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'The Chronicle extends to its readers sincere greetings and best wishes for a bright and happy New Year.'

Editor.

COLLEGE NEWS

It is after the passive quiet of six weeks' winter vacation that the precincts of the College have once again started humming with activity. Our cadets who are back to their study, the new, eager cadets who have joined the College this term, and their parents who saunter about getting to know more and more about the institution and the type of education imparted here, have all invested the campus with gaiety and warmth. Almost anywhere at the College can be seen knots of close friends exchanging season's greetings and telling one another how they enjoyed the vacation. A wave of genial excitement seems to sweep over the entire environment, which holds out its own peculiar charm.

Laid out against the picturesque panorama of the Himalayan foothills, capped with the season's fourth heavy snowfall, the college presents a marvellous view, which not only feasts the eye and delights the mind but also 'leads one from joy to joy'.

It is in these beautiful surroundings of the Doon Valley that the College stands to impart wholesome education by laying special stress on बल (strength), and विवेक (wisdom) for the integrated development of the cadets' personality. Truly national in character, the College embodies 'unity in diversity' by attracting cadets from the length and breadth of the country. This 'oneness' cannot escape the attention of anyone who happens to visit us even on the very first day.

Committed deeply to foster rich and sound academic traditions which are plainly consistent with a successful career for the young men in the Indian Armed Forces, the institution has firmly stood against the influx of pernicious trends

that lead the youth away from academic pursuits into alleys of narrow loyalties.

Ours has been a premier military institution and the ideals and objectives that constitute its reputation continue to inspire our cadets to live up to the traditions kept up jealously by us.

With these words we welcome our cadets to their *Alma Mater* and hope that they would set themselves to their studies with zeal and dedication and continue to excel in other spheres of activity also.

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Our heartiest congratulations to the Ranjit and Shivaji Sections on their winning the coveted Inter-Section Championship for the year 1967. Both the sections secured equal points in total as regards their performance in various spheres of activity at the College and shared the Championship Trophy, which was given away by Brigadier N.L. Kapoor at the End of Term Function held on 9th December, 1967 in the Convocation Hall.

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Republic Day

The Republic Day Celebrations at the College started in the morning with Cadets' parade and flag-hoisting by the Principal. On the occasion, the Principal referred to the pledge taken by our patriots and leaders at the Lahore Session of the Indian National Congress to make India a 'Sovereign Democratic Republic'. He called upon everyone to do his best to guard the honour of the national flag, which symbolises the ideals our Country stands for.

In the evening the Republic Day Dinner was arranged in the Cadets'

mess and it was attended by the Principal and the members of the Staff.

We congratulate Cadet V.K. Chaudhary of the Pratap Section on his appointment as Cadet Captain of the College. We hope that he will rise to the occasion and, like his predecessor, Cadet Captain M.S. Mallik (Shivaji) who did an excellent job, acquit himself well in the new capacity.

Our congratulations to the following cadets on their section appointments. We hope they will do their best in looking after their respective sections.

PRATAP SECTION

Section Commander	C.S. Thapa
Cadet NCO	S. Wangdi
" "	U.N. Chitnavis
" "	M.V. Raj
" "	S.P. Ojha
" "	S. Bhalla
" "	D.C. Kumaria

RANJIT SECTION

Section Commander	K.S. Jaswal
Cadet NCO	T.K. Sinha
" "	J.P. Mondle
" "	S.C. Verma
" "	D.K. Gupta
" "	Vinay Sagar
" " Offg:	Y.S. Das

SHIVAJI SECTION

Section Commander	B.C. Saikia
Cadet NCO	M. Sharma
" "	S.R. Banerjee
" "	B.N. Mazumdar
" "	S.R.P. Netaji
" "	S.R. Gokhale
" "	P.V. John

CHANDRAGUPTA SECTION

Section Commander	H.P. Chauhan
Cadet NCO	W.M. Singh
" "	A.S. Panwar
" "	S. Ramtri
" "	N.V. Rao
" "	S.S. Sawhney
" "	P.K. Gangoli

The English film 'TEACHER'S PET' starring Doris Day, Clark Gable, was

screened in the Convocation Hall on Saturday, 27th January at 1800 hrs.

Mr. K.K. Dubey, Master in Mathematics, left us to join the Delhi Public School, Delhi, after serving the institution for three and a half years.

We miss him much and wish Mr. & Mrs. Dubey all luck.

We welcome Mr. J.N. Wanchoo as Section Master to our fold and wish him a happy stay at the College.

Mr. Wanchoo has come back to us with a rich, mellow experience of the National Defence Academy and we hope the College will benefit much by his own share of contribution to its progress.

Cadet Sec. Commander C.S. Thapa of the Pratap Section took part in the VIII U.P. Amateur Athletics Meet held at Lucknow on the 28th, 29th and 30th December, 1967. He secured the first place in boys under 16 years and second in boys under 18 years in 100 metres sprint.

He also qualified to represent Uttar Pradesh in the 23rd Nationals and 6th Inter-State Championship held at Madras from 13th to 17th January 1968 and won a Bronze Medal.

Our heartiest congratulations to Thapa on this brilliant achievement in Athletics.

Cadet R.S. Kanwar of the Shivaji Section represented the Orissa State at the 23rd Nationals and VI Inter-State Championship held at Madras in boys under 14 years in 110 metres hurdles and did very well. Our heartiest congratulations to Cadet Kanwar.

We welcome Mr. A.K. Kapuria, M.Sc. (Maths) as Master in Mathematics, and hope that he will be happy in our fold.

N.D.A. RESULTS—39TH COURSE

It is gratifying that once again, for the eighth time in succession, one of

our Cadets, Mohan John, has topped the All India Merit List for admission to the National Defence Academy, 39th Course. In keeping with the reputation of the College, our cadets have also secured almost the first ten positions in the Merit List.

Our congratulations to Cadet Mohan John on securing the first position and to other cadets also on their success.

The following cadets have passed out to join the N.D.A. We wish our cadets all luck at the N.D.A. and thereafter.

1. Mohan John, First in Air Force and Third in Army/Navy
2. G.S. Salklan Third in Air Force and Nineth in Army/Navy
3. P.P. Aggarwal Fourth in Army/Navy
4. A.K. Kapoor Seventh in Air Force and Thirteenth in Army/Navy
5. S.K. Jaiswal Nineth in Air Force and Eleventh in Army/Navy
6. D. Saha Eleventh in Air Force and Twentieth in Army/Navy
7. R. Dutta Twelfth in Army/Navy
8. M.S. Mallick Sixteenth in Air/Force and Thirtieth in Army/Navy
9. D.B. Shivane
10. R.S. Bedi
11. M.C. Pradhan
12. Yogendra Singh
13. P. Kochhar
14. V. Pahlajani
15. V.K.S. Chandelle
16. D. Sud
17. A. Kaul
18. R. Bakshi
19. A.K. Tewari
20. A.K. Sharma
21. C.R.S. Sirohi

One Day It So Happened

It was a summer afternoon. The sun was blazing abovehead and there was not a bit of wind blowing. I was simply bored indoors and decided to have a swim in the Ganges which is at a stone's throw from my house.

When I reached the side of the Ganges the weather was absolutely different. The river gurgled on and there was soothing breeze blowing. I sat there enjoying myself when something drew my attention. It was a tiny boat. I could not resist myself. I got into the boat, and with my spirits high I reached somewhere near the middle of the river. To my surprise I noticed that there was no other boat on the river. I looked around to see if there was anything at my back and, to my horror, I found a big wave of water rushing at me roaring loudly. At once I realized that it was a new moon day and the time had come for high tide.

I started rowing back to the shore but in vain. The current had become stronger and I was also tired after going so deep. Before I could reach the bank a huge, mad wave came on to my boat. I lay flat on my boat and was saying my last prayers when I suddenly felt that I had been taken up many feet up in the sky and before I could think anything, I was dropped flat on the soft mud and just next to me lay my boat sunk in the mud.

I lay still as I was powerless to move. I was expecting another wave any moment. It would come and brush me off the shore and take me in the depths of the Ganges where my dear life would come to an end. All my relatives' faces crowded into my mind. I tried to scream but no sound came out of my throat.

God knows how long I lay there unconscious. When my senses came back I realized that no other wave had been so great as the first and I was lucky to remain where I was.

I got up with all mud on me and slowly I looked back. The river was as calm as ever. I washed myself and reached home safe without any other adventure on the way.

P.K. Ganguly

'007'—THE SUPER-SPY

The greatest figure to hit the film-world has been James Bond. The producers of these pictures have made millions and the cinema owners where these pictures were screened have made no small fortunes. James Bond is so irresistible that there is no one under 30,

and living in a city or town, who has not heard of him.

Sean Convery, the star who plays as James Bond has set off an explosion whose vibrations are being felt all over the world. These stories are replete with fantastic schemes, mad criminals, good romance and a super-hero who, throughout the picture, does not lose his self-assurance, his confidence, his girl or the crease of his trousers. The success of James Bond can be estimated from the following figures. The first three Bond movies earned Rs.35 crores. 'Goldfinger' the third picture alone earned Rs. 21 crores in its first year of running, shattering all records. Sean Convery, the hero earns more than Rs. 50 lakhs per picture. He started his career as a chorus boy in 'South Pacific'. Even the creator of James Bond could not have visualised so great success for his hero.

Ian Flemming, the author who created James Bond was a journalist who had been in British Naval Intelligence during the war. He wrote 13 James Bond novels before his death in 1964. Till today about 35 million copies of

these novels have been sold and the books have been translated into 18 languages.

This is the story of success of 007, the code number for James Bond in his organisation. Many reasons are given for this success. One reason that makes a little sense is—"Bond films are modern fairy tales spun out of to day's headlines".

A.K. Das.

A Puzzle For My Friends

One day I found a piece of paper and the following passage was written on it:—

My father's wife my sister is;
My wife my father's sister.
My father's wife my mother is,
My father is my brother.
My sister is a sister still,
And yet she is my mother;
My husband is my father's son
And yet he is my brother.

How can this be possible? Please wait for the solution in the next issue.

I.B. Singh

Stop Press

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. G.S. Pandey, our Mathematics Master, who assisted Brothers' Club, Dehra Dun, in lifting the Shield in Doiwala Volleyball Tournament held on Sunday, 4th February, defeating the strong Hydell Roorkee Volleyball team. He was also adjudged the best player of the tournament and was awarded a special prize.

Words of Wisdom

The tendency to persevere, to persist inspite of hindrances, discouragements, and impossibilities, it is this that in all things distinguishes the strong soul from the weak.

—Carlyle.

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Between right and wrong occultism knows no compromise. At whatever apparent cost, that which is right you must do, that which is wrong you must not do, no matter what the ignorant may think or say.

—J. Krishnamurti.



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RIMCOLLIANA

Brig. V.D. Jayal has kindly presented a magnificent bell costing Rs. 1500/- to the college. We express our heartfelt gratitude to Brig. Jayal for this kind gesture and hope that the bell will regulate the college routine for many years to come.

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We are very grateful to Shri P.N. Talwar for kindly presenting a beautiful swimming cup to the college.

We hope, the cup will serve as an impetus to our cadets to maintain their high standards of performance and aspire for still higher achievements.

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We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of Old Boys' (Rimcollian) Association News-letter No. 17. We hope, it will make an interesting reading.

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College News

Cadets Satendra Singh and S.N. Shahi of Ranjit represented the College at the Inter-School Hindi Declamation Contest organized by Dehra Dun Rotary Club on the 14 inst. at St. Thomas School.

Cadet Satendra Singh stood first and Cadet S.N. Shahi fourth in the contest and they annexed the Declamation Championship Trophy for securing the overall first position.

Our hearty congratulations to both the cadets on their commendable achievement.

**CADETS R.K. Singh and S.K. Singh
DOMINATE IN THE DOON
TABLE-TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

*Doon Directors' Table-Tennis Tournament,
1967.*

Superb display by Cadets R.K. Singh and S.K. Singh highlighted the opening round of the Doon Directors' Table-

Tennis Tourney, which got off on a flying start on 7th December, 1967 at the Vidya Mandir Hall.

Dazzling and workmanlike display of R.K. Singh and S.K. Singh was, however, the piece-de-resistance of the tournament. R.K. Singh and S.K. Singh annexed the Doon Junior doubles title beating Doon Champion R.K. Tirkha and Lalit Lal of D.A.V. College in a keenly contested match.

In the juniors' singles match R.K. Singh beat Rajesh Khanna (Shiwalik Public) in straight sets 21-9, 21-18. S.K. Singh beat Sushil Wadhwa of D.A.V. College in straight game 21-13, 21-13.

*Dehra Dun District Table-Tennis Tournament,
1968.*

Cadets R.K. Singh and S.K. Singh represented the College at the Doon District Table Tennis Tournament organised by D.D.S.A. at the D.A.V. College Hall from 8th February to 11th February. In the doubles they put up a stout resistance against their opponents but failed to win the title for losing in the semi-finals.

In the men's single R.K. Singh beat Lalit Lal, Doon junior champion of the D.A.V. College in straight sets 21-19, 21-17.

R.K. Singh reached the men's semi-finals beating M.P. Singh in straight sets 21-18, 21-16.

R.K. Singh failed to annex the Men's Title when he met S.S. Bhattacharya, top seeded player (District No.1) in the men's semifinals where S.S. Bhattacharya annexed the title beating R.K. Singh with a score of 21-19, 21-13, 21-16.

Cadet R.K. Singh was adjudged the most promising player and was awarded the cup presented by Smt. Manmohan Das.

Our hearty congratulations to both the Cadets on their creditable performance.

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Our warm congratulations to Cadets Satendra Singh and S.R. Gokhale, who represented the college at the Dehra Dun Rotary Club Inter-School English Declamation Contest held at St. Thomas High School, on their securing the first position and winning the Declamation championship Trophy for the year 1968.

Individually too their performances were indeed brilliant.

Sportsfolio

R.I.M.C. vs Shyamrock

On Sunday, the 11th February the College XI played a match against a local club—Shyamrock—on the home ground. Our skipper lost the toss and we were sent in to field. The first few players of their team felt uncomfortable against our opening fast bowlers and were dismissed pretty cheaply. But their Captain put a check on the collapse and with the help of other players piled up 167 runs.

After lunch we went in to bat. Jaiswal and Ganguly opened our innings. It being Jaiswal's first appearance he proved himself an asset to the team. He played with confidence and gave a good stand to Ganguly who went ahead to score a good and solid knock of 64 runs, the maximum scored by an individual during this term so far.

On Jaiswal's dismissal, Chaudhury came in but he was unlucky to be out very early. There was a collapse after the fall of Ganguly's wicket. Nobody seemed to be able to face their bowlers. But at last P.S. Negi pulled on steadily and put an end to the fall of wickets. At the close of game, we finished up with 110 for 5. The match ended in a time draw.

—P.K.Ganguly

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R.I.M.C. vs Aryans

As usual, this year also we played against the renowned Aryans Club. This time we were determined to avenge our last defeat and so we started the game in high spirits.

Winning the toss, they decided to bat first. Lady Luck smiled at us from the very beginning. Mishra's bowling was very accurate and deadly. Every now and then we were delighted to see the

spectacular sight of stumps flying off. In all he took 5 wickets for 13 runs only. Aryans were 70 all out.

Then came our turn to bat. It was a bad start for us when the first wicket fell very early. Chaudhury and Chauhan played well in the third wicket partnership and carried the total to fifties. Then came a collapse again. Two wickets were in hand and we had about fifteen runs to score. Now the match became very exciting. Anyway, Mishra and Verma stayed on and beat the Aryan's total. After a couple of years we have won the formidable Aryans again.

—P.K.Ganguly.

