha and Capt. P.C. Pathy accompanied them. We are thankful to Maj. Gen. A.G. Minwalla for making all the arrangements for a comfortable stay in Amritsar.

## Film Show

On 9th October a movie "Deaf Smith and Johnny Ears" was screened in the College Convocation Hall. All the cadets and Staff Members liked the movie and found it to be a good one.

## Musical Evening

On 10th October "Silver Streaks" the Jazz-Band of 2/11 G.R. gave a 90-minute performance at the College. They played the tune of many good songs which were liked by the cadets as well as the Staff Members. Cadets S. Vats, who is himself a good singer, entertained the audience by singing songs in accompaniment with the music of the group. We hope that the group will continue to entertain the cadets and the Staff Members in the future also.

## Visits

Brig. N.S. Tanwar, Sub-area Commander - Dehra Dun Sub area, visited the College on 7 Sep 1981 on a farewell visit. Brig Tanwar had a very long association with the College since his childhood days. He had done a lot for the College from the time he came here as the Sub-area Commander in 1979. An Assembly was held in his honour in which Brig. Tanwar bade sepical farewell to the cadets and the staff members. He was presented a 'photo-album' by the commandant to remind him of his association with the college. Before leaving the campus, Brig Tanwar had a farewell lunch with the cadets and Staff Members.

Brig. S.R. Bahuguna, commander of an Infantry Brigade, visited the College on 8 Sep 1981. He has had a long association with the College; in fact, a part of the land on which the College is built, belonged to his forefathers. A special Assembly, was held in his honour. After the Assembly, Brig. Bahuguna went round the Education Block and he then visited the Cadets' Mess and Ante-room.

Brig. M.M. Pandit, Commander - Dehradun Sub-area, visited the College on 28 Sep 1981. Brig. Pandit assumed the command of Dehradun Sub-area on 21 Sep 1981 when Brig. N.S. Tanwar relinquished this appointment. Brig. Pandit was given a very warm and hearty welcome. He visited the Cadets' Mess, dormitories, Ante-room, Academic Block, College Hospital, Swimming Pool and Squash Courts and evinced keen interest in the functioning of the College.

Maj. Gen. D.N. Chibber, the Director of Army Education, visited the College on 6 Oct 1981. As DAE Maj. Gen. Chibber has had a very long association with the RIMC. Maj. Gen. Chibber had visited the College earlier also. A special 'Assembly' was held in his honour. In the Assembly Maj. Gen. Chibber said the primary aim of education was to prepare a man for life. Maj. Gen. Chibber also gave away the following 'Cups' and 'Shields' to the various cadets :-

- (i) Cups to cadets Gurinder Singh and S Khatri for standing first and second respectively in the Seniors' Cross-Country Run.
- (ii) Cups to cadets Sandeep singh and Vikram Verma for standing first and second respectively in the Juniors' Cross-Country Run.
- (iii) Cups to cadets Alok Kacker and Sanjiva Jha, who were adjudged the best football players among Seniors and Juniors respectively.
- (iv) Football Trophy to Shivaji Section and Cross-Country Shield ro Chandragupta Section.

At the end of the 'Assembly' Maj. Gen. D.N. Chibber was presented a memento by the commandant.

We are thankful to —

- Flt. Lt. R.B. Menon (Shivaji) who dropped in to see the commandant.
- Lt. Col. G. Prasad (Ranjit) Co 628 ASC Bn. who paid a visit to the College.

## Rimcolliana

One of our old boys G.C.—R.S. Bangari was placed on the dangerously ill list because of the incidence of food-poisoning among a large number of cadets at the I.M.A. He was subsequently flown to the Army Hospital Delhi. Our best wishes for his speedy recovery.

Our heartiest congratulations to —

Lt. Col. A K. Rai and Capt. A K. Singh on being awarded the 'Sena Medal' for rowing from Bombay to Bander Abbas.

—Gentleman Cadet (IMA) Prem Prakash who was one of the two mountaineers to scale and hoist the flag on the Nanda Devi Peak in September '81.

—Col. N.V. Subbarao on his promotion to the rank of Brigadier and appointment as Commandant Maratha Light Infantry Centre Belgaum.

—Maj R.P. Aney on his promotion to the rank of Lt. Col.

—Maj. S.D. Mchanty on his promotion to the rank of Lt. Col.

—Maj. J.S. Verma on his promotion to the rank of Lt. Col.

—Maj. Ravi Pillai on his selection to attend the Staff College in Canada.