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Doon School vs R.I.M.C. (Juniors)

A friendly cricket match was played between Doon School (Juniors) and R.I.M.C. (Juniors) on Sunday the 11th of Feb.

R.I.M.C. lost the toss and went in to bat under a bright sky on a true pitch. Our opening pair did a good job and rubbed the shine of the new ball. At one phase, we were 52 for 1 wkt. but then suddenly S. Misra was given leg before and the very next over saw A.K. Sinha back to the pavilion. The score now stood at 56 for 3 wkts. Then some fine batting by skipper R.S. Verma and P.P. Roy consolidated our position. K.K. Ghoshal played some bright cricket and remained top scorer with 31 to his credit. K.G. Bewoor and D. Sud scored 29 runs for a grand 10th wicket partnership. The innings terminated at 179 and K.G. Bewoor remained unbeaten with 15.

After lunch the Doon School went in to bat and started off in a bad way. At the end of the fourth over their score stood at 3 for 2 wkts., all 3 being extras. They were obviously finding difficulty in facing our fast bowlers especially S. Misra and K.K. Ghoshal. Except for two or three no one reached double figures and their last wicket fell at 74.

R.I.M.C. won the match by 105 runs.

A.K. Das, IV

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Superstitions are unreasonable and irrational beliefs. When certain happenings cannot be rationally explained, people assign mysterious and inexplicable reasons to their occurrence. For example, a man sets out at the time of sneezing, and returns with disappointment or failure in his work. If this happens twice to that man, he attributes his failure to sneezing without actually looking into the cause of his failure. He tells people that sneezing is responsible for his failure and thus the talk spreads out far and wide. Somehow or other, people begin to have faith in such things which become superstitions, and the beliefs of one generation are transmitted to the succeeding generations. Superstitions dominate even the minds of educated people. Even though the world has advanced scientifically, such beliefs and faiths based on credulity and experience have a firm grip on the minds of people all over the world. Even cultured people begin to feel that there is some power behind those portents which science or reason has not been able to explain. They do not feel the necessity of exploring scientific reasons for such happenings. People develop an unshakable faith in superstitions.

When science had not illuminated the world the growth of superstitions was relatively steady. In the ignorance and darkness of primitive people superstitions found their best germinating ground. It will be noticed that specially the more religious-minded people are very superstitious. It will also be seen that people in the East are more superstitious than those in the West. This is because we are yet backward and we do not want to part with these unnecessary beliefs just because our ancestors believed in them. Some people may really be having firm belief in some of the superstitions mentioned below while others may merely laugh at them. The choice is yours, believe them or laugh at them. Anyway, now let us take into consideration some of the innumerable superstitions which govern the minds of many people both in the East and the West.

Belief in spirits, ghosts and witches is a common superstition among almost all the peoples of the world. It is believed that spirits come out of their graves to take revenge, offer help or to guard a buried treasure. We may refer to Hamlet's father reappearing after death on the earth, in quest of revenge. The cries

of certain birds such as ravens, the hooting of the owl and the mewing of the cat are regarded as bad omens all over the world. It is believed that when comets are seen some king will die. This is a common belief and Shakespeare, who was not of one age but of all ages, gives expression to this belief in 'Julius Caesar' where he says:—

“When beggars die there are no comets seen,

The heavens themselves blaze forth the death of princes.”

Superstitions prevailing among the backward and primitive peoples appear laughable to the modern men. Deaths caused by cholera, plague and other fatal diseases were regarded by these primitive people as the result of the wrath of some gods and goddesses. In certain tribes the birth of a girl in a home was regarded as an evil event. The coming of guests was also sure to bring evil. In South Indian nomadic tribes number 'twelve' has a superstitious hold. On the twelfth day, twelve elders are invited to bless the child. At a marriage twelve relatives of the bridegroom bring the bride from her home. The marriage pandal will have twelve bamboo poles and when a tribesman dies twelve bamboos go to make the funeral pyre.

In spite of the fact that the western people have become very modern, they yet regard thirteen as an inauspicious number, find luck in a horse-shoe picked up on the highway, will not go under a ladder and take the spelling of 'salt' as a bad omen. Joan of Arc was burnt alive because people thought her to be a witch. It is in their literature that we read, "We shall have guests today, my nose itcheth so," and "By the pricking of my thumbs, Someone wicked this way comes." Even a rationalist like Swift believed that it was not good to begin a new work on Friday.

Addison in his famous essay, 'Popular Superstitions' remarks:

“I have known the shooting of a star spoil a night's rest, and have seen a man in love grow pale and lose his appetite upon the plucking of a merry thought. A screech-owl at midnight has alarmed a family more than a band of robbers, nay, the voice of a cricket has struck more terror than the roaring of a

lion. A rusty nail or a crooked pin shoot up into prodigies."

In the East, the crossing of way by a cat, meeting of a man with an empty bucket, coming an one-eyed man are supposed to be bad omens. On the other hand the meeting of a man with a bucket full of water or a water-carrier and the seeing of the magpie are good omens. Indians are superstitious about precious stones and they consider themselves lucky on certain days while other days are thought to be bad and so is sneezing at the time of departure. In China, division of the land

and falling of rice are evils. Japanese see wearing of precious ornaments with superstitious eyes. The sun, trees serpents and cows are widely worshipped.

Superstitions have caused considerable harm to human society. Their continuance would mar all social progress. The best way to remove superstitions is to educate the people. Rationalism and reasoning must take the place of blind beliefs and out-of-date traditions, and this can only sound the death-knell of superstitions.

—Satendra Singh, V-A.

SOLUTION

Two sisters were married to an elderly widower and his son respectively.

Cadet I.B. Singh

LATE NEWS

R.I.M.C. defeats St. Joseph's Academy in Juniors Cricket Match by 30 runs.

GEMS OF TRUTH

(a) 'Greatness appeals to the future. Be it how it will, do right now. Always scorn appearances and you always may. The force of character is cumulative. All the forgone days of virtue work their health into it.'

—Emerson.

(b) 'Faith is the antiseptic of the soul.....it pervades the common people and preserves them.....they never give up believing and expecting and trusting.'

—Walt Whitman.



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Rimcollian Reunion, March 1968

This year the Rimcollian Reunion was held at the College on 8th, 9th and 10th March. Old Boys reached the College on 8th and put themselves up at the Pratap Section dormitories. The arrival of ardent Rimcollians to hold the annual reunion of their alumni association on the eve of 46th anniversary of the College Founder's Day struck a note of change in the tone and atmosphere of the College on the one hand and on the other did the function characterize of the spirit of fraternity and belongingness that binds them together. In their characteristic reminiscent mood could the Rimcollians be seen busy comparing notes and making numerous indulgent allusions to the days gone by when they themselves were cadets. Remarkable indeed was the esprit de corps with which the Old Boys imbued the cloisters of their alma mater.

Soon after their arrival the Rimcollians hastened to the games field for a friendly hockey match against their present counterparts—the College XI. They won the match by 2-1, though the cadets put up a stout resistance.

In the evening the finals of the Inter-Section Boxing Competition were held in the colourful Open Air Theatre, which, packed to the capacity on the occasion was resonant with sudden outbursts of lusty cheers of the Old Boys and the cadets for the contenders of their respective sections. Pratap Section, which had already taken lead over the other Sections at the Semi-finals of Boxing Competition held on 6th, claimed the Boxing Championship Trophy and Cadets S. K. Singh (Pratap) and L. L. Singh (Shivaji) were adjudged the Best Boxer and the Best Loser respectively. The trophy and other prizes were given away by Maj. Gen. Tara Singh Bal, President Old Boys' Association. Detailed results of the Boxing Competition appear in the columns of this Chronicle. Then the Old Boys had drinks, dance and dinner in the Convocation Hall with 58 G. T. C. Band in attendance.

Next mornig after breakfast the much-awaited Cricket match between the Old Boys and the Cadets was played and the defeat of the College XI in hockey was compensated by their glorious victory over the veteran Rimcollian Cricketers including Skipper Lt. Gen. G.G. Bewoor, Col. Sabharwal, Lt. Col. Sodhi and Mr. Bikram Singh. Incidentally, it is after more than a decade that the College Cricket XI have won the match against the Old Boys. Principal S.P. Sharma gave away the coveted Cricket Trophy to Cadet Captain V.K. Chaudhary. An account of the match appears elsewhere in the Chronicle. Cricket match was followed by lunch in the garden opposite to Music Club.

In the evening a Variety Entertainment Programme comprising two one-act plays—one in English entitled 'Man In The Bowler Hat' and another in Hindi 'Lottery'—and a few items of vocal and instrumental music, was organized in the Convocation Hall. Both the plays were staged with remarkable success and the dramatis personae drew considerable applause from spectators for their creditable performances. Music items afforded ample delight to the distinguished gathering. Our warm congratulations are due to the participants and the Masters I/C who organized the programme and enabled the cadets to put up a good show on the occasion. M/s G.S. Bisht, K. Kumar, S. Bandyopadhyay and L.N. Thakur in particular took great pains to make the evening a success.

The Variety Entertainment Programme was followed by an impressive ceremony in which Brigadier V.D. Jayal, D.S.O. and Mr. P.N. Talwar, both Rimcollians, presented to the College a magnificent bell and a very beautiful Swimming Cup respectively. The function was presided over by Maj. Gen. Tara Singh Bal, President, Old Boys' Association. The presents were made to the Principal Mr. S.P. Sharma. Speaking on the occasion Brig. Jayal termed his gift as a token of his humble Gurudakshina, which he owed to his alma mater and which reminded him of the commemorative words of his Royal Highness the Prince of

Wales, who in his inaugural address expected the College to 'foster and maintain the fine old spirit of mutual reverence which bound together the Guru and the Shishya'. He hoped the bell will ring in duty, discipline and punctuality in the Cadets to shape a glorious future for themselves and their motherland.

Later at night Old Boys went to the Senior Ante-room, where a cocktail party was arranged in their honour. It was a close, hearty get-together and was marked by a singularly convivial atmosphere. Then the Rimcollian Dinner was held in the Codets' Mess to the merry tunes of the 58 G.T.C Band in attendance. At dinner, crisp and informal speeches were made by Brig. L.S. Negi, Brig. V.D. Jayal and Mr. Bikram Singh. In his speech, Mr. Bikram Singh presented in a truly witty style the profiles of almost all distinguished Rimcollians attending the Reunion. The dinner came to an end with presidential address by Maj. Gen. Tara Singh Bal, who, expressed satisfaction at the successful organization of the Rimcollian Reunion this year and the way the stay of Rimcollians at the college was made comfortable by Principal S.P. Sharma, Admin Officer and the Staff. He called upon the Rimcollians to review the progress of their Association and increase its strength by enlisting more members. Toasts were then proposed for the President.

The Reunion drew to a close on the morning of 10th March with a meeting of the General Body of Old Boys' Association in the Senior Ante-room.

Mention must be made here of the exhibitions organized by various hobby clubs in the Education Block on 10th. Our hearty congratulations to cadets and the Masters I/C whose zeal and discernment for such an artistic pageant found an eloquent expression in the exhibits put up for display on the occasion.

With the departure of Old Boys ended the Rimcollian Reunion so soon after it had started. The following Old Boys attended the Reunion:—

Maj. Gen. Tara Singh Bal (Retd), Sardar Jodh Singh, Lt. Gen. J.S. Dhillon, Lt. Gen. G.G. Bewoor, Maj. Gen. Virendera Singh, Brig. L.S. Negi, Brig. V.D. Joyal, Brig. Gambhir Singh, Brig. M.M.S. Bedi, Brig. I.J.S. Johar, Brig. N.L. Kapur, Shri N.N. Khanna, Shri Bikram Singh, Shri P.N. Talwar, Shri Amrik Singh, Shri H.S. Butalia

Shri A.S. Butalia, Shri Rajinder Singh, Col. S.C. Sabharwal, Col. Harchand Singh, Lt. Col. J.S. Khurana, Lt. Col. G.S. Sodhi, Lt. Col. B.D. Kale, Lt. Col. S.N. Gay, Maj. Onkar Singh, Maj. K.S. Kohli, Maj. R. Kapoor, Maj. N.R. Purandre, Maj. B.K. Laroia, Maj. K.C. Anand, Maj. R.K. Gulati, Capt. T.K. Bardhan, Capt. A.K. Bhaumik, Capt. D.K. Khullar, Capt. S.K. Deb, Capt. M.S. Dutta, Fg. Offr. A.G. Bewoor.

College Founder's Day.

Wed. March 13.

On the occasion of College Founder's Day, Potted Sports were organized in front of Chandragupta Section.

Cadets took part with a marked enthusiasm and strained every nerve to win the championship. Chandragupta achieved this distinction with 22 points to its credit and was closely followed by Ranjit with 19, while Shivaji and Pratap secured 15 and 14 points. The results are as follows:—

S. No.	Item	Result			
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1.	Obstacle Race	C	R	S	P
2.	Three-legged Race (Juniors)	R	S	C	P
3.	Slow Cycle Race (Seniors)	C	R	C	P
4.	Sack Race (Jr)	P	C	S	R
5.	Mad Race (Jr)	R	P	C	S
6.	Tug of War	C	S	P	R
7.	Medlay Relay Race	R	C	S	P

Sportsfolio

Inter-Section Boxing Competition.

8th March 1968

On the eve of Rimcollian Reunion the finals of the Inter-Section Boxing Competition were held in the gaily decorated Open Air Theatre.

Lt. Col. C.V. Campagnac kindly acted as Referee and Capt. A. K. Bhaumik, Capt. R.S. Bedi and Capt. T.K. Bardhan as judges of the competition. We are grateful to them.

The competition was presided over by Maj. Gen. Tara Singh Bal, President, Old boys Rimcollian Association and was witnessed by Old Boys, guests, Gentlemen Cadets (I.M.A.), our cadets and others.

This year the Pratap Section annexed the coveted Boxing Championship Cup. The trophy and prizes were given away by Maj. Gen. Bal. Our heartiest congratulations to Pratap.

Following are the results of the bouts held:—

Fight	Weight	Cadet	Result	beat	Cadet	Result
1.	Under 63 lbs	R. Mathews	(P)		S. Chandra	(R)
2.	" 70 "	S.S. Jog	(R)	" "	R.S. Bhandari	(P)
3.	" 77 "	R.K. Awasthi	(C)	" "	B.R. Bhatia	(R)
4.	" 84 "	B.D. Singh	(P)	" "	V.R. Naphade	(S)
5.	" 91 "	Y.M. Singh	(R)	" "	L.L. Singh	(S)
6.	" 98 "	W.C. Negi	(P)	" "	S.S. Hallikeri	(C)
7.	" 105 "	A.K. Yadav	(C)	" "	J.S. Mann	(P)
8.	" 112 "	S.K. Singh	II(P)	" "	K.K. Ghoshal	(S)
9.	" 119 "	B.K. Sinha	(C)	" "	D. Singh	(P)
10.	" 126 "	J.P. Mondle	(R)	" "	K. Rawat	(P)
11.	Opens	K.S. Jaiswal	(R)	" "	P.S. Gurung	(P)

PLACING

1.	Pratap	8	Points	First
2.	Ranjit	6	"	Second
3.	Chandragupta	4	"	Third
4.	Shivaji	2	"	Fourth
	Best Boxer	Cadet S.K. Singh II (Pratap)		
	Best Loser	— Cadet L.L. Singh (Shivaji)		

CRICKET MATCH

Past vs Present Cadets

On 9th March, the much awaited cricket match between the Rimcollians and the cadets was played. Lt. Gen. G.G. Bewoor, the skipper of Old Boys team and Cadet V.K. Choudhary the present Boys' skipper went in to toss. Cadet V.K. Choudhary won the toss and decided to field. The ex-cadets, encouraged by their 2-1 victory in hockey only the previous evening, were quite confident of their victory as usual. Mr. Bikram Singh and GC Ravinder Singh, the old boys' openers, started on a confident note. Cadet S. Misra and Cadet B.C. Saikia opened the bowling attack from the College side. Mr. Bikram Singh didn't last long and was clean bowled by a yorker from Cadet S. Misra. Lt. Col. Sodhi began with a majestic extra-cover drive to the boundary. Both he and Purander hit the ball really hard but seemed to be in an undue hurry to increase the score. S. Misra, bowling yorkers and out-swingers completely, beat and bowled Purander in the third over. The bowling was steady and accurate and gave nothing away. Capt. Bedi replaced Purander and broke his partnership by getting Col. Sabharwal L.B.W. A little later S. Misra produced another beautiful ball to get Maj. Laroia caught by Choudhary. It was due to the deadly bowling of S. Misra who was responsible

for taking 8 wickets for 10 runs only, in a very short time, that we won the match. Cadet S.R. Gokhale, our spin bowler, tempted Lt. Gen. G.G. Bewoor to hit a six but was caught by the bowler himself.

The umpire gave Col. Sabharwal out L.B.W. There were lots of shouts from the Old Boys 'Change the Umpire' but it was all in good humour. It was really a very interesting and enjoyable game and the struggle for a victory was really exciting. S. Misra had a rich haul and fully deserved it. B.C. Saikia too bowled very well but was rather unlucky. P.K. Ganguli, our wicket keeper did his duty well. Our opponents' bowling was more steady and accurate rather than hostile. The Old Boys were all out for 39 runs. Cadet P.K. Ganguli was the main scorer on the College side and scored 23 runs in a very short time's play and was the top scorer on both the sides. Mr. S.P. Sharma, our worthy Principal, gave away the coveted cricket trophy to Cadet Captain V.K. Choudhary. It is after more than a decade that the Present Boys have won the match against the Old Boys. Bravo, boys! Keep it up.

The Saga of Andamans

AN-DA-MANS—the very syllables perhaps fill you with a sense of awe. They bring to the mind the idea of noto-

rious Penal Settlement, Kalapani, where dreaded convicts and brave freedom fighters were sent to languish.

More than two decades after the abolition of Penal Settlements from these Islands and even after the attainment of freedom, misconception still persists among the people in India about the supposed miseries and woeful conditions prevailing there. And yet the truth is that there is nothing like these islands either in grandeur or in its incalculable patriotic associations anywhere on the Indian Mainland.

Men have probably occupied these Islands for as long as any other place on the surface of the earth. The primitive tribals such as the Onges, Jarwas, Sentinalese, Nicobarese, Andamanese and Shompens, who are strewn all over these far-flung Islands prove this theory. Some tribals are still hostile and live entirely naked in the jungles. They belong to the Negrite and Mongol racial stocks. How they came to these isolated Islands situated in the Indian Ocean and their racial origin are fascinating subjects of historical and anthropological research.

The history of the Andamans is written with the blood of our martyrs. Their sacrifice has, however, not gone in vain.

To-day, the Andaman and Nicobar Group of Islands numbering 267 has been converted into the bastion of our country's naval defence. The control over these strategically situated Islands enables India to control the entire Bay of Bengal and thousands of nautical miles deep into the Indian Ocean. The prized possession of these Islands has made the naval defence of the entire eastern coast of India impregnable. Indeed, these islands guard India's most strategic water ways in the Bay of Bengal. Ships passing in the Bay run beneath towering brows of these naval bases in the Andamans.

It is easy to visualise by a mere glance at the map that without these Islands, the naval defence of India would have been far more difficult to build and maintain and the long eastern coast would have been exposed to big threat of invasion from the sea.

This realisation has led to the development of an impregnable naval base in Andamans and an equally strong and modern airbase in Car Nicobar. Today, no enemy ship can dare to enter into the periphery of the Bay of Bengal without being trapped in the cobweb of our naval defence built around the Bay.

A formidable group of big and small masses wrenching themselves from the deep blue of the Bay of Bengal and challenging all around the surrounding Ocean, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands create a sense of awe in the minds of the enemies; fortresses of India with the Ocean surging into the great mysterious caverns, creeks and harbours.

The Islands themselves are mostly composed of coral reefs and sandstones. Geologists believe that in the remote antiquity, these Islands were part of a narrow isthmus of land running right from Indonesia, Sumatra to Arakan Yoma in Burma. A giant convulsion tore these Islands from this long chain of land as huge chunks of land went underneath the sea. To-day some of these islands are separated by hundreds of miles of blue sea.

The southern tip of the Great Nicobar Island is only 75 miles from Sumatra. A recent geographical survey has revealed that this southern tip known as Pygmalion Point is about 100 miles further south of Cape Comorin. Hence the southern extremity of India is not Cape Comorin, as popularly believed by many, but the Great Nicobar Islands. It is time that our country-men should know that India extends from Kashmir to Pygmalion Point and not merely upto Kanya Kumari as commonly said.

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands are the most priceless possession of India beyond the seas. This territory has been called by many visitors as "Miniature India" where people from all parts of the country live in peace and harmony and try to develop the economy and natural resources of the Islands. The immigrants from mainland live shoulder to shoulder with friendly tribal people. Efforts have been made in the past to develop cordial relationship with the tribal people. With growing contact with the modern world, the Nicobarese tribals numbering about 14,000 and living in the Nicobar group of islands have made great strides in their economic advancement. Today one can find Nicobarese boys and girls riding through the Circular ring-road round Car Nicobar Island on bicycles dressed in modern costumes. In contrast, the Onges in Little Andamans still preserve their simple primitive life unspoilt by civilization. They live almost stark naked and appreciate the presents given to them by Indian officials.

People in Andamans are prosperous. In Port Blair, the mainland immigrants

neatly dressed in expensive terrycots, sit in clubs, assemble in Bazars and gossip about their family and relations in the distant cities in India. They talk in an amalgam of languages like English, Hindustani, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam etc. The topics range from Parliamentary discussions in New Delhi to speculations about the fate of Ministries in the States and evince great interest in country's problems.

The Port Blair station of All India Radio plays Indian film songs every evening and relays other items from Delhi, which are avidly heard by the Islanders.

There are many public activities in Port Blair. The placid past confronts you as soon as you enter the Harbour of Port Blair. The central tower of massive monotonous Cellular Jail immediately strikes you as one of the quaint sorrowful things of the past—a tall structure in bricks and mortar which does not fit into the otherwise extraordinarily beautiful natural landscape. One is immediately reminded of the great patriots of India's fight for freedom who languished in the Cells of this monstrous jail. The monotony disappears as you cast your eyes around and you are struck by the unsurpassed beauty of the blue sea around the Harbour, in the background of deep green natural vegetations over the rising hills at a distance.

In the Harbour lie grey naval vessels, patrol boats and white merchant ships of the coastal and inter-island shipping services. Guests are often entertained on the decks of naval vessels visiting the Harbour off and on.

Port Blair shakes colour at you and in confusing contrasts. The colour is striking in the green tropical trees, in the blue sea, in the flowers, in the uniforms of the defence personnel and in the multi-coloured painted wooden houses. The immediate confusion is one of proportions. Small motor launches by the side of giant vessels, tiny house along narrow streets that seem to be built to Lilliputian scale flanked by massive hills. The tiny Chatham island, upon which the biggest saw-mill of Asia is situated and where the coastal ships anchor along side the jetty is connected with Port Blair by a neatly built like wooden bridge over the narrow strait. A little away at the mouth of the harbour is the Ross Island, over which the Chief Commissioner used to live in the olden days and which has now been deserted. There is a sort of Alice-in-wonderland quality in the existence in Port Blair.

At first glance several worlds appear to have left their fragments in an impossible amalgam. In the sophisticated Andaman club one can see the walls decorated with the cap ribbons of many British and Indian War-ships of modern times. All over the island, spotted deer introduced not long ago provide a rich opportunity for games.

Along the crowded narrow main street in Aberdeen Bazar, the shops are piled high with stocks of foodstuffs, clothes and consumer goods. There is no bread-queue and no black-market to torment the housewife. Occasionally items may become scarce if the arrival of coastal vessel bringing supplies is delayed, but people take such temporary shortage in a sporting spirit.

From Aberdeen Bazar in Port Blair, you can drive along the zig-zag Marine Drive for a most enjoyable motoring experience. Occasionally in high tides the waves may spill over the road and you must be careful not to be drenched by the incoming breakers. About 2 miles of drive further south along the Marine Drive will take you to Corbyn's Cove, which looks like a scented paradise of hanging coconuts with the air thick with the smell of sea. There is beautiful sea-beach on Corbyn's Cove where holiday bathers assemble and enjoy sea-bath and coconut drinks and also refreshments in the Rest House over the adjoining hill.

Here in Port Blair live the Chief Commissioner, the Naval Commander, the Senior Administrators, the rich merchants and professional men. There are no beggars or destitutes in the streets and no placards in Bank counters warning you against pick pockets.

It has been aptly stated by Veer Savarkar in one of his works that there are some parts of the globe which have got geography but no history, and Andamans is one of them. Yet whatever history Andamans has got, is of great interest. The first attempt at settlement in Andamans was made less than 200 years ago. The old settlement in Andamans was established by the well-known Marine Surveyor Archibald Blair in 1789. It was established under Lord Cornwallis, Governor General, originally to put down piracy and murder of ship-wrecked crews. The convicts were sent incidentally from India to help in its development just as they were sent to Penang, Malacca, Singapore, etc. Archibald Blair established this settlement in what he named Port Cornwallis (now Port Blair). But on the advice of Commander Cornwallis, brother of Governor

General, the site was changed for strategic reasons to the spot in North-east Harbour now known as Port Cornwallis. This proved a failure and many convicts died of sickness. Hence the settlement was abandoned in 1796. For more than 60 years the island remained un-occupied by Indian Government. Then came India's first battle of freedom in 1857, which the British called the Indian Mutiny. In 1858 the Penal Settlement was formed to segregate the large number of persons of the Mutiny and also to establish civilised population in Andaman to prevent murder of mariners when sailing ships were wrecked.

The life of the prisoners in Andamans was at first very hard and they were subjected to most inhuman tortures. There was great uproar in India when reports reached people about the miserable conditions of the convicts in Andamans. The British Government gradually took some steps to bring about reforms in the treatment of convicts. The Viceroy Lord Mayo took great personal interest in the settlement. In 1872 Lord Mayo visited the islands and was murdered by a convict at Hope Town jetty at the foot of Mount Harriet on 8.2.1872—an event which made these islands famous in Indian History.

The Japanese occupied these islands in 1942 during the World War II and remained in occupation till the end of the War. After the war ended, the British Government reoccupied the islands in 1945 and the Penal Settlement was abolished. Many thousands of prisoners were allowed to return to mainland. But many of them again came back and made Andamans their home along with thousands of other convicts and descendants of convicts.

During the occupation of these islands by Japanese between March 1942 to October 1945, the people in the islands suffered great privations. There was shortage of food—because only little stores could be brought in due to allied blockage and even these only in submarines. The allies landed commandoes by submarines in Andamans and the Japanese came to know of their presence but they never succeeded in capturing the men. In order to extract information about these spies, the Japanese inflicted severe and prolonged torture to many people especially those who knew English. As a result of these tortures many men and women and children died. When

food was running short the Japanese Commander decided to take drastic steps. Hundreds of people were shot and many were drowned into the sea. By these and other methods the population of Andamans was reduced by about 3000 during the three and half years of Japanese occupation of these islands.

There was never any real fight with the Japanese force. On 23.12.1942 the Japanese occupation army marched into these islands and took possession without firing a single shot. The British Government thinking that they would not be able to hold the islands had started evacuation in 1941. When the Japanese occupation army came, the Chief Commissioner Mr. Water-fall along with other Europeans and Anglo Indians was taken prisoner-of-war. A few days later Mr. A.G. Bird, Secretary to the Chief Commissioner was publicly beheaded by the Japanese.

During the occupation period Japanese concentrated on building defence installations including gun-emplacements, look-out posts, coastal roads and also the air fields at Port Blair and Car Nicobar. These air-fields have been improved and are still in use. The Japanese surrender on 16.8.1945 marked the end of Japanese rule in these islands and the beginning of a new chapter in the history of Andamans. The Penal Settlement was abolished. Independence came in 1947 and since then great strides have been taken in the development of these islands.

These picturesque islands now lie in repose under the glorious Southern Sun. To-day tourists in India stroll through the sea-side roads to get some of the finest views that the Bay of Bengal offers. Children frolic in the Japanese pill-boxes now lying deserted on the shores. The Government have built a beautiful Tourist Home and Guest Houses luxuriously furnished commanding excellent view of the sea and hills for the convenience of tourists.

To-day the 75,000 inhabitants of Andaman and Nicobar Islands feel that they are Indians first and Indians last—the barrier of sea notwithstanding. One thing is certain: these far-flung islands majestically watching the eastern entrance of the Bay of Bengal will stand for ever as solid integral part of India and the tri-colour proudly flying over the Pygmalion Point will announce to all ships in the Indian Ocean that the Indian territory is in sight.

Cadet V.K. Chaudhary.



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We express our deep sense of gratitude to Maj. Gen. Tara Singh Bal (Retd.), President, Old Boys' Rimcollian Association, for his D.O. No. 02273/Rimcollian/Org. 1 (Pers) dated 13th April '68, in which he has kindly appreciated the successful organization of the Founder's Day Celebrations held this year in March and lauded the old standards and traditions being zealously maintained at the College.

The letter in original appears in the columns of this Chronicle.

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College News

Principal and Mrs. S.P. Sharma gave an 'At Home' to the entire Teaching, Administrative and Office Staff of the College at his residence on the occasion of their younger son Manu's 'Yagopaveet' ceremony.

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Our heartiest congratulations to Shri R.C. Chaturvedi on his marriage with ARUNA. We wish Shri and Shrimati Chaturvedi a very happy married life and all the best.

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Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. G.S. Pandey on their being blessed with a son.

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Mr. Randhir Singh, Manual Training Assistant has left the College to join Dagshai Public School, Dagshai (Simla Hills) as Craft Master.

We miss him much and wish him all success and luck in his career.

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Hearty congratulations to the following cadets on the award of College Blues to them in Cricket:

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| 1. V.K. Chaudhary (Pratap) | } Full Blues |
| 2. B.C. Saikia (Shivaji) | |
| 3. P.K. Ganguly (Chandragupta) | |
| 4. Suman Misra (Ranjit) | } Half Blues |
| 5. R.S. Verma (Ranjit) | |
| 6. K.G. Bewoor (Shivaji) | |

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Congratulations to Cadet K.G. Bewoor on his appointment as Cadet N.C.O. of the Shivaji Section with effect from 10th April.

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World Health Day was observed at the College on 7th April.

Besides a drive for the thorough cleanliness of the College Campus, lectures on 'Health in the World of Tomorrow' were delivered by our Ground Superintendent Mr. H.S. Bisht and Matron Miss V. Seth to Class IV employees and their families respectively.

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Mr. S. Bandyopadhyay, Master in English, has joined D.M. College, Imphal (Assam) as Lecturer in English after serving this institution for more than three years.

We miss Mr. and Mrs. Bandyopadhyay very much and wish them the best of luck for all time to come.

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Sportsfolio

The Inter-Section Squad Drill Competition was held on 11th April at the College Parade Ground.