## Answers to Quiz Competition

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| 1. Bermuda (in the North).<br>Miami in Florida.<br>SanJuan in Puerto Rico        | 24. Picric acid.   |
| 2. Refined Kerosene  | 25. Acetyl Salicylic Acid.   |
| 3. Ariane Passenger Payload Experiment.  | 26. Banghazi.  |
| 4. Inertial guidance system, speed Mach 2.                                       | 27. Challenger Deep.   |
| 5. South West African Peoples Organisation.                                      | 28. Tachometer.  |
| 6. Dr. Sethi (of Jaipur)   | 29. Bridge town.   |
| 7. Chieftain   | 30. First USA, Second Turkey.  |
| 8. Knot per/sec or Knot per/hr.  | 31. January 1972.  |
| 9. It is a space craft launched by USA to Saturn. It will reach Neptune on 1989. | 32. Parts of Seas open to all nations for navigation                                 |
| 10. International Fund for Agricultural Development.                             | 33. Kahuta Sihala.   |
| 11. Bundestag.   | 34. Storm or Cyclone.  |
| 12. Archbishop of Canterbury.  | 35. —40° F.  |
| 13. The Romonovs.  | 36. 252 Calories.  |
| 14. The leader of the opposition Party.  | 37. $1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ Couloum.   |
| 15. 1959.  | 38. $95^{\circ}\text{F} \approx 110^{\circ}\text{F}$ .                               |
| 16. 110.   | 39. Altimeter.   |
| 17. G.B. Shaw.   | 40. Cylinder.  |
| 18. Alliteration.  | 41. The cones with common base.  |
| 19. Neptunium (At. no-93)  | 42. Airborne Warning and Control System.   |
| 20. Xenon hexa fluoplatinate (Xe Pt Fb)  | 43. Mr S K Pottekkat (for his novel Oru Desathinka, Katha, the story of a Province.) |
| 21. Astatine   | 44. Ho Chi—minh city.  |
| 22. Special Drawing Rights.  | 45. Armoured Personnel Carrier<br>or<br>Aspirin Phenoiticin caltine.                 |
| 23. 18.  |  |

## COMMANDANT'S MAIL-BAG

Copy of DO letter No. 7305/SRB dated 10 Sep. 81 from Brig SR Bahaguna, Cdr 37 Inf Bde addressed to Col KN Sardana.

1. It was nice having visited the RIMC. I am thankful to you for making it possible. The visit did bring back memories of my school days. I was really impressed by the smart and cheerful cadets of the College as also the neat and clean environment in which the cadets are brought up. I am confident that the RIMC does lay a good foundation for the cadets who later join the NDA.
2. Under your able stewardship I have no doubt that the College will make further progress in all spheres of activity.

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Extract from a letter addressed to Col KN Sardana, Comdt RIMC by Mr. ON Chacko, Lloyd Bungalow, St. John's College, Agra-282002 dated 10 September 81.

My very sincere apologies for not writing to you all these days. The initial excitement of the change of place and work certainly did prevent me from writing.

You must be busy, it goes without saying. The cadets have been writing to me about the NDA results and the various activities that are on. I was so much touched and felt elated when I saw letters from cadets who ventured to break the monotony of formality and the dreary habits to become sentimental, or more precisely, emotional. More and more I realise that emotion plays a major role in teaching and learning than reason. The fat dividends of one's investment in the world of teaching come in the form of the letters one gets from one's students too, I have reason to believe. The painful process of incarnating into the world of students to understand and accept them as they are, seems to me, the greatest challenge of the teacher and I know how far I have fallen short of such students! If the heroic ideals of military training can be combined with a set of personal values of the teacher teaching, R.I.M.C. is bound to be more exciting and satisfying, I feel.

It is fitting and proper that I pay my vows of thankfulness and gratitude where they are due. Sir, every day with you, as a colleague and as a man, I lived my life in its meaningful sense. I am so much thankful to you for the occasions given to me to open up my mind about your sacred Institution. As a Christian committed to a call and service in educational institutions I will uphold the values that will not fade away with the passage of time. I have had occasions to see your commitment and concern in that field - it was enriching and ennobling an experience to go through.

May you find the days ahead at R.I.M.C. as times of construction and renewal in the minds and hearts of people dwelling in isolation and strain.

With all regards and respects to you Sir,

May I remain,

Yours Sincerely,  
ON Chacko



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Dr GS Dhillon

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR INDIA  
10 SPRINGFIELD ROAD  
OTTAWA, CANADA  
K1M 1C9

September 15, 1981

My dear Col Sardana,

Thanks so much for your letter of June 17. Perhaps you might have known through the Press that there was a long postal strike in Canada and hence the delivery of this letter got delayed. I am sorry I could not acknowledge it earlier.