Following are the results:

Section	Points	Points for	Sec. Place
1. Shivaji	629	7	} First
2. Ranjit	629	7	
3. Pratap	620	4	Third
4. Chandragupta	563	2	Fourth

Best Commander—Sec. Comdr. K.S. Jaiswal (Ranjit)

Correspondence

(a) (Following is an extract from our Ex-Cadet Maj. Fateh Singh Thopte's letter to the Principal from Canadian Army Staff College, Ontario Canada, where he is receiving higher training. Ed).

My dear Sir,

I sincerely hope that this letter of mine will be a pleasant surprise to you. I have been wanting to write to you since I was selected for the foreign Staff College in Aug. 67. The last time we met when I was preparing for this exam at the school. I must say it was a great help. I reported here on 25th of August and the duration of the course is till 12 July 1968. I hope to be back in Delhi by end of July 1968. You will be glad to know that I am doing well in the course and also enjoying my stay here.

I am earmarking my second son to join RMIC in his turn.

Recently, you must have been busy with the founder's day and re-union of the old boys. I am planning to be there for the next re-union. I will be missing you all on the 13th and 14th. Please accept my best wishes.

How are Mrs. Sharma and the children?

With best wishes and regards.

Yours sincerely,
Fateh Singh Thopte

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(b) (P.R. John, City Editor, Malayala Manorama, Trivandrum-1)

My dear Mr. Sharma,

I thank you for the copy of the results of the I.S.C. Examination held in Dec. 1967 and for your kind letter of congratulations for my son Mohan John for his performance in the I.S.C. Examination.

His parents are immensely thankful to you and to the members of your staff for the excellent coaching and guidance given to him at the R.I.M.C.

With best regards.

Your sincerely
P.R. John

(Besides securing a First Grade in the I.S.C. Examination with VG in two subjects and credit in other four, cadet M. John stood First in the all India Merit List for admission to the N.D.A. 39th Course. Ed.)

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Copy of letter No. 02273/RIM-COLLIAN/Org 1. (Pers) dated 13 Apr. '68 from Maj. Gen. Tara Singh Bal (Retd.), President, RIMC Old Boys' Association.

My dear Mr. Principal,

I am writing this to thank you on behalf of all the Old Boys and on my own self who attended the Founder's Day celebrations and Re-union recently for a most wonderful and enjoyable stay that we had in the RIMC.

It is always a great pleasure to visit the old school and to see that it has not lost any of its old lustre and charm. I was very happy to see the old standards being maintained and the cadets looking so full of spirit and cheer. We were specially impressed with the Boxing which was very good and highly appreciated by everyone present. The Variety Show was also very good and liked by all present. I am fully aware of the efforts involved in the preparations of these celebrations and I wish to congratulate you and through you, your staff in making such excellent arrangements in every respect.

Please convey my appreciation and thanks to all your staff for the trouble taken by them in making our stay so enjoyable and the celebrations such a success.

With warm regards.

Yours sincerely,
Tara Singh Bal

WILD LIFE IN INDIA

* Like all other countries, India is also rich in her wild life. I don't say that wild life in India is as rich as that of many countries in Africa, yet the forests in India have very beautiful species of birds and beasts.

There are above 70 game sanctuaries, 40 national parks, and many forests in India. These forests are the homes of very beautiful species of birds, beasts and reptiles.

On the Nilgiri Hills the most famous is Nilgiri bison. A Nilgiri bull measures 6'-5" up to shoulder level. The Indian bison (Nilgiri bison is also included) or Gaur is the largest specimen of bison in the world. Black bucks are found in hordes in the plain areas in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. Tigers are

one of the main attractions of the forests in India. They are generally found throughout India excepting desert areas. There are also other carnivorous animals like panther, spotted leopard, Lynx, caracal, snow leopard and various jungle cats. Both the Asian species of Rhinoceros, i.e., Burmese species and Malayan species are found on the hills of India.

The banting is found in Manipur. The Tahr is a strange goat-like beast found on the Nilgiri hills. Pangolin is a strange mammal found mostly in Assam. The wild boar is an animal very common in India. Himalayan regions form a very good place for wild life. Many strange and common beasts like goral, serow, markhor, takin, Himalayan stag, panda and martin are found. Martin is a small curious looking mammal with a light brown coloured coat. Sambhur is found in many places in India. In spite of these mammals there are various kinds of birds and reptiles. There are many kinds of pheasants with beautiful spots on their bodies. Jungle fowl, babbler, bulbul, thrush, peacock are other wonderful gifts from God. Many kinds of duck, swan, cormorant crane and many other kinds of water birds are seen in our pools daily from morning till evening. Among the reptiles there are many crocodiles seen in the rivers; there are also innumerable types of poisonous and non-poisonous snakes. The forests become noisy with the chattering of various kinds of monkeys and lungurs.

The wild life is now at its wits end. Even fifteen years ago one could always find many animals on taking a walk through any forest. Hunting leopard or cheetah has completely disappeared from India. The thamin deer found in Manipur has become rare. The rhesus monkeys are seen very seldom and the great common crane is in danger. India has lost so far four species of birds and only cheetah among the mammals.

Lions, found only in the Giri forests, came down to eighty. Now, of course, the number has gone up to three hundred. So it is up to the Government and the citizens of India to save the wild life, which once extinct cannot be created again. It is a pity that most of the Indians do not take much interest in wild life. Most of the people do not even know the difference between panther and cheetah, antelope and deer, crocodile and alligator. Zoo gardens are the places where wild life can be studied by every-

one. But people go to the zoo for spending a holiday or playing games instead of knowing something about wild life.

—S.R. Banerjee.

It Happened Just That Way

The Section matches were on. It was the match between 'Pratap' and 'Chandragupta'—a very exciting one. Pratap Section was 157 all out, and counting the first innings lead, gave Chandragupta a lead of some 163 runs. But Chandragupta's openers seemed capable of accepting the challenge. They went on steadily to a score of 50 for no loss. This was too much for Mr. Singhal. He applied a bit of magic that he knew and soon Chandragupta was 53 for 1.

Next batsman was A.S. Panwar. He delighted the spectators with two consecutive boundaries. Mr. Singhal was irritated once more, and crossing two sticks, he cursed the batsmen. But Mr. Wanchoo was no less. He quickly gathered two more sticks, longer than Mr. Singhal's and crossing them the other way round tried to neutralize the effect of Mr. Singhal's curse.

In the meantime bees who had heard from someone of Panwar's excellent performance came running to watch it. But on the way itself, they saw both the Section Masters trying to excel each other in black magic and came down to watch the fun. Unluckily their presence was not at all appreciated by Mr. Bisht and he proved to us that he could still run by doing a 100 metres sprint in 10 seconds. Mr. Singhal and Mr. Wanchoo also disliked the company of the bees and tried to drive them away. This made the bees very uncomfortable and they in return took the initiative of driving away the Section Masters instead. The doctor sat still all this time watching the fun. He thought that the bees would recognise him and leave him alone. But the battle moved him and as a peace loving fellow he thought it was his duty to hold out the olive branch. He looked around and finding no olive branch around took out his coat and stepped into the thick of the battle on his red cross peace mission. But the wretched bees took him for another enemy and in no time he was surrounded by thousands of them. After a long desperate

fight the three fighting generals retreated bravely into the Pratap Section dormitory.

The next target of the bees was the players. But they were wise enough. They saved themselves by going to sleep on the field itself.

By this time the news of the battle spread throughout, both the cadets and bees came to know of it. Many of the cadets fought bravely with blankets, bed-sheets and pillows. Hours later the battle ended with victory to ever victorious Rimcollians.

P.K. Ganguly, V-A.

LATE NEWS

Farewell parties were organized by the Cadets, Members of the Staff and Office Staff on 10th, 11th and 14th instant respectively to give a hearty send off to our worthy Principal, Shri S.P. Sharma and Mrs. Sharma on his leave preparatory to retirement after rendering meritorious services to the College for 19 years in various important capacities such as Senior Master, Section Master and, for 7 years, as Principal and thereby making his significant contribution to the growth and expansion of the institution in diverse fields of activity.

On these occasions his tireless, dedicated endeavours to lead the institution

to ever greater heights were gratefully lauded and his dynamic role in and enduring impact on the corporate life at the College immensely appreciated.

Sincere prayers and best wishes were made for all health, happiness, prosperity and long life to Principal and Mrs. S.P. Sharma.

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Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. R.C. Singhal, Vice-Principal, on taking over as Officiating Principal of the College. We hope, the institution will receive a lot of benefit by his mellow experience and competent leadership.

STOP PRESS

Members of the R.I.M.C. Staff Club made a present to the out-going Principal Shri S.P. Sharma at a simple, yet impressive ceremony in the Staff Room on Thursday, 16th May.



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Lt. Col. H.K.L. JOHAR

Our New Principal—Lieutenant Colonel H.K.L. JOHAR, A.E.C.

We extend our heartiest welcome to Lt. Col. H.K.L. JOHAR, A.E.C., as our worthy Principal.

A fine gentleman of 43, Lt. Col. Johar has to his credit a brilliant record of service. Besides being imbued with an abiding interest in education, its patterns and problems, Col. Johar is, to a remarkable degree, a pragmatist who values things in education in relation to their practical usefulness and direct bearing on life. He has a forward looking mind which he unites with ripe experience and real understanding and from the very start he has made the need of a purposeful reorientation of our syllabi felt at the College. It is difficult to predict the plans that he has to pitch up our academic standards to cope with the modern situations, but we hope the

College will benefit immensely by his quiet, confident guidance.

Col. Johar's gentle disposition and suave, genial attitude towards all, has even in such a short time, earned him the respect and confidence of the staff and cadets.

Varied as his interests are, they include diverse pursuits such as Hockey, Tennis, Squash, Golf and Photography.

It will not be out of place here to say a few words about the career of Col. Johar. Commissioned into the Regiment of Artillery in March 1949, he got himself transferred to Army Educational Corps after 5½ years. He has been an instructor at the Army Educational Corps Training College, Panchmarhi and the Indian Military Academy, Dehra Dun. He is the first AEC officer to qualify in the Defence Services Staff College Course in 1959-60. Thereafter, he was posted as a Staff Officer to a Division in Nagaland.

In 1962 he was selected to proceed to Congo, where he served with the Indian Brigade Group. On his return from Congo he served for two years at Jabalpur and another two years in a Corps Headquarters in the field. He then became the Principal of the Military School, Bangalore, where he served in this capacity for more than six months. It is from Bangalore that he has come to us as Principal, Rashtriya Indian Military College.

With these words we welcome him to this great institution and hope that he will find his stay here pleasant.

COLLEGE NEWS

We welcome Mr. M.P. Mahrotra, Master in Mathematics, back to our academic family. Mr. Mahrotra who had joined the Central School of National Defence Academy, Kharakvasla, as its Principal two years back, chose to return to his parent office after completing his tenure there.

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We welcome Messrs P.C. Sharma, Master in Geography and Bahadur Singh Rajput, Master in Chemistry, to our fold and hope that they will find their stay at the College pleasant and rewarding.

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We welcome Mr. N.P. Shukla, Master in English, to our fold and wish him a happy stay at the College.

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We welcome Subedar Behari Lal as the Head Clerk of our College. We hope he will enjoy his stay at the College.

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The following members of the Staff left us to undertake the assignments mentioned against their names. We miss them very much and wish them and their families the best of luck in their respective careers.

(a) Mr. S.R. Jaiswal, Master in Geography and for three years the Temporary Section Master of Chandragupta Section, has joined the Central School of Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, as its Principal.

(b) Mr. L.S. Bopara, Master in History, has joined the Central School, Jullundur Cantt. as Principal.

(c) Mr. Lal Singh, Master in Chemistry, has chosen to return to his parent office, Yadvendra Public School, Patiala after serving this College for about a year.

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Mr. A.K. Kapuria, Temporary Master in Mathematics, has left the College after completing his tenure of service for one academic term.

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The English film 'Snows of Kilimanjaro' was screened in the Convocation Hall at 1830 hrs. on the 10th August.

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Cadets enjoyed the film 'The Bridge on the river Kwai' at the ODEON on 16th and 17th instt. under the College arrangements.

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Our heartiest Congratulations to Cadets S.P. Ojha and H.M. Hariram on their brilliant success at the 9th Adventure Course of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling.

Both of them, who attended the Course from 27th May to 16th June 1968, have not only secured Grade 'A' but have also earned excellent reports from the Principal of the Institute on their individual performances.

Well done boys ! Keep it up.

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It is on a characteristic, spontaneous note that the cloisters of this institution, which, for a couple of months looked like a hive without bees, have once again throbbed into life. A surge of activity has come over the passive quiet of the place and the arrival of its ardent inmates has invested the entire atmosphere with a peculiar gaiety, warmth and genial excitement.

Our cadets, who have presumably had enough of enjoyable summer vacation and are now back to their work and their younger counterparts, who have joined the College this term, are all seen busy getting closer into 'delicate fellowship'. The assortment of new cadets, who have been drawn from the length and breadth of the country, has added yet another dimension to the truly national character of the College, which embodies in the real sense of the term 'unity in diversity'.

Besides laying special stress on बल (strength) and विवेक (wisdom) which form its motto, the College stands to impart not only wholesome education for the integrated development of cadets' personality but also aims at inculcating in them those essential ideals and objectives, which are consistent with a successful career for youngmen in the Indian Armed Forces. As a premier military institution, it is equally important for it to foster in its cadets all those rich and time-honoured traditions, which constitute its reputation and bind its alumni so closely together by inspiring in them *esprit de corps*.

It therefore, behoves us to strive cheerfully to make our institution grow from strength to strength.

With these words we welcome the cadets back to their Alma Mater and hope that they will devote themselves to their studies with renewed zeal and dedication.

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Our congratulations to Section Commanders K.S. Jaswal and C.S. Thapa of the Ranjit and Pratap Sections respectively on their appointment, in turn, as Cadet Captain of the College.

Cadet Captain K.S. Jaswal, who has recently passed on his tabs to his successor, C.S. Thapa, did a good job

and we hope the latter will also rise to the occasion to accomplish the task entrusted to him.

Our congratulations to those cadets also who have been nominated as Section Appointments. We hope they will shoulder their responsibilities and discharge their duties well.

NEW CADETS

S.No.	Name of Cadet	Height	Section	State
1.	Deepak Sharma	4' 6½"	Shivaji	Uttar Pradesh
2.	Rinchen Wangdi	4' 7"	Pratap	West Bengal
3.	J. Shankar Lingan	4' 6"	Pratap	Madras
4.	N.K. Baruah	4' 11"	Pratap	Assam
5.	K.P.K. Kumar	4' 2"	C. Gupta	Kerala
6.	R.S. Hundal	4' 4"	C. Gupta	Punjab
7.	Sunil Mehta	4' 2"	Shivaji	Rajasthan
8.	K.M. Balsara	4' 2"	Shivaji	Maharashtra
9.	S.M. Singh	5' 5"	Shivaji	Manipur
10.	A.K. Sharma	4' 9"	Shivaji	Uttar Pradesh
11.	R.S. Sekhon	4' 11"	C. Gupta	Gujarat
12.	R.S. Sethi	4' 7"	Ranjit	Uttar Pradesh
13.	I. Narayan	4' 6½"	Ranjit	Bihar
14.	Hage Khoda	5'	C. Gupta	NEFA
15.	Dharamvir Singh	4' 9"	Shivaji	Harayana

Sportsfolio

*Cadets C.R.K. Singh and S.K. Singh
Highlight at the Ordnance Factory
T.T. Championships.*

The Apprentices and Ex-apprentices of the Ordnance Factory annually sponsor a Table Tennis Tournament open to all local clubs. This year about a dozen teams participated in the championships held in the Ordnance Club at Raipur.

The R.I.M.C. team represented by Skipper Cadet C.R.K. Singh & co-player S.K. Singh went a long way in eliminating Bhanga Bharati, Tarun Sangha and Juniors' Club and qualified to meet D.A.V. (B) in the finals of the tournament which runs on a knock-out basis.

Cadet C.R.K. Singh played the first match against Ajit Lal, the skipper of D.A.V. (B), who is the third seeded player in Dehra Dun District. Ajit Lal, a veteran, was expected to win in straight games but C.R.K. Singh made it tough-going and although he lost, he extended Ajit Lal to three games—14-21, 21-7, 12-21. Datta, another veteran of D.A.V. (B), then faced S.K. Singh. The game between S.K. Singh and Dutta was

fast-moving and S.K. Singh could not stand against Datta's might 17-21, 11-21.

The doubles between C.R.K. Singh and S.K. Singh of R.I.M.C. vs. Kaul and Datta of D.A.V. (B) was a spectacular match in which the two youngsters of R.I.M.C. beat D.A.V. (B) in straight games 21-19, 21-14.

The reverse singles between S.K. Singh and Ajit Lal was a David-Goliath affair in which S.K. Singh shattered Ajit Lal to 21-11, 15-21 and 21-17. The spectators were all praise for S.K. Singh who, with his superior style and patience, won the glory not only for himself but also for his institution. The next game was to decide the winners and C.R.K. Singh who was already exhausted set about to face Datta. C.R.K. Singh played with confidence and won the first game but suddenly Datta rose to take the next two games and thus carry off the championship with R.I.M.C. as close Runners-up. C.R.K. Singh lost 21-16, 14-21, 15-21.

Our congratulations to Cadets C.R. K. Singh (Chandragupta) and S.K. Singh (Pratap) on their dazzling and scintillating performance.

—A.K. Das, (Diploma)

A LETTER FROM MARS

Cadet Harimohan Hariram (N.D.A)

(Mars is, scientifically speaking, one of our next door neighbours. Here is a highly imaginary account of the life on Mars.—Ed.)

My dearest friend,

I thank you very much for your kind letter. You know well that I come here on Mars for my higher education. I will return only after completing my course here which will take some years. As you are eager to know about the life on Mars, I shall try to give you a short account of it.

The super beings of Mars are called Martians and their religion is Martianism. They believe in one God, in one race and in one tongue. They do not use C.G.S. or the greenwich-standard time.

Education is one of the important items of their life and its rules are very strict and the punishment severe. If a Martian student is found taking part in "Gherao" or "Dharna" he is immediately caught and transported to Pluto for proper 'formation' of his body and mind. They want their students to complete their study first and perfect themselves for any activity outside school.

Scientifically the Martians are far more advanced than human beings. If the increase of population startles the human world, it is the day by day discovery that startles the Martian world. A few years ago a great Martian scientist invented an instrument known as "Mentaloscope" with which one can observe any secret clearly from any corner of the universe. Thus they have now found out a set of tiny

creatures on earth who are the source of the world troubles. They are taking preventive measures to put a stop to these world troubles under their "three years plan".

In one respect the Martians are like human beings. They utilize scientific 'discoveries sometimes for political purposes. The "Mentaloscope" has already helped them to see that the human beings are going to conquer the Moon by 1980 if not by 1970. This fact irritates the Martians, so they have decided to invade the earth at least one day earlier. With this aim, the Martians have started to send down spies towards the earth in flying saucers. Some of these spies disguised themselves as 'Yathis' have already fixed their positions on the "Roof of the world" as well as on the Himalayan tops, carefully watching all round, and communicating the information to the Martians and awaiting further orders from above. Some are skillfully working there on the earth disunity among the human beings. Men are persuaded to have special language for each house.

In this letter I am not able to describe all things in detail. There are many a secret which I fear I cannot include in this account. Please excuse me. I shall tell you everything in detail when I meet you next.

Here I am doing well. Please convey my best regards and wishes to your kith and kin.

Wishing you all happiness.

Yours very Sincerely,
M.T. XLNC, I.C.A.B

COLLEGE NEWS

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. G.S. Pandey, Master in Mathematics, on his successful completion of All India Science Summer Institute Course in Mathematics held at Jadavpur University, Calcutta where he won many friends and admirers.

The Course was sponsored by U.G.C. and was attended by teachers from various parts of the Country.



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COLLEGE NEWS

We place on record our sense of appreciation on the meritorious services rendered to the College by Subedar P.L. Bajaj, Head Clerk, who has recently retired after serving the institution for about two years.

We wish Mr. Bajaj and his family all the best.

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Our warm congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. M.P. Mahrotra on their obtaining Master's and Bachelor's degree in Education—M.Ed. and B Ed—respectively from Poona University. They completed their courses of study, when Mr. Mahrotra was the Principal of Central School, N.D.A., Kharakvasla.

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Our hearty congratulations to Mr. V.G. Nene, Master in Physics, on his successful completion of All India Science Summer Institute Course in Physics held at the Doon School. It afforded him an opportunity to get closely associated with persons engaged in promoting the latest techniques of Science teaching.

The Course was sponsored by U.G.C. and it drew Science teachers from various parts of the country.

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We welcome Nb/Sub R.S. Ghale, as our new NSQM and wish him a happy stay at the College.

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The English film "Seven Days From the Sun Down" was screened in the Convocation Hall at 1830 hrs.

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Mrs. Thakur Das, accompanied by three other members of the Ladies' Welfare Society, Cheshire Home, Dehra Dun, addressed the cadets at the Assembly held in the Convocation Hall. She told the cadets about the genesis and growth of the institution as well as the work being done by it. As a gesture the cadets donated on their own to the Home.

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Our heartiest congratulations to cadets C.R.K. Singh (Chandragupta) and S.K. Singh (Pratap) on their winning the juniors Singles, Doubles and opens Lucky Doubles in Table Tennis at the Lawrence Club, Table Tennis Tournaments, 1968.

Bravo Youngsters! Keep it up.

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Brain Trust

Under the auspices of the Current Affairs Association of the College a Brain Trust was held in the Convocation Hall at 1900 hrs. The following cadets formed the Board:—

Cadet Captain P.K. Ganguli—Chairman	
Section Comdr. K.S. Jaiswal—Member	
NCO	Satendra Singh „
„	J.P. Mondle „
„	U.N. Chitnavis „
„	P.P. Roy „
„	V. Sagar „
„	Y.S. Das „
„	A.K. Naik „

Amidst a volley of questions which covered a prodigious variety of topics under the sun, the 'brains' rose equal to the task and answered almost all questions to the general satisfaction

of audience. As was expected, the questioners had aroused a lot of interest, which was however, ably sustained by the wit and play on words displayed by the 'brains'. Though some interpretations were debatable, a general consensus of views was arrived at in most of the cases.

The credit of a successful organisation of Brain Trust goes to the Current Affairs Association and we will be failing in our duty if don't extend our hearty congratulations to Mr. J.N. Wanchoo, and all the cadet-participants. We hope, the cadets will keep up the spirit of intelligent interrogation and readiness of speech in answering questions put to them.

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The Principal has been pleased to appoint Cadets P.K. Ganguly (c) and Satendra Singh (R) as members of the Editorial Board of the Chronicle.

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Cadets Satendra Singh and P.K. Ganguly represented the College at the All-India Inter-School English Debate sponsored by the Interact Club of the Delhi Public School.

The debate was held at the Delhi Public School on 10th September. It was a keenly-contested debate and our cadets did well.

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Our hearty congratulations to Section Commander P.K. Ganguly of Chandragupta Section on his appointment as Cadet Captain of the College.

We hope Cadet Captain Ganguly will conduct himself suitably unto the position he has attained.

Cadet Captain C.S. Thapa (Pratap), who handed over to Ganguly, acquitted himself well.

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Three of our cadets K. A.K. Singh (Athletics), P.S. Negi (Cricket) and W.M. Singh (Hockey) attended the summer coaching camp of the Uttar

Pradesh Sports Council held in the Doon School from 4th June to 25th June 1968. All the three gave good account of themselves and were awarded certificates of merit. Cadet K.A.K. Singh distinguished himself by his creditable performance while P.S. Negi was adjudged as one of the best batsmen. Our congratulations to these cadets.

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Inter-Class Seniors' English Debate

Under the aegis of the English Literary Society, the Inter-class Seniors' English Debate was held in the Convocation Hall at 1900 hrs. The topic of the debate was "The House Believes that Parents and Teachers are too strict with their children".

Class IIIA and above, that is IIIA, IV, IVA, NDA Class and V (I.S.C.) participated in the debate. Lt.-Col. H.K.L. Johar, Mr. R.C. Singhal and Mr. J.N. Wanchoo kindly acted as judges of the evening. We are grateful to them.

The following cadets represented their respective classes:

President — Cadet Captain P.K. Ganguly
Secretary — Cadet NCO Satendra Singh

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| 1. Cadet C. Venkataramany (A) | } | IIIA |
| 2. „ Manvendra Singh (F) | | |
| 3. „ A.K. Singh II (A) | } | IV |
| 4. „ B.R. Bhatia (F) | | |
| 5. „ P.S. Negi (A) | } | IVA |
| 6. „ A.K. Das (F) | | |
| 7. „ H.M.H. Ram (A) | } | NDA Class |
| 8. „ P.S. Nagesh (F) | | |
| 9. „ K.S. Jaswal (A) | } | V (I.S.C.) |
| 10. „ Satendra Singh (F) | | |

(a) Team Positions

1. Class V (I.S.C.) 208 Points First
2. Class IVA (Diploma) 200 „ Second

(b) Individual Positions

1. Cadet NCO Satendra Singh (I.S.C.) 112 First
2. Cadet A.K. Das (Diploma) } 100
3. Cadet P.S. Negi (Diploma) } 100 Second

Dwelling upon the topic, our worthy Principal H.K.L. Johar, at the close of the debate, told that he did not approve of the extreme view, that is, the excess of both leniency and strictness is baneful to true education. He concluded that

'just strictness' on the part of parents and teachers is essential for making their children worthy citizens and advised the audience against making too much of individual interpretations. He counselled a dispassionate appraisal of the topic and thereby reach a tenable conclusion.

Sportsfolio

R.I.M.C. vs CAMBRIAN HALL

It was a sunny day when the match started. R.I.M.C. seemed to be in full confidence of winning over their opponents, but their hopes began to dwindle when the opponents scored the first two goals consecutively. Undeterred by the onslaughts of the rival team our players rose equal to the task, but could not succeed in the first half.

Then came the first goal from our side through a corner kick by skipper B.K. Sinha, and the spectators had not to wait for long when another goal was scored by a marvellous penalty kick by R.S. Verma. Soon after came yet another goal by R.S. Verma putting R.I.M.C. up by one goal. Pradeep Mala of Cambrian Hall played a worth mentioning game and so did cadets L T. Singh and K.A.K. Singh.

R.I.M.C. vs Doon School (Srs) Home won 4-1

R.I.M.C. played a friendly football match against the Doon School on Thursday, the 5th of September. We kicked off amidst loud cheering. The first few minutes saw a balanced play with each team trying to draw the first blood. A beautiful shot by R.S. Verma found its mark. Then it was skipper B.K. Sinha who increased the lead with a lofty corner shot, which swung into the goal.

After the breather R.I.M.C. played with a renewed vigour and made full use of their stamina. A handball on the part of a Doon School defender awarded us with a penalty kick which unfortunately we failed to make use of. Soon after, another penalty kick followed and

S.K. Singh made no mistake about it. Doon School, now in a bid to minimize the lead, suddenly burst forth and a high kick completely beat our custodian Negi. (3-1). In the dying minutes of the game a pass from A.K Sinha found R.S. Verma in possession of the ball who sprinted down the gallery to complete the tally (4-1).

A.K. Das (Diploma)

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Table Tennis Championship Shield Annexed

A Table Tennis Tourney sponsored by the Doon Directors was held at the St. Joseph's Academy on 13th, 14th and 15th September.

Our team of eight was led by C.R.K. Singh and spearheaded by S.K. Singh. Although we mainly dominated in the boys junior events, our performances in the other groups were also very creditable. Skipper C.R.K. Singh paired with S.K. Singh. They not only won the Juniors Doubles but also Men's Doubles Title in which they beat a veteran pair of the I.I.P. C.R.K. Singh with N. Goyal also claimed the Lucky Doubles Title, beating A. Mehra and another Cadet T. Lahiri.

C.R.K. Singh then added yet another feather to his cap when he beat A. Tyal of the Doon School to bag the junior singles title. It was indeed a marvellous game which will long be remembered by the spectators, for, although A. Tyal took the first two games of a set of five, C.R.K. Singh did not give in and by means of patience, tenacity and stamina won the next three games to be declared the Juniors Champion.

Amidst loud cheers C.R.K. Singh received a magnificent shield for being adjudged the best juniors player while S.K. Singh collected prizes for his victories from Mr. C. J. Miller, Headmaster, Doon School, who gave away the prizes.

—A.K. Das (Diploma)

WISELY SAID

'Engage yourself in proper activities. Action is better than non-action. Without work, even the bare sustenance of life is not possible.'

A Trip to Bhutan and Sikkim

A.K. SINGH, IV

Before describing the journey I would like to say something about Bhutan. Bhutan is a thinly populated land-locked and independent state, located between India in the south east, Sikkim in the west and Tibet in the north. Bhutan occupies an area of about 18,000 sq. miles with a population of about 6,00,000. It is ruled by a king, with its capital at Thimpu. About 25% of the people are of Nepalese origin. It is crossed by three main river—Raidak, Sankosh and Manas. A chain of mountains runs through it rising from about 5,000 ft. at the Indian border to the great peak of Jula Kangri which is over 24,000 ft. It is covered with dense jungle and experiences heavy rainfall. The Bhutanese are simple and very sensitive people. They are honest and very truthful. They realize the value of help India is extending to them. At the same time they are trying to develop their country as fast as they can. The Bhutanese men wear a sort of a gown reaching down their knees which is called "bukka". The Bhutanese ladies also wear something like a gown which is called "keera". But the dress of the ladies has allowance at the back for tying up a child and keeping it safe there from falling down. The Bhutanese eat lots of meat which is the reason for their being so healthy. The condition of living in Bhutan is very cheap. But the Indians there suffer a lot as far as their food is concerned. In Bhutan you hardly get anything to eat. The local inhabitants have their own cattle and agricultural fields from which they get to eat whatever they want. One thing which I found very peculiar in Bhutan was that the local inhabitants never sell any of their produce to anyone else, not even milk. The Indians in the interior of Bhutan, i.e., in places like Paro and Thimpu, depend for their rations on the border town of Phuntsholing. Milk and other things which they drink and eat are all tinned stuff. On the whole I feel that the Bhutanese are a simple and hard working race.

On the 27th, 28th and 29th we did not go to any place in particular. On the 29th we decided to start for Darjeeling. We left Phuntsholing at 8.20 a.m. by car for Darjeeling. We stopped on the way for the first time at Siliguri, a distance of 145 kms from Phuntsholing, which we reached at 10.50 a.m., passing Hasimara, Bispara, Shishubari and Maynaguri on the way. The road till Siliguri was flanked by tea gardens, rice fields, and a few settlements, forests beyond that and hills in the rear on both the sides. We had lunch at the Ranjit Hotel in Siliguri. We left Siliguri at 1.40 p.m., and reached Kurseong on the way at 3.25 p.m. After having tea at Kurseong we

left at 3.45 p.m., reaching Darjeeling at 4.45 p.m. a distance of 75 kms from occupied Siliguri. We then went to Hotel Kanchenjunga where we occupied room. The road between Siliguri and Darjeeling is very good and keeps on winding in dangerous curves. Alongside the road runs a narrow gauge railway track which keeps on criss-crossing the road at every curve. The journey by train from Siliguri to Darjeeling a pleasure and it takes 12 hours whereas the journey by road takes less than 3 hours.