As I told you, my stay in the Rashtriya Indian Military College was too short. I was accepted by the Board for admission and was taken to the College but after the medical examination when my eye sight required glasses, my father changed his decision and called me back. He was under the impression that with glasses I will not be able to get the Commission and hence no use of my staying there. Rather I should say the destiny called me back and put me on some other track. I regret I am not in a position to send any message based on my personal experiences but send my best wishes for the continued success of the College. May it continue to serve the people and the country for long years to come.

With good wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Sd- GS Dhillon

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18th September 1981

DPS/  
The Principal  
Rashtriya Indian Military College  
Dehra Dun

Dear Sir,

It was indeed a pleasure to host your school team for the XIV All India Delhi Public School (Interact) Debate held on the 15th of September 1981.

I am happy to say that cdt Ali Ahmed Zaki and cdt Vivek Sood did extremely well. Your student on the rebuttal panel was awarded the 4th position.

I am glad to mention that the standard of the debate was of an extremely high order. The rebuttal panel proved to be a great success and made the debate a very interesting one.

I do hope that we will continue to have the pleasure of hosting your team again next year.

Thanking you for having participated and made the debate a success.

Yours sincerely,  
Sd- Mrs N Kapur  
Vice-Principal

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P. DAVID  
Manager

'SAMPEGAY'

No. 6, SAMPANGY TANK ROAD,  
BANGALORE — 560 025  
Date 11 Sep 1981

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter under instructions from KN Thimayya.

2. While thanking you for your letter No. 3/DJ/Archives dated 27 Jun 81 which was received here to-day informing of the Diamond Jubilee celebration of the R.I.M. College during second week of March 1982, I regret to inform you that Mrs. Thimayya is not well for the last couple of months and the doctors have advised her complete rest. As such she is not in a position to make any contribution to your Magazine as desired by you.

3. However she wishes all success to the College Magazine as well as to the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the College in the second week of March 1982.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,  
For 'Sampegay'

### Thought for the Month

*If you would not be forgotten as soon as you are dead,  
either write things worth reading or do things worth writing.*  
— Benjamin Franklin

### BOOK-POST

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## The R. J. M. C. Chronicle

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### Editor's Note

Winter is here and so are the College 'blazers'. The College wears a festive look and refuses to be depressed by the cold weather.

This was yet another month of hectic and spectacular events. The College family and very many others witnessed many a feat at the 'vaulting horse', the Parallel-bars and on the sports field during the Inter Section Gymnastics and Athletics Competitions. The month also brought the festive Diwali lights beckoning the bright future, killing the darkness of ignorance.

As we go to the press, we notice that the festive gay mood is fast giving way to more serious mood, and the examination fever is steadily setting in.

### Brilliant Performance at SSBs

Out of 14 cadets who qualified at the UPSC examination (reported in the Chronicle of Sep 1981) for the 66th NDA Course, 13 cadets coached at the College were sent for the interviews at the Services Selection Boards Allahabad, Bhopal, Bangalore and Varanasi. Out of these 13 cadets, 12 have made the grade both at the SSB Selection tests as well as at the Medical Boards. This is an outstanding selection rate, the best in 15 years. The names of the cadets finally selected for admission to the NDA for the 66th Course (merit list awaited) are given below :-

993/R	Cadet Alok Kacker	994/R	Cadet Tajinder Singh
957/R	" V. Sood	991/C	" Anurag Chander
971/C	" N. Bhaumik	1002/S	" Anil Rathore
972/S	" P.K. Rai	1003/S	" Anil Katoch
997/C	" K.K. Agnihotri	1000/P	" A K Talwar
992/S	" Sanjiv Khatri	1008/C	" Nilanjan Biswas

### Sports Round Up

#### Inter-Section Gymnastics Competition

To raise the standard of Gymnastics at the RIMC, the Commandant decided to introduce an inter section competition in the sports events of this term. The competition, the first of its kind in the history of the RIMC, started on 12 Oct and concluded on 14 Oct. Events included the PT display, exercises on the parallel bars, 'vaulting-horse' and ground work.

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All the Sections took part in the competitions. Following were adjudged the winners/best gymnasts of the competition :-

- (i) Vaulting-Horse :- Cadets A. Rawat and A.K. Aukta.
- (ii) Parallel bars :- Cadet V. Airi and Roveen.
- (iii) Matwork :- Cadet V. Airi.