On the 30th morning we woke up at 3.30 a.m. in the morning. We left the hotel at 4 a.m. for Tiger Hill, reaching there at 4.30 a.m. People come here to watch the sun-rise. We had learnt that for the last 8 days or so this had not been possible due to dense fog. With a prayer to God we waited for the sun-rise. The day we went there was quite clear. From blue the colour of the sky in the distance changed to shades of red. Slowly it became redder and redder after each second and suddenly at 4.47 a.m. we had the first glimpse of the sun, a bright red speck in the distance. We had the full view at 4.50 a.m. From Tiger Hill we saw the panorama of the massive Kanchenjunga and the distant Mt. Everest. It was an unforgettable spectacle of incredible beauty. These sights seem obscure in the twilight before dawn, "changing colours little by little and then suddenly catching fire at sun-rise." It is something to be seen to be believed. Shortly afterwards the sun was hidden from our view due to the settling of fog. Before going back to the hotel we also visited the Senghal lake. This lake consists of three ponds and water in it comes from a tank. We then had breakfast and set out to see the zoo and the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute. In the zoo we saw an yak, several small deers, some special types of birds, the two tigers presented by Miss Padmaja Naidu till later the Governor of West Bengal and number of other tigers. We then went the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute where we saw the library and the museum. We then saw the race course after which we went to the Tibetan Refugee Self Help Centre. Here a number of Tibetan Refugees, who had fled from Tibet in 1962 at the time of the Chinese invasion, work and stay. Every person is trained in some art or the other. The whole centre is divided into a number of parts like tailoring, leatherwork, painting, sewing, metal works, carpentry, pangden weaving, wool carding, spinning and carpet weaving. In one department here women make a plain pullover and a designed pullover in 6 and 7 hrs. respectively with the help of specially imported machines.

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VISIT

Friday, Sept. 27.

Colonel R.L. Mullick, Commandant, Army Cadet College, Poona and Shri N.D. Pathak, Principal of the same institution and formerly Section Master at this College for a number of years, visited the College. We are grateful to Col. Mullick and Shri Pathak for their kind visit.

RIMCOLLIANA

Our heartiest congratulations to the following Rimcollians on their promotions:—

1. Maj. Gen. M.L. Chopra
2. Brig. B.D. Kale
3. Col. A.M. Joglekar
4. Lt. Col. V.N. Sharma
5. Lt. Col. M.S. Sodhi
6. Lt. Col. Jai Krishna
7. Lt. Col. A.S. Shergill
8. Lt. Col. S.V. Giri
9. Lt. Col. Kawerinder Singh

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the Rimcollian Old Boys Association Newsletter of June '68 (Vol. IV, No. 4)

JUNIORS

S. No.	Speaker's Name	Section	Topic	Motion
1	P.S. Gill	R	'The Hand that Rocks the Cradle, Rules the Earth'	For
2	Sajal Chakravarty	C	Should Girls be Mountaineers?	Against
3	Sartaj Imam		Fashions are a Sign of Progress	For
4	A.S. Narayan		Our Education is Book-ridden	For
5	R. Mathews	P	A Boarder Makes a Better Citizen than a Day Scholar	For
6	G.S. Gokavi	R	Our Education is Book-ridden	For
7	R. Nandan	S	All Work and No Play Makes Jack a Dull Boy	For
8	Neeraj Kumar	C	'Blessed Are the Fat'	For

Tuesday, Sept. 24

A party of about 30 students from B.U.C. College, Batala visited the College. They were told about the origin, growth and the working of the College by Lt. Col. Johar.

Wednesday, Sept. 25

A demonstration of paper cutting and embroidery work was given in the Convocation Hall by some artists from Rajasthan.

Saturday, Sept. 28

The English film 'Courtship of Eddie's Father' was screened in the Convocation Hall at 1830 hrs.

INTER-SECTION ENGLISH DECLAMATION CONTEST, Sept. 14, 1968

Under the auspices of the English Literary Society the Inter-Section English Declamation Contest was held on the evening of Saturday, 14th September. The honourable judges of the evening were Mr. M. Dautre, Principal, Cambrian Hall, Lt. Col. K.S. Menon, Head of Academics, I.M.A. and Dr. S.D. Singh, Head of the English Department, Doon School.

The contest was conducted by cadets P.K. Ganguli and Satendra Singh. Each section was represented by four speakers—two seniors and two juniors. The participants were:—

SENIORS

1	K.S. Jaswal	R	We Live in Deeds, Not in Years	For
2	P.K. Ganguly	C	There can be no Real Understanding between Nations without World Govt.	For
3	N. Ravindran		We Live in Deeds, Not in Years	For
4	Manvendra Singh	S	Humour is the Spice of Life	For
5	A.K. Singh	C	Peace Hath Her Victories No Less Renowned than War	For
6	Satendra Singh	R	There can be no Real Understanding between Nations without World Govt.	Against
7	Ashok Dhar		Strikes and Gheraos are no Solutions to our Problems	For
8	A.K. Das	S	We Live in Deeds, Not in Years	For

First the Juniors spoke and then the Seniors. Mr. Doure then gave an interesting speech mentioning that the standard of speaking was very high. He also gave a few words of valuable advice to the speakers. Then the much-awaited results were announced.

Section Positions:—

1. Ranjit —423pts—First
2. Pratap —400 „—Second
3. Chandragupta—375 „—Third
4. Shivaji —361 „—Fourth

Individual Positions:—

<i>Seniors</i>	1. Satendra Singh (R)	115pts	First
	2. K.S. Jaswal (R)	112 „	Second
	3. A.K. Singh (C)	111 „	Third
<i>Juniors</i>	1. G.S. Gokavi (R)	110 „	First
	2. A.Satyanarayan (P)	108 „	Second
	3. R.Mathews (P)	100 „	Third

At the close of the competition, Lt. Col. Johar, our Commandant, gave away Mr. S.P.Sharma English & Declamation Championship Cup to Ranjit Section.

Our hearty congratulations to Ranjit.

Inter-Section Swimming Competition

(16 and 17 September, 1968)

At last, after days of frantic Section practices, the Swimming Competition swung into action with Pre-finals on 16th. At the end, Ranjit stood out with a fairly good lead.

Next day, the Finals were held amidst lusty cheers by Cadets for their respective Sections. Eager and excited, the Cadets thronged the Swimming Pool anticipating the outcome of the keenly contested Competition. Excitement mounted as events grew in progress.

Our ardent Rimcollian, Brigadier N.L. Kapoor, Deputy Commandant, I.M.A. kindly presided over the function. Mrs. Kapoor and her daughter were also present on the occasion. Among other guests we had amidst us Lt. Col P.S. Raghav, Maj. and Mrs. Dutta.

Maj. K.C. Anand, Captain T.K. Bardhan and Captain Varma acted as judges of diving events. We are grateful to all the guests and specially Brig. and Mrs. Kapoor and the judges who found time to encourage our young swimmers.

Ranjit stole march over the other Sections and finally won the day and Championship Trophy with 151 points to its credit. Cadet Sarabjit Singh of Ranjit was adjudged the best swimmer of the year.

Brig. Kapoor gave away the Swimming Trophy to Ranjit and other prizes to the individual competitors of all the sections. The Prize Distribution was followed by a tea party on the lawn opposite to Chandragupta Section. Our warm congratulations to Ranjit.

The results of the Competition are as follows:—

Under 12½ Years

S. No.	Events	Position	Name	Section	Dist. Time
1	30 Yards Free Style	1	S.M. Singh	S	21.0
		2	Sher Singh	P	22.0
2	4×30 Yards Free Style Relay Race		S.M. Singh A.K. Sharma Deepak Sharma Dharamvir Singh	S	IM. 41.6 Sec.

Under 13½ Years

Sl. No.	Events	Position	Name	Section	Dist. Time
3	30 Yards Free Style	1	Deepak Singh	R	16.5
		2	S.B. Singh	R	22.0
4	30 Yards Breast Stroke	1	Deepak Singh	R	24.9
		2	Gurvinder Singh	S	26.8
5	4 × 30 Yards Relay Race	1	B.N. Misra	R	IM-45.2 Sec.
		2	S.B. Singh Vivek Singh BLG Dayanand	R R R	
6	Plain Header Dive from Spring Board	1	B.N. Misra	R	
		2	Deepak Singh		

Under 14½ Years

7	60 Yards Free Style	1	V.S. Negi	R	42
		2	N. Shankar	R	44
8	30 Yards Breast Stroke	1	B.R. Bhatia	R	24.9
		2	V.R. Naphde	R	28.0
9	30 Yards Back Stroke	1	Deepak Singh	R	21.0
		2	V.S. Negi	S	25.0
10	4 × 30 Yards Medley Relay	1	V.S. Negi N.M. Shanker B.R. Bhatia S. Jog	R R R R	IM-34.8 Sec.
		2	A.K. Singh V.S. Negi	C R	

Opens

12	60 Yards Free Style	1	N. Ghosh	R	42.2
		2	I.B. Singh	C	33.3
13	30 Yards Breast Stroke	1	Sarabjit Singh	R	21.8
		2	K.G. Bewon	S	22.2
14	30 Yards Back Stroke	1	Sarabjit Singh	R	23.0
		2	A.K. Nayak	C	23.2
15	30 Yards Butterfly Stroke	1	B.N. Mazumdar	S	21.5
		2	Sarabjit Singh	R	21.8
16	Treasure Hunt	1	B.N. Mazumdar	S	8 Plates
		2	K.S. Rawat	P	

Sl. No.	Events	Position	Name	Section	Dist. Time
17	Plunging	1	N.K. Paul	S	42'-0
		2	S.K. Singh-II	P	39'-5'
18	4 x 30 Yards Medlay Relay	1	N. Ghosh	R	1-24.5
			Deepak Singh		
R.S. Rathee					
Sarabjit Singh					
19	Any Dive from Top Board	1	A.K. Singh	C	
		2	Sarabjit Singh	R	
20	Any Dive from Spring Board	1	A.K. Singh	C	
		2	Harmeet Singh	C	
21	4 x 30 Yards Obstacle Race	1	J.P. Mondle	R	
			R.S. Rathee	R	
			K.C. Cherian	R	
			Sarabjit Singh	R	

RESULTS - SWIMMING COMPETITION, 1968

Best Swimmers	Section	Points	Position
(1) Senior: Cadet Sarabjit Singh (Ranjit)	1. Ranjit	151	First
(2) Junior: Cadet Deepak Singh (Ranjit)	2. Shivaji	116	Second
	3. Pratap & Chandra Gupta	92½	Third

'Strangers in the Night'

Some people don't like being pushed around, and neither do I. So when I was stuck up against the "dangerous end" of a flick-knife, I didn't like it. The guy at the handle end looked mean, the knife looked real, and I was not James Bond. So...

First of all I had no right to be where I was, and I was in town. I had just seen a movie from 9 to 12, and no Section Master gives leave at night to see a picture at that time. I gulped. It wouldn't look good to be lying around with a knife in my stomach, especially when I had to go for P.T. in the morning! The man meant business, but the fact was, that I had no 'dough' in my purse to keep him in business.

And since he didn't believe it, I showed it to him. There was a III class ticket which I had kept since last year to remind me of the time I went in a first class compartment, from here right till Howrah, and didn't get caught. There were two photographs of mine which I had kept in there so that I don't send them to any of my girl pen-pals by mistake. He grunted. My heart nearly missed a beat. But I tried to explain to him that I was no rich man when it came to money, because I hadn't left it lying around for anybody.

Finally, I think he understood, because he told me I could go. I walked a few steps and stood under the lonely street-lamp. The exact time by my watch was 12.23. The guy was standing there and smiling at me. It wasn't funny,

nothing was funny, but I smiled back. Then he told me that he liked my watch and wanted it. My smile disappeared. I didn't like the idea at all—the watch was nearly new. I think he knew what I was thinking, and so he brought the knife a bit too close. I looked down, the blade was shining like lightning and didn't look good. I looked up thinking what to do. He said he had a knife. I said 'and so what.' He said he would kill me. I told him to shut up. And now he didn't look pleased at all.

I knew I was in for it, so I chopped down hard with my left palm edge. It hurt me but his knife had fallen out of his grip. I followed up with a right hook. He looked surprised and that meant he was still thinking. I brought my knee up hard, and it got him—you know where. He gave a moan and sat down slowly on the empty street. I was astonished, I thought myself jazz. So I gave him a kick on his face and he fell down. He was counting stars most probably!

Suppose he got up and chucked the knife at my back, then? I looked around and found the knife, it would be safer in my pocket. I walked off humming "Strangers in the Night."

The street lamp was still shining, the place was as empty as it was, the night seemed to have become a bit colder, and darker. I pulled the great-coat collar up and walked on, a bit faster.

—J.P. Mondle, V-A

(The episode narrated here is but imaginary—Editor)



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VISIT

Friday, October 18.

Maj.-Gen. M.L. Thapan, Director of Military Training, paid visit to the College. He was accompanied by Maj. ~~Sachdev~~ ^{SAHDEV SINGH} Sharma. He went round the Education Block and Cadets' dormitories, had lunch with the cadets and the Staff and held a conference of the Teaching Staff to examine the perspective of a proposed change-over in curricula at the College in view of changes expected in the academic set-up of the N.D.A.

Rimcolliana

Major K.C. Anand, our Administrative Officer and Rimcollian, who served the institution for more than two years, has been transferred to HQ. Central Command, Lucknow.

Farewell parties were held by Members of the Staff and Cadets in the Staff Room and the Mess on 19th and 22nd Oct. respectively and the contribution of Maj. Anand to the College was lauded on both the occasions. On behalf of the College, Cadet Captain P.K. Ganguly offered Maj. Anand a present and a replica of the College Crest as token of love and reverence from the Cadets.

Maj. and Mrs. Anand were given a hearty send-off by the cadets at the time of their departure on 24th. We wish Maj. and Mrs. Anand the best of luck.

College News

We heartily welcome Major K. Gulab Singh to our fold as our Administrative Officer and hope that he will enjoy his stay at the College.

We welcome Hav. R.U. Chaubey, P.T. Instructor and wish him a happy stay at the College.

Naib Subedar Shanker Das, Head P.T.I., has been transferred to APTC Depot, Poona on completion of 2½ years of service at the College. We wish him all success.

CHM Kulwant Singh, P.T.I. has been transferred to No. 3, EME Centre, Bhopal after rendering 1½ years service to the college. We wish him all luck.

Our warm congratulations to the following Cadets on their being awarded College Colours:—

1. Cadet C.R.K. Singh (Chandragupta)—Table Tennis
2. „ S.K. Singh (Pratap)—Table Tennis
3. „ Sarabjit Singh (Ranjit)—Swimming

During the Mid-term Break, which lasted for a week this time, excursions were organized and parties of cadets taken out to various places of interest. The places visited included, among others, Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, Sikandara, Chandigarh, Nangal, Bhakra, Kalsi, Mussoorie and Tehri Garhwal.

The Break afforded ample scope for hiking, outdoor activities and educative experience and was altogether a success.

Under the kind patronage of our worthy Commandant, Lt.-Col. Johar, Class IV Employees of the College and their children successfully staged two Hindi plays—'आराम हाराम है' and 'पैसा बोलता है' on the eve of Dushehra, that is, on 5th and 6th October respectively.

The credit of a commendable show put up on the occasion goes to Shri Hira Singh Bisht, our Ground Superintendent, who was ably assisted by Shri Mohan Swaroop, Secretary, and Shri Arun Kumar. The roles played by the following were highly appreciated by the spectator:

- Best roles—Shri Dharam Pal—in the first play
Shri Bennet —as a blacksmith in the first play
Shri Kishan Singh Rawat—in the second play

Female roles—Sarvashri Ran Bahadur, Mewa Lal, Umrao, Imrat Lal.