Shivaji Section won this competition, followed by Pratap, Ranjit and Chandragupta Sections.

The Commandant Col K. N. Sardana said that the standard of Gymnastics of the cadets has improved a lot. But he said that he expected a better performance from the cadets in the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. He congratulated Shivaji Section for winning the competition. He also congratulated the other Sections for their commendable performance.

#### Inter-Section Athletics Competition

The Inter-Section Athletics Competition was held on the 28th, 29th and 31st of October. On the final day, Brig. M. M. Pandit, Commander Dehra Dun Sub Area was the Chief Guest. On this occasion, various other officers and Old-Boys were invited to attend the function. It was indeed one of the most spectacular and colourful functions of the College. The section colour flags fluttering in the gentle breeze, the evenly mowed sports field and the competitors in their colourful vests gave the look of a mini-Olympiad.

Chandragupta Section with 84 points to its credit, stood first, followed by Shivaji Section (77½ points), Ranjit Section (74½ points) and Pratap Section (53 points).

Mrs. Pandit gave away the following cups/prizes/certificates to the winners and runners-up in each event after the 'march-past'

#### 'A' DIVISION (12½ Years age group-height 4'-11")

Event	First	Second
100 metres dash	Chetan Desai (C)	C. Konwer (R)
200 metres dash	Chetan Desai (C)	R. Chakravorty (S)
Broad Jump	J S. Sandhu (P)	Chetan Desai (C)
4×100 metres relay	Pratap Section	Chandragupta Section

Cadet Chetan Desai was adjudged the 'Best Athlete' in 'A' Division.

#### 'B' DIVISION (14 Years age group-height 5'-2")

Event	First	Second
100 metres dash	Sandeep Singh (S)	V. Sabharwal (P)
200 metres dash	Sandeep Singh (S)	A. Sinha (C)
400 metres dash	Sandeep Singh (S)	R. K. Singh (C)
High Jump	H.S. Bainsla (R)	S. Uniyal (C)
Broad Jump	V. Sabharwal (P)	A. Sinha (C)
110 metres Hurdles	A. Anand (R)	A. Sinha (C)
4×100 metres Relay	Ranjit Section	Shivaji Section

Cadet Sandeep Singh was adjudged the 'Best Athlete' in 'B' Division.

## 'C' DIVISION (above 14 Yrs and 5'-2" height)

Event	First	Second
100 metres dash	Sunil K. Yadav (R)	N. Biswas (C)
200 metres dash	Sunil K. Yadav (R)	N. Biswas (C)
400 metres dash	A. Rawat (P)	Sunil K. Yadav (R)
800 metres run	Gurinder Singh (S)	N. Biswas (C)
1500 metres run	Gurinder Singh (S)	A. Rawat (P)
3000 metres run	Gurinder Singh (S)	Karan Dixit (P)
110 metres hurdles	Ashok Kumar (C)	A. Katoch
High Jump	K.V. Kumar (S)	V. Airi (S)
Pole Vault	V. Airi (S)	Arvinder Singh (C)
Triple Jump	Ashok Kumar (C)	A. Kacker (R)
Broad Jump	Ashok Kumar (C)	A. Kacker (R)
Javelin throw	S.S.K. Singh (C)	R. Nathawat (C)
Discus throw	V. Sood (S)	N S. Mangat (C)
Putting the shot	S.K.R. Burman (R)	V. Sood (S)
4×100 metres relay	Ranjit Section	Chandragupta Section

Cadet Gurinder Singh (S) was adjudged the 'Best Athlete' in 'C' Division. He was awarded 'Gen. Hira Lal Atal's Trophy for the 'Best Athlete.'

In the 'C' Division, there was a keen fight for the award of 'The Best Athlete'.

It was indeed bad luck for Cadet Sunil K. Yadav who just lost this Award due to an accidental fall in the hurdles race. He won both the 100 metres and 200 metres race. He came a close second in the 400 metres.

The other competitor for this event was Cadet Ashok Kumar. But Cadet Gurinder Singh, as usual, came out on top to claim the award for which there was a keen contest. Incidentally, Cadet Gurinder Singh had won the first place in Cross-Country Competition too.

Major Hiram S. Sen won the 'Old Boys' Race' in which Lt. Col. D.D. Dayal, Mr. D.N. Tripathi, and Capt R.K. Singh had participated.

At the end, after the march past, the Chief Guest, Brig Pandit, paid glowing tribute to the College—a cradle of future leaders of the Armed Forces. After his speech, a very sumptuous 'grand-tea' was served to everyone present on the occasion.

## Cultural Roundabout

### Morning Assembly

On the 14th of October in the Morning Assembly, the Commandant, Col. K.N. Sardana awarded the 'Medhavi Badges' to various cadets for standing first in their respective classes. The Commandant congratulated the cadets on their achievement but said that the other cadets should also work hard to get the first position in their respective classes.

Following cadets were awarded the Medhavi Badges :—

Class IA—Mohit Gandhi  
Class II —Sandeep Singh

Class IIIA—Jasbir Singh  
Class IV —Suyash Sharma

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Class IIA—R.K. Nair  
Class III —R. Bhattacharjee

Class IVA—H. Dharmarajan  
Class V —N. Tiwari

Some cadets of the College took part in the 'On the Spot Painting Competition' organized by the Lions Club Dehradun on 25 Oct' 81. Two of our cadets —A.R. Saluja and U. Sood won prizes in the competition in which over 1500 students participated. Cadet A.R. Saluja stood third in the 'C' group and Cadet U. Sood was placed fourth in the 'D' group. These prizes were awarded to them in the Assembly.

### KASHIRAJ AKHIL BHARTIYA HINDI BHASHAN PRATIYOGITA

This competition was held in the Convocation Hall on 17th October' 81. Following Schools/ Colleges participated in the competition :—

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| (i) Raja Ram Mohan Roy Academy, Dehradun | (v) Doon School, Dehradun           |
| (ii) Mussoorie Public School, Mussoorie  | (vi) St. Joseph's Academy, Dehradun |
| (iii) St. Thomas' College, Dehradun      | (vii) RIMC                          |
| (iv) Col. Brown's School, Dehradun       |                                     |

Dr. Anand Saran Raturi (Ex-Vice Chancellor, Bundelkhand University) was the Chief Guest.

The Shield, donated by Shri V.N. Singh, the former Maharaja of Banaras, was won by St. Thomas' College; Doon School was placed second, RIMC third and St. Joseph's Academy got the fourth place. In the end, the Chief Guest, Mr Raturi, congratulated the winners on their success and was impressed specially with the diction of RIMC cadets who put up a very good show.

Our cadets Umesh Sood and Ranjit Kumar had also participated in the Chakravorti Memorial Inter School Debate held at Doon School premises on 22nd Oct. 81. It is heartening to note the RIMC as a team was placed third in this contest.

## Diwali Celebrations

Diwali was celebrated with great pomp and splendour in the campus on 27 Oct. 81.

In the morning there was a function in the College Temple. It was enlivened by speeches given by cadets R Kapoor (English) and Prem Sagar (Hindi), bhajans by the Music Club and speeches by Mr RC Singhal and the Commandant Col KN Sardana. Sweets were distributed to all.

In the evening, the 4 Kumaon Band gave a concert in the Convocation Hall. Ice cream was specially relished by the boys. There after crackers were distributed to all the Sections. The cadets fired the crackers with great joy and it was indeed a pleasant sight to see the 'rockets' and various other crackers to go up in the air. Later one could see the verandahs of various Sections lit up with candles.

## Visits

Maj Gen GN Sinha PVSM, GOC UP Area visited the College on 2 Nov 81 to progress the works of RIMC in preparation for the Diamond Jubilee.

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The Old Boys Maj Gen MS Chopra (Retd), Lt Col DD Dayal (Retd), Mr DN Tripathi, Managing Director ICF Bombay and Capt RK Singh 4 Kumaon were with us at the College Athletic Meet. Mr Ratan Singh (1948-51) another Old Boy dropped in to see the Commandant on 9 Nov 81.

Commandant Col KN Sardana paid a visit to the NDA on 18, 19 and 20 Oct to obtain 'feed-back' on the performance of our cadets. He also visited HQ Central Command Lucknow from 28 Oct to 30 Oct to obtain funds for various works to be executed in preparation for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the College.

## A Tribute

A teacher is like a gardener,  
He sows the seeds of good thoughts in our mind.  
A teacher is like a lighthouse,  
He bids us to follow the right path.  
A teacher is like a flower,  
He preaches us to blossom even under adverse circumstances.  
A teacher is like a second god,  
He enjoys in giving whatever little he has.  
A teacher is like a tree,  
Shading us from the horrors of the world.  
A teacher is like a rain shower,  
Which falls kindly on to barren and fertile land without making any distinction.  
A teacher gives polish to individuality,  
Is the maker of the society and a "BUILDER OF THE NATION."