Best Singer—Shri Shiva Prasad

Best Comedians—Shri Padi Ram and Shri Arun Kumar.

The prizes were given away to all the 52 Dramatis Personae by Maj. K.C. Anand, the then Administrative Officer. We hope, the spirit of putting up good show will be ardously kept up. Our hearty congratulations to Shri H.S. Bisht and all the actors.

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N.D.A. Results

Our hearty Congratulations to the following Cadets on their success at the U.P.S.C. Written Examination as well as Service Selection Board Interviews for admission to the National Defence Academy, 41st Course.

Cadets Satendra Singh, P.K. Garguly, A.K. Naik, S. Bhalla, D.C. Kumaria, R.K. Manucha,

The following cadets took part in the competition.

Juniors

1. Cadet Dharendra Singh	(P)
2. „ G.S. Gokavi	(R)
3. „ R. Mathews	(P)
4. „ Sunil Chandra	(R)
5. „ A.K. Saxena	(C)
6. „ L.S. Tewari	(C)
7. „ R. Nandan	(S)
8. „ S.K. Dixit	(S)

Seniors

1. Cadet Ashok Dhar	(P)
2. „ S.N. Shahi	(R)
3. „ R.D. Sinha	(S)
4. „ Satendra Singh	(R)
5. „ S. Tondon	(P)
6. „ A.K. Singh	(C)
7. „ Manvendra Singh	(S)
8. „ Niraj Kumar	(C)

Overall Results

1. Ranjit	388 points	First
2. Chandragupta	389 „	Second
3. Shivaji	328 „	Third
4. Pratap	315 „	Fourth

Individual Placing

Seniors—1. Cadet Satendra Singh	(R)	106 points	First
2. „ Niraj Kumar	(C)	101 „	Second
3. „ Manvendra Singh	(S)	92 „	Third
Juniors—1. Cadet G.S. Gokavi	(R)	97 „	First
2. „ Sunil Chandra	(R)	75 „	Second
3. „ A.K. Saxena	(C)	90 „	Third

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At the close of the competition Prof. G.P. Shukla gave an illuminating talk and commented at large on the topics chosen by the speakers. He advised the speakers to speak with conviction, dramatize where necessary and take care of their pitch and modulation of voice.

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S.P. Ojha, P.P. Roy, J.P. Mondle, L.J. Singh, A.S. Panwar, U.N. Chitnavis, Vinaya Sagar, N.A. Kumar, S.K. Singh, B.N. Mazumdar.

The Inter-Section Hindi Declamation Contest

(Wednesday, October, 23)

Under the auspices of College Sahitya Samiti the 10th Inter-Section Hindi Declamation Contest was held in the Convocation Hall at 1700 hrs. Each Section was represented at the Contest by a team of 4 speakers—2 Juniors and 2 Seniors. The Contest was conducted by Cadets Satendra Singh and B.K. Sinha, President and Secretary of the Samiti respectively. Prof. G.P. Shukla, Rtd. Head of the Hindi Deptt., D.A.V. College, Shri S.N. Chaturvedi, Executive Officer, Cantonment Board and Smt. S. Dobhal, Principal, M.K.P. Post Graduate College, kindly acted as judges. We are grateful to them.

The following cadets took part in the competition.

1. Cadet Ashok Dhar	(P)
2. „ S.N. Shahi	(R)
3. „ R.D. Sinha	(S)
4. „ Satendra Singh	(R)
5. „ S. Tondon	(P)
6. „ A.K. Singh	(C)
7. „ Manvendra Singh	(S)
8. „ Niraj Kumar	(C)

Col. Johar then gave away Smt. S.P. Sharma Hindi Declamation Championship Trophy to Ranjit Section, the winners of this year.

Our hearty congratulations to the Ranjit Section on their annexing the coveted championship.

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Sportsfolio**INTER-SECTION ATHLETICS
CHAMPIONSHIP, 1968**

This year the Inter-Section Athletics Meet was organized on 25th, 26th and 27th October, on the College grounds.

Maj.-Gen. D.K. Palit, Vr. C., Commandant, I.M.A., kindly presided over the Meet and gave away the prizes. We are highly beholden to Maj.-Gen. Palit for gracing the occasion by their presence and thereby encouraging our young athletes. Among others, who attended the function were Maj. Gen. A.A. Rudra, Maj. Gen. & Mrs. P.N. Kirpal, Sir E. Gibson, Mr. C.J. Miller, Brig. & Mrs. Gambhir Singh & Mr. Dautre.

At the close of the Meet, Gen. Palit gave away the Athletic Championship Trophy to the Pratap Section, the winners of this year. He gave away Maj.-Gen. Hira Lal Atal Trophy to Cadet C.S. Thapa (Pratap) for his being adjudged the Best Athlete of the year 1968. Other individual and team prizes were also distributed by the Guest of Honour. Our hearty congratulations to Pratap for this year's Athletics championship.

Following are the results of the Annual Athletics championship.

**INTER-SECTION CROSS COUNTRY
COMPETITION**

(Saturday, 19th October)

Following are the results of the Inter-Section Cross Country Competition:

Section Positions—	1. Ranjit	First
	2. Chandragupta	Second
	3. Shivaji	Third
	4. Pratap	Fourth

Individual Placing—

Seniors—	1. Cadet W.C. Negi (Pratap)	First
	2. , A.K. Sinha (Chandragupta)	Second

Juniors—	1. ,, H. Tagang (Pratap)	First
	2. ,, S.N. Shahi (Ranjit)	Second

ERRATA

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—Editor

Inter-Section Athletics Competition, 1968.

S. No.	Event	Position	Name	Sec	Time/Distance	Record
Under 12½ Years						
1.	100 Metres	1	S.M. Singh	S	13.3 Sec	
		2	A. Dey	P		
2.	200 Metres	1	S.M. Singh	S		
		2	Y.A. Singh	R		
3.	4 × 100 Metres Relay	1	Shivaji Section		56.5 Sec	
		2	Pratap Section			
4.	Long Jump	1	S.M. Singh	S	15'-0"	New Record
		2	S.I. Mallick	S		
Under 14 Years						
5.	100 Metres	1	D. Singh	R	11.9 Sec	New Record
		2	S.K. Singh II	P		
6.	200 Metres	1	D.S. Singh	R	24.8 Sec	New Record
		2	H. Tagang	P	25.5 Sec	
7.	400 Metres	1	S.N. Shahi	R	55.5 Sec	New Record
		2	H. Tagang	P		
8.	4 × 100 Metres Relay	1	Ranjit Section			
		2	Pratap Section			
		3	Shivaji Section			
		4	Chandragupta Section			
9.	110 Metres Hurdles	1	R.S. Kanwar	S	17.5 Sec	New Record
		2	B.N. Misra	R	17.6 Sec	
		3	S.K. Singh II	P	16.8 Sec	
10.	Long Jump	1	D. Singh	R	17'-6"	New Record
11.	High Jump	1	R.S. Kanwar	S		
		2	A.K. Singh	C	4'-10"	
Open						
12.	100 Metres	1	C.S. Thapa	P	11.4 Sec	
		2	K.A.K. Singh	S		
13.	200 Metres	1	C.S. Thapa	P	23.4 Sec	New Record
		2	K.A.K. Singh	S		
14.	400 Metres	1	A.K. Sinha	C	54.9 Sec	
		2	K.A.K. Singh	S		
15.	800 Metres	1	A.K. Sinha	C	2M-7.6 Sec	New Record
		2	S.N. Shahi	R	2M-7.8 Sec	
16.	1500 Metres	1	A.K. Sinha	C		
		2	C.R.K. Singh	C		

17. 3000 Metres	1	W.C. Negi	P	10M-31.5 Sec	
	2	PP Singh	R		
18. 110 Metres	1	C.S. Thapa	P	17.2 Sec	New Record
	2	A.K. Sinha	C		
19. 4×100 Metres Relay	1	Pratap Section			
	2	Shivaji Section			
	3	Ranjit Section			
	4	Chandragupta Section			
20. High Jump	1	R.S. Verma	R	5'-2"	
	2	L.T. Singh	S		
21. Long Jump	1	C.S. Thapa	P	19'-7"	
	2	R.S. Verma			
22. Hop Step and Jump	1	R.S. Verma	R	38'-9"	
	2	Sarabjit Singh	R		
23. Javel in	1	S.K. Singh II	P	144'-5"	
	2	S. Misra	R		
24. Shot Put	1	L.T. Singh	S	31'-8"	
	2	P.K. Ganguli	C		
25. Discuss	1	Sarabjit Singh	R	95'-8½"	
	2	K.S. Jaswal	R		
26. Pole Vault	1	L.T. Singh	S	8'-4"	New Record
	2	J.P. Mondal	R		

RESULTS

Section	Points	Position
1. Pratap	86½	First
2. Ranjit	85½	Second
3. Shivaji	75½	Third
4. Chandragupta	42½	Fourth

Best Athlete—Seniors — C.S. Thapa
Juniors — Deepak Singh

Case for Husbands

(With due apologies to ladies)

Dear readers, this is a bad business—wives throwing brickbats at their poor husbands, and you allowing these things to go on! You must hold the scales even.

Now look at this girl Seema. When Vinay married her she was so beautiful and charming and what a sweet voice she had! Now only four years after marriage just see what has happened. Seema has become almost double in size. Her eyes have disappeared into folds of flesh and her beautiful arms have become legs o' mutton. And what about her waist? There should be a law against this doubling business after marriage. Film stars have fat income, but at least they work for it. Here is poor Vijay getting the pay packet and Seema, double Seema, spending it.

Take Pradeep's case. He is in the advertising business. His wife wants to be advertised, so does her mother, her sister and even her aunts. They want to know why Pradeep can not put their 'lovely' photographs in the papers.

What about Sanjay? Every night from 9 p.m. to 12 p.m. he hears all his defects poured into his sleepy ears. The 'tape recorder' starts again in the morning. No wonder the poor fellow prefers overtime in office to a hard time at home. Young and sprightly Rajani, in an unguarded moment, said 'yes' to Rajni's mother who had suggested that her daughter would be a valuable wife to him. Now he wishes Rajni had married one of his brothers but her mother had to choose him! He has learnt that his four-figure income does not come up to Rajni's standard of living and does not help her to save her face among her friends.

Men seldom count elsewhere but they would like to be important at home. However, they are ill-treated and belittled by their wives who unfavourably compare them with others. There

is watch on their movements and restrictions are imposed on their freedom. One intelligent doctor advised a woman to take sleeping-pills to ensure a night's sound sleep for her husband. He used to be kept awake by her bickerings often continuing till after midnight.

Before marriage the boy talks and the girl nods her head and applauds his every action. After marriage she talks and he has to nod his head. And then, after five years of married life they both talk and the neighbours listen.

These are very bad days—with strikes in factories and offices, indiscipline in schools and colleges, and now.....trouble at home. How can a man live peacefully? We must help one another. United we stand, divided we shall be trampled on. Oh! no, I'm not married; THANK HEAVENS!

S.S. 'Gay Bachelor'

Gems Of Wisdom

We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing while others judge us by what we have already done.

—H.W. Longfellow

A diplomat is a man who remembers a lady's birthday but forgets her age.

—Anon

No democracy can exist for long in the midst of want, poverty and inequality.

—Nehru

A learned person is not learned in everything; but the capable person is capable in everything.

—Montague

No one is truly literate who cannot read his own heart.

—E. Hoffer



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COLLEGE NEWS

Mr. M.P. Mahrotra, Master in Mathematics at the College, recently proceeded to Tanzania on a long leave to undertake an educational assignment there.

Mrs. Mahrotra has also been offered with a similar job in that country and she hopes to take it up simultaneously with Mr. Mahrotra.

We take pride in their foreign assignments and wish them the best of luck.

Mr. G.S. Pandey, Master in Maths. gave a highly interesting and illuminating talk on 'The New Trends in Teaching Mathematics' at a meeting of the Doon Mathematical Society held at the College. Drawing upon the latest researches conducted in U.K., U.S.A. and other progressive countries and their direct bearing on the formulation and orientation of School curricula, Mr. Pandey 'hitched his wagon to a star' by stressing the practical value of recent approach to Secondary School Mathematics for the students of 11+ to 17+ in particular, and society in general.

Preparations are in progress for the End-of-Term Function to be held on the 8th of December, when the College is closing for the winter vacation.

We welcome Naib Subedar Onkar Singh to our College as Head Physical Training Instructor and wish him a pleasant stay here.

Guru Nanak's Birthday was celebrated in the College Gurudwara at 1830 hrs. The occasion was marked by an enlightening discourse on the life and teachings of Guru Nanak, bhajans and the recitation of holy verses from the Granth Saheb.

The 'Remembrance Day' was observed at the College on 10th inst. at 1100 hrs.

The 'National Small Pox Eradication Week' was observed at the College from 6th to 12th inst.

VISIT

The following Ex-cadets visited the College:—

Capt. K.K. Mehta and Lt. & Mrs. A.R. Tandon (I.N.)

On the eve of their departure for Tanzania, Mr. and Mrs. M.P. Mahrotra gave a party to the members of the Teaching, Administrative and Ministerial Staff of the College and ladies on Friday the 22nd inst.

We are thankful to Mr. and Mrs. Mahrotra.

At a party arranged by the Staff Club to bid a hearty farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Mahrotra on the Sunday afternoon, Mr. K. Kumar, our Staff Secretary, lauded the meritorious services rendered by Mr. Mahrotra to the College during his tenure of over a decade. Reference was also made to the commendable role of Mrs. Mahrotra in enriching the social and cultural life at the College.

In his address, Mr. Mahrotra said he would carry with him the happy memories and best wishes of all his friends to the distant land and would maintain high scholastic standards to keep up the fair name of our country there.

Sportsfolio

Inter-Section Football Competition

Following are the results of the Inter-Section Football Competition:—

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|-----------------|----------|--------|
| 1. Chandragupta | 8 points | First |
| 2. Pratap | 6 " | Second |
| 3. Shivaji | | |
| Ranjit | 3 " | Third |

Congratulations to Chandragupta,
the winners of Football Championship.

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28th District Athletics, 1968

1. RIMC won the 'C' Section Cup with 46 points to its credit.
2. We secured the Second place in the 'B' Section, missing the Cup by 3 points only.
3. Five district records were broken by our cadets. They are as under:—
 - (a) 'B' Section. Cadet H. Tagang broke the 200 metres record of 25.9 sec—25.5 sec.

Cadet H. Tagang broke Long Jump record 16'-9.5"—17'-6"
 - (b) 'C' Section Cadet K.A.K. Singh broke the 200 Metres record—25.2 sec—25.5 sec.

Cadet K.A.K. Singh equalled the 400 metres record—54.9 sec.
 - (c) RIMC 4×100 metres Relay Team in the 'C' Section broke the record—48.5 sec—48 sec.
 - (d) Besides these, our cadets won 25 certificates of Merit.

Our warm congratulations to the College Athletes.

Inter-Section Physical Training Competition

The Inter-Section P.T. Competitions were held at the College Parade Ground on 11th and 12th inst. respectively. Maj D. Jones and N/Subedar Dhan Bahadur Thapa of I.M.A. kindly acted as external judges of the Competition. We are grateful to them.