Compiled by  
Arvind Moudgil  
Class I-A

## Devotion to a motherland

To be devoted to your motherland,  
Is the noblest deed on land.  
So try not to be in a trance,  
And miss this lovely chance.

So have no other attraction,  
But develop a do or die conception.  
And to help the nation,  
Which is the right decision,  
To show your real devotion.

So from now think of  
Nothing but devotion,  
And learn that it will fill,  
Your heart with satisfaction.

Cadet V. Srinivas  
Class V

## Rimcolliana

Our heartiest congratulations to Capt A Chakravorti on getting married.  
Our congratulations to:—

- Brig Y K Yadav - on his appointment as Chief Instructor, School of Artillery, Deolali.
- Gentleman Cadet Prem Prakash on winning Second place in the IMA Cross Country Race .



### Thought for the Month

*"Histories make man wise, poets witty, the mathematics subtle, natural philosophy deep, moral grave, logic and rhetoric able to contend".*

—Francis Bacon

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## The R. J. A. C. Chronicle

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No. 10

### Editors Note

The winter has finally set in. Soon the campus will look deserted after the boys go home with a copy of this Chronicle in hand. The end-of-term examinations are over and the boys have put away their books. The cadets leave for their homes today on a forty day vacation. Good luck for their journey homeward.

### Campus News

#### Inter-Section Squash Competition

The usefulness of this racket game for recreation and health is undoubted. Squash has been a very popular game in the Armed Forces and it is natural that the cadets here at the RIMC should also be making a bee-line for the squash court. Efforts are on to have one more squash court constructed. Mr H Catchpole who was Principal RIMC from Oct 48 to May 53 has offered to bear the cost of construction of another squash court.

Initial rounds within the Sections produced five competent players from each of the Sections who exhibited their mettle on the floor of the squash court in the recently concluded Inter Section Squash Competition on 11 Nov 81.

Shivaji Section won the competition followed by Chandragupta, Ranjit and Pratap Sections.

#### Inter-Section Squad Drill Competition

Training in Drill starts right from the time the cadets join the College for it instils in them qualities of discipline and character.

The inter Section Squad Drill Competition was held on the 'Drill Square' of the RIMC on 21 Nov 81. To make the preparations for the Squad Drill Competition more Comprehensive, the Drill instructors from the IMA were requested to guide the boys. The judging was done by officers from a local Infantry Brigade.

Shivaji Section stood first followed by Chandragupta, Ranjit and Pratap Sections

#### Inter Section Cleanliness Competition

The Commandant Col K.N. Sardana and the Administrative Officer Maj HS Sen went round judging the standard of cleanliness among various Sections on 20 Nov. Chandragupta Section stood first followed by Ranjit, Pratap and Shivaji Sections. The result is by no means a reflection on the standard of cleanliness in other Sections. This was a very close competition for which everyone had put in his best and the Commandant and the Administrative Officer found it equally difficult to determine which section was the best.

## Cultural Roundabout

### Entertainment Programme

The Class IV employees of the College organised an entertainment programme on 8 Nov. The Commandant Col KN Sardana was the Chief Guest.

### Guru Nanak's Birthday

The birthday of the first Guru of the Sikhs was celebrated with great pomp and show on 11 Nov 1981. A function was organised in the College Gurudwara. Cadets JS Kairon and RPS Gill delivered speeches on the life of the saint. The Vice Principal Mr RC Singhal enlightened the congregation about some interesting facts of the life of Guru Nanak Devji. 'Kadah Prasad' was distributed at the end of the function.

### Children's Day Celebrations

Pandit Nehru's birthday was celebrated with great enthusiasm on 14 Nov. Mr S Bhatia, our Art Master, organised a very interesting 'on the spot painting competition' in which the whole College participated. The competition was organised in three groups. Mrs Amba Sardana, Mrs Rita Sen, Mr RC Singhal and Mr K Kumar selected the winning entries in each group as follows :

#### Group A (11 to 13 years)

'Thimayya Gate'	by Cadet JS Bhatia	I
'War Memorial'	by " AV Joshi	II
'Trek to Mussoorie'	by " Tanmay Roy	III

#### Group B (13 to 15 years)

'Tribal Dance'	by Cadet R Thapa	I
'Airport'	by " A Bhatia	II
'Zoo'	by " B Ajay Kumar	III

#### Group C (15 to 17 years)

'Air-Raid'	by Cadet V. Sood	I
'Environmental Pollution'	by " N Bhaumik	II
'Air-Raid'	by " KV Kumar	III

In the evening a special function was held in which Cadet AR Saluja delivered a speech on the significance of the Children's Day. Cadet RR Bashyam recited his own composition on 'Chacha's' birthday. Mr UN Singh, in an emotional speech urged the cadets to become worthy students of their teachers. Mr RC Singhal gave a few glimpses of Pandit Nehru's life and spoke about Panditji's association with the College. In the end Mrs Amba Sardana gave away the prizes to the winners of the painting competition.

Some time after the sumptuous tea, a movie on 'Lion Hunting' was shown followed by a film "Revolt of the Toys"—a beautiful film followed by a couple of other cartoon films.

### Para-Jumps at the IMA

Cadets of Classes V and VA were taken to a lecture-demonstration on para-jumps and sky-diving, organized at the IMA Dehradun on 20 Nov.

### KIM

Fifty cadets went to the Doon School on 29 Nov to watch the play 'KIM' staged by the students of Lawrence School, Sanawar. It was a superb performance and Chanderjit Singh, an 11 year old who played 'Kim', was the main attraction.

### India Trade Fair

The Commandant Col KN Sardana sent six of our cadets and Mr SK Dwivedi, our Chemistry teacher, to Delhi on 17 Nov to visit the India International Trade Fair and Science Exhibition. The cadets returned on 20 Nov and hope to enrich the College Exhibition due on 13 March 82 with some of the ideas obtained from Delhi.

### CSD (I) Canteen

After almost 6 years of gap the canteen started functioning again with the blessings of the Commandant Col KN Sardana.

The canteen was declared open by Mrs Amba Sardana in a simple ceremony. In the afternoon on 27 Nov 81 the canteen counter in its inaugural sale saw brisk business.

### Visit

—Commandant Col KN Sardana left for Raj Kumar College, Rajkot on 12 Nov to attend the 42nd session of the Indian Public Schools Conference, as an observer, and returned on 19 Nov.

—Col Padamjit Singh an 'old boy' visited the College on 17 Nov.

—Col HS Dhillon Col Q Central Command paid a visit to the College on 17 Nov in connection with the implementation of works for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

—Mr Rahul K Bedi Staff Correspondent of the 'Indian Express' visited the College on 23 Nov and Mr Narendra Aggrawal Staff Correspondent of the 'Hindustan Times' visited the College on 27 Nov.

—Mr Peter FD Badham, son of the late John Theodore Badham who taught Mathematics at the RIMC from 1926 to 1946, dropped in to see the Commandant. He was much impressed by the College Campus and was greatly moved to see the photographs of his father in the Archives Section.

—Col BS Sandhu, Principal Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi paid a visit to this College on 27 Nov. He talked to the College family on his experiences (yet unpublished) of Nanda Devi Expedition. The distinguished guest kept the audience spell-bound by his hair-raising account of the climb with an informal talk interspersed with humour and witty remarks.

### Arrival Departure

Havildar Thakur Prasad and G Raut joined the College as Physical Training Instructors.

Havildar VP Singh AEC, joined the College as Instructor in Biology against a vacancy which has been existing for the last seven years. We are grateful to the Director Army Education for the very generous gesture in posting him here at the RIMC.

Our Groundsman Gazadhar retired after 32 years of long service on 31 Oct 81. The football fields still smack of his presence. Everybody feels his absence because his devotion to duty was of a very high order. We wish him a good retired life.

### Rimcolliana

Our congratulations to Maj R Manchanda on winning the All India squash Championship for Men for the year 1979-80 held at Jodhpur.

### Correction

The Editor regrets the error committed inadvertently in 'Rimcolliana' of 15 Oct 81. Our Old Boy GC Prem Prakash scaled 'Trishul' and not 'Nanda Devi' as was erroneously reported.

## Commandant's Mail Bag

Maj Gen SC Sinha  
Inspector General SFF  
1813/Col/SCS/IG/81

Block V (East) Level IV  
RK PURAM NEW DELHI-22  
7 Nov 81

I was going through the RIMC Chronicle dated 15 Oct 81. I was rather unhappy to see the excuses which were made for our football team losing against Doon School. I do not think it is right to teach our youngsters to make excuses for matters that are not pleasant. We should accept facts as facts and defeat gracefully.

2. I find that there is some mention about one of our ex-cadets at the IMA GC Prem Parkash having scaled the Nanda Devi Peak in Sep 81. In Sep 81, the only Expedition to the Nanda Devi was by a Women's Expedition led by Col Balwant Sandhu and sponsored by the IMF. The second expedition was that of the Paratroopers sponsored by the Parachute Regiment. As far as I can remember the IMA Cadets climbed Trishul this year. You may like to check this out and issue a correction, if I am right.

Col KN Sardana  
Comdt RIMC Dehra Dun (UP)

Yours faithfully  
Sd/-

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Col KN Sardana  
Commandant

24 Nov 81

RIMC/Chronicle

1. Thanks for your DO letter No 1813/Col/SCS/IG/81 dated 07 Nov 81 received on 13 Nov 81 when I was leaving for Rajkot to attend the 42nd session of the IPSC.

2. I regret that our Chronicle of 15 Oct had incorrectly reported about the scaling of Nanda Devi Peak (instead of Trishul) by our Old Boy GC Prem Prakash. 'Rimcolliana' is compiled by two of our senior-most members of the staff and the Editor too did not verify the correctness of the information passed on to him. The error will be corrected in our next issue of the 'Chronicle'.

3. It is unfortunate that the write-up on the football match against the Doon School gave the impression that excuses were sought to be made for our losing the fixtures. As a matter of fact, it was intended to be a light-hearted banter acknowledging some good shooting by our boys, without of course denying the Doon boys their due.

4. Far from being upset by your suggestions, I am on the contrary greatly beholden to you for the trouble that you have taken to point out our mistakes. I always welcome advice, specially from you, since it keeps us on course.

Maj Gen SC Sinha, PVSM  
IG, SSF, New Delhi-22

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Lt Col BS Randhawa  
Offg DDMT (B)

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Military Training Directorate  
General Staff Branch  
Army Headquarters  
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19 Nov 81

My dear Colonel,

1. Please refer to your DO letter No 305/3/May-81/CE dated 12 Nov 81.

2. The DGMT compliments you and the staff for the excellent results shown therein. He desires that we continue to work hard to ensure better results subsequently and also excellent performance at the NDA.

With best wishes,

Col KN Sardana  
Commandant  
Rashtriya Indian Military College  
Dehra Dun

Yours sincerely  
Sd/-

Maj Gen SC Sinha  
Colonel of the Parachute Regiment

1813/Col/SCS/81

BLOCK V (EAST) LEVEL IV  
RK PURAM NEW DELHI-22  
20 Nov 81

My dear KN

1. I thank you for your DO letter No 305/3/May-81/CE dated 12 Nov 81.
2. I was delighted to hear of the excellent results that the RIMC has produced for the 67th NDA Course. I hope all our cadets come into the merit list. I am quite sure they will.
3. This reminds me of the earlier days when nearly all the RIMC Cadets passed the Army Entrance Examination, even though they had to compete against boys from outside who were Graduates and what have you. It is really heartening to see what excellent results devoted attention and effort can produce. Well done; Please do keep it up.

Col KN Sardana  
Commandant  
RIMC,  
Dehra Dun (UP)

Yours sincerely  
Sd/-

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November 21, 1981

The Principal  
PWMC  
Dehra Dun (UP) India

Dear Sir,

My name is ARJUN ISRANI, known as ATD ISRANI, when I was in PWMC from 1955 to 1957.

I have been in the U.S.A. since 1969, married Joan Israni in 1972 and have two children James Siddhartha (8 yrs) and David Ashoka (3 yrs). Joan is from New York and I became a US citizen in 1977. We are coming to India on Dec 13, 1981 and I wish very much to show PWMC to my wife and kids while in India for about 3 weeks. We have not been in India since 9 years.

We were planning to be in Delhi from Dec 13 to Dec 20, before flying to Bombay and back to the USA. We wish to visit Dehra Dun and tentatively suggest Dec 17 for our visit to Dehra Dun. If the tentative date is agreeable, please confirm. You can correspond with me—

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I am looking forward to hearing from you. With best regards.

Yours sincerely,  
Sd/- ARJUN ISRANI

AIR COMMODORE  
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25 Nov 81

Dear Col Sardana,

I had written a letter to the Secretary, Rimcollian Old Boys Association with a copy to you. My suggestion was that the evening religious parades should be made compulsory once again as it was in the olden days. To this end, I had offered a cash prize for two essays, one by the Old Boys, and another by the present cadets. I would very much like to know your personal views on the subject. I had read the following somewhere :

"It is all very well to sneer at prayer and to stand on your own feet, but sooner or later you need some kind of anchor".

With my best regards,

Yours sincerely,  
Sd RHD Singh

*Thought for the Month*

*"The ability to laugh together is the essence of love"*

—Francoise Sagan

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