The results of the Competition are as follows:—

Seniors—

1. Chandragupta	1877 points	First
2. Pratap	1867	Second
3. Ranjit	1853	Third
4. Shivaji	1820½	Fourth

Juniors—

1. Ranjit	2203½	First
2. Pratap	2117½	Second
3. Chandragupta	2074	Third
4. Shivaji	1987½	Fourth

Overall Placing

1. Ranjit	4057 points	First
2. Pratap	3984½	Second
3. Chandragupta	3951	Third
4. Shivaji	3808	Fourth

Best Leader

Seniors—	Cadet C.S. Thapa (Pratap)	56 pts.
Juniors—	Cadet B. Yadav (Pratap)	56½ pts.

Our congratulations to Ranjit on P.T. Championship Shield.

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Following are the results of two Squash matches played at the College recently:—

- (a) *Staff vs Cadets* (Cadets won, 5—0)

Shri R.C. Sharma	lost	to	Cadet	Sarabjit Singh	0—2
Lt. Col. H.K.L. Johar	"	"	"	B.K. Sinha	0—2
Shri R.C. Singhal	"	"	"	M.S. Bedi	0—2
Shri R.C. Chaturvedi	"	"	"	K.G. Bewoor	0—2
Shri M.P. Mahrotra	"	"	"	Y.S. Das	0—2
- (b) *R.I.M.C. vs Ex-Cadets at I.M.A.* (Cadets won 3—2)

Cadet Sarabjit Singh	lost	to	G.C.	P.P. Singh	0—2
" B.K. Sinha	"	"	"	Ravinder Singh	0—2
" M.S. Bedi	beat	"	"	K.R. Rao	0—2
" K.G. Bewoor	"	"	"	H.P.S. Gill	0—2
" K.C. Cherian	"	"	"	V.P. Singh	0—2

A Visit to the Indian International Trade and Industries Fair

The Indian International Trade and Industries Fair at Annanagar, Madras was organized by the All India Manufacturers' Organization with the main objective of promoting international trade. Dr. V.V. Giri, Vice-President of India, inaugurated it.

Foreign participants included a majority of East European countries and the U.S.S.R. but the Federal Republic of Germany was a lone Westerner.

The main entrance to the I.I.T.I.F. was very impressive and the towering parabolic arch, 80 ft wide and 20 ft high, was, to say the least, awe-inspiring. On the wall to the left of it was depicted a mural on industry, which never failed to catch the eye of the visitor. I visited the fair along with some of my friends and relatives.

Passing through the main gate, we stepped in to the central avenue from where we gazed at the gigantic 154 ft "Panch Sheel Tower" in the centre of the Fairgrounds. The approach to the lift, located in the tower, was through five bridges, erected over a pentagonal pond encircling the base of the tower. A huge lift, manufactured by an Indian firm, was installed to take visitors to the top of the tower. They could go up to a height of 100 ft. and have a panoramic view of Madras City. What we saw from such a height beggars description.

Within a hundred yards of the tower, we could see the international centre, with a well planned open-air theatre, attached facilities for participants, who wanted to have trade-discussions and arrange for film shows. This centre had a conference room also, a cafeteria, an enquiry counter, a tourist office and a small drug shop. Half an hour later, we got into a double-seater, which took us round the Fair, measuring over 200 acres. So we saw the two other entrance gates too and had a passing glimpse of the pavillions and stalls. We then visited some of the pavilions. The H.M.T. pavilion, with its machine tools, gave us an idea of the wonders of engineering precision. We spent a few minutes at the Unistar stall, which really keeps the nation on the go and has the capacity to bring light and cheer to us. In the West German pavilion were displayed, Rhestahl-Hanonag wheel loaders and crawler tractors. We appreciated all that we saw and realized how industrial and trade exhibitions provide a true

measure of a people's technology and potential. They help industrial innovators and scientists to display their creative talents and by attracting participation of other countries, they spread new ideas and thus encourage new advance in product improvement and standardisation. In the field of trade, they promote greater international give and take and better trade relations, thereby emphasising, that the economics of the world should be on an international scale.

"Shaw Wallis", is indeed doing a lot of useful work in the field of agriculture. The Gwalior Rayon pavilion had very good exhibits of suiting and shirting. I liked Binny's pavilion too. The Bharat Heavy Electricals stall had a wonderful display of complete power house valves, boiler house auxiliaries, and other heavy electrical equipment. And stall No. 100 exhibited India's most comprehensive range of tungsten carbide, powders, tips and tools, manufactured by India Hard Metals. We then paid flying visits to the pavilions of Neyveli Lignite Corporation, F.A.C.T. and those of other European countries. Most of the stalls were tastefully decorated and looked quite attractive.

At some of the stalls like H.M.T. stall No. 100 and Bharat Heavy Electricals we wished we were engineers to do justice to what we saw. The Fair helped us to know and take pride in our country's achievements and enthused us to appreciate better the exhibits of other nations. It helped us to understand that increase in trade is an urgent necessity for India and also for all developing nations, as trade brings about greater equality among nations and helps to achieve self-reliance. Its theme was indeed very appropriate: "Prosperity through partnership", partnership between nations. We were sorry that the U.K., U.S.A. and Japan were not represented at the Fair. We need the world's sympathy and support to build a new and better India.

Popped into the Fisheries pavilion, we saw Jeetmul and Jaichandall's manufactures—Wire meshes, nettings for industrial and commercial purposes, fencings and nonferrous sheets, rods and wires. We were also impressed by the Veekay Escalator, 100% indigenous. One of the biggest attractions of the fair was the Indian Railways Pavilion. It was a crowd catcher pavilion due to its models of network, locomotive, and Engines on display. The Indian Railways had gone all out to show what they do. It was indeed wonderful.

The leading cities of India were also enthusiastic participants. We then enjoyed the Uganda fashion parade, and the W. Germany music function and saw some exhibits manufactured in West Germany, U.S.S.R., Rumania, Yugoslavia, Italy, Ghana and Kuwait. Out of a total of 162 pavilions, 22 were foreign. I was very much impressed by the artistic excellence of Swami Vivekananda rock memorial, the Meenakshi temple of Madurai, fashioned from stone into a thing of beauty and the exhibit of Kerala temple architecture. We had heard that this permanent structure would house the exhibits from Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd., Alwaye, and be gifted to the Madras Government. Every aspect of social life in India was represented at this Fair. A big area was reserved to represent a modern town, well-lit and with broad avenues and roads with lawns and parks where games and amusements are provided.

Everything connected with agriculture and industry was effectively represented at the I.I.T.I.F. All types of industries and all concerns like banks, which finance them, were also well represented. And the Fair was very appropriately named "Indian International Trade and Industries Fair" The organizers deserve congratulations on the excellent work done by them. They managed to get many countries to participate in this gigantic venture of 1958. India has indeed benefited by her participation in international fairs. Thus, although the Indian pavilion at the Leipzig Fair was an average show in the midst of exhibits from over seventy five countries, the Indian pavilion at Expo '67 was quite good. Through such participation, a good export sense and quality-consciousness develops. And this time, India has produced a still better image of the country as a growing exporter in international trade, although there is still a large leeway that has to be made up. Realizing the key role of exports in the country's economic and social development, the Five Year Plans have laid emphasis on exports to pay for the foreign exchange requirements to the maximum extent. And a fair like this gives the public an idea of the present trends in trade, industry, science, technology and agriculture. The Fair has succeeded in helping us to appreciate anything neatly made and artistically arranged, whether it be foreign or indige-

nous. This cultural factor has to be stressed in an age of—

"A head of broken images, where the sun beats,
And the dead tree gives no shelter,
The cricket no relief."

We were also able to have a good idea of the rapid progress our country has made during these two decades of independence. Foreigners also had the opportunity to appreciate this progress. Certainly, a strong industrialized India will be able to help many countries in the South-East Asian region and on the African continent. We hope there'll be many more industrial fairs like this at periodic intervals in different parts of our country.

Cadet Harimohan Hari Ram
N.D.A. Class

IN THE COCKPIT

During the Mid-term Break we had the privilege to trot in a helicopter MI-4 as well as AN-12 stationed at the Chandigarh base for repairs. Though the sun was scorching, the sight of the machines in the cockpit cooled us a bit. First, we stepped into the MI-4 where we guys got lost in the midst of the switches and so many other sorts of zig-zag stuff, and it would have stunned us the whole day, had not the instructor murmured something about it. For the time being we were ace pilots, I mean, we were on the seats ready to take off

'Everything set,.....all clear, Sir, O.K., lift.' It wasn't long when some one from behind shook me to come down. Well, then only I realized that the engine of the MI-4 was missing and the helicopter was under the roof. It wasn't a bad experience though it was a bashed copter.

Next, we were marched to the foot of the AN-12. Wah! it was a jazz big eagle-looking plane. Though it was a transport plane, the centre of our attraction was the tail gun and we asked more about it than anything else in the outer part of the plane. Soon we were dumped inside and, as we had expected, found it really big and spacious. First we made our way to the gunner's seat which we found pretty cosy, and within a few minutes we were led inside the cockpit. By Jove, what a sight! Pin drop silence was observed. We were four steps behind the mark when the time for departure arrived.

Cadet Salam Sarat Singh



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Lt. Governor K. Bahadur Singh Presides over The RIMC End-of-Term Function.

On Sunday, 8th December, the College celebrated its End-of-Term Function, which was marked by a successful organization of various academic, co-curricular and cultural programmes.

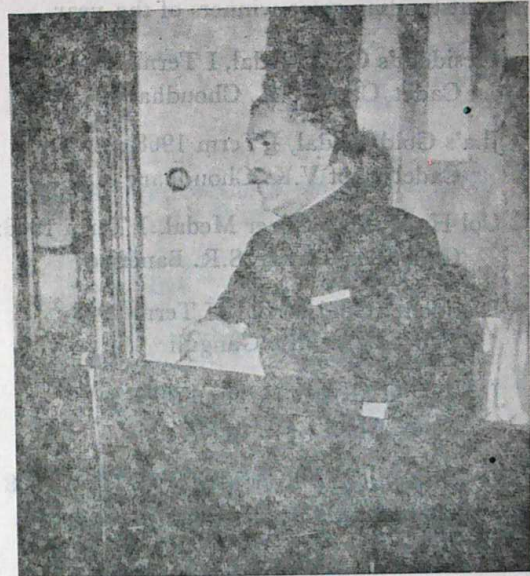
Our very distinguished Rimcollian, General K. Bahadur Singh, Lt. Governor of Himachal Pradesh kindly presided over the function and gave away the awards and prizes to the cadet.

We express our sincere gratitude to His Excellency K. Bahadur Singh for gracing the occasion by his presence as our Chief Guest despite his heavy engagements.

The function started with the arrival of the General, who was received by the Commandant and Administrative Officer at the college Prade Ground, where he took salute and inspected the Cadets' Parade. He then went to the Administrative Block and signed the Visitors' Book in the Commandant's Office. He was thereafter taken to the Commandant's residence, where a luncheon was arranged in his honour. Members of the Staff were introduced to him and the passing-out cadets presented by the Commandant. Among others present at lunch were Maj. Gen. A.A. Rudra, Maj. Gen. & Mrs. P.N. Kirpal, District Magistrate Mr. P.C. Jain, Brig. & Mrs. N.L. Kapoor, Mr. J.A.K. Martyan, Brig. & Mrs. Lachman Singh, Sub-Area Commander, Col. & Mrs. S.C. Sabharwal, Mr. Narendra Singh, Principal, Col. Brown School, guests, Rimcollians, parents of cadets, members of the Staff and passing out cadets.

General Bahadur Singh was in a delightful, reminiscent mood and we could have a lively recapitulation of good 'old days' which he visualized with prodigious clarity and vividness.

Later, the same day, Gen. Bahadur Singh, accompanied by guests went



Lt. Governor K. BAHADUR SINGH
Addressing the Cadets

round the Education Block where various hobby clubs of the College had put up gaily colourful exhibitions. The tastefully decorated corridors, galleries and halls were humming with activity. The Gardening Club, Science Laboratories, Museum, Meccano, Aero-modelling, Nature Study, Young Newtons, Alchemists, Art and Craft Association, Philately Club, Photography and Current Affairs Gallery put up a good show on the occasion. Our warm congratulations to the Cadets as well as their Masters in-charge on organizing a commendable show. It is gratifying that the Chief Guest evinced a keen interest in the work done by Cadets and the way the creative urge and aesthetic sensibilities of the youngsters were ably directed towards the worthwhile pursuits of life.

The guests were then taken to the Convocation Hall, where Commandant H.K.L. Johar in his annual report gave a comprehensive account of the work done

at the College during the year and hinted at the changes introduced lately in the College curricula in view of a proposed change-over in the academic set-up of the N.D.A. He extended deep gratitude to Gen. K. Bahadur Singh for presenting a splendid portrait of Lord Kitchener to us. The Commandant's speech was followed by prize Distribution by the Chief Guest. Besides the various Academic, Sports and Proficiency Prizes, Gen. K. Bahadur Singh gave away the following medals to the outstanding prize-winners of the year.

President's Gold Medal, I Term 1968 :

Cadet Capt. V.K. Choudhary

Jha's Gold Medal, I Term 1968 :

Cadet Capt V.K. Choudhary

Col Haughton's Silver Medal, I Term 1968:

Cadet Sec Comdr. S.R. Banerjee

President's Gold Medal II Term 1968 :

Cadet Capt P.K. Ganguli

Jha's Gold Medal, II Term 1968 :

Cadet NCO J.P. Mondle

Col Haughton's Silver Medal II Term 1968 :

Cadet NCOs L.T. Singh & Satendra Singh.

Then Gen. Bahadur Singh presented a splendid portrait of Lord Kitchener, after whose name Ritchenor Section (now known as Shivaji) was founded and to which the General himself belongs as an old Boy. We are immensely grateful to His Excellency for this noble gesture, which embodies his profound and abiding love for his *Alma Mater*.

In his illuminating address Gen. K. Bahadur Singh expressed his delight at being once again in his Old School and satisfaction at seeing its traditions kept up even to this day. Recalling his school days, he said that it was really a rich, unique experience for him at R.I.M.C. to come in contact with boys from all over India and make life-long friends. He said that at present there is a crisis of character and the Cadets should, with no leisure and no relaxation, cultivate in themselves leadership, devotion to duty and strive ceaselessly for the mental and moral uplift of the society, which looks upon them as the future leaders of our land. He stressed the fundamental significance of moral teaching and called upon the Cadets to build up their character in such a way as to shoulder their responsibilities worthily.

He reminded them that the sound training that he received at RIMC was largely responsible for his varied achievements in life.

At the close of his inspiring address Gen. K. Bahadur Singh congratulated the passing-out cadets and prize winners and wished them brilliant careers.

In the evening the highlight of the function was a Variety Entertainment Programme which comprised two One-Act plays—one English and the other Hindi and a few items of instrumental music.

Our sincere thanks are due to M/S G.S. Bisht, K. Kumar, L.N. Thakur, N.P. Shukla and Shri Dutta for a successful organization of the Variety Entertainment Programme.

The function ended with 'Golden Night Dinner'.

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Our heartiest congratulations to the Pratap Section for annexing the coveted Championship Trophy for the year 1968.

ACADEMIC PRIZES 1968

Class I A

1. English	...	M.B. Saxena
2. Mathematics	...	A. Chakravarty
3. History	...	C. Banerjee
4. Geography	...	M.B. Saxena
5. Science	...	C. Banerjee
6. H. Hindi	...	M.B. Saxena
7. L. Hindi	...	A. Chakravarty
8. Art	...	M.S. Gill
9. 1st in Class	...	M.B. Saxena

Class II

1. English	...	A. Narayana
2. Mathematics	....	Gurkirat Singh
3. History	...	N.K. Dhankar
4. Geography	....	Kuldip Singh
5. Science	....	A.K. Saxena
6. L. Hindi	...	Kuldip Singh
7. Art	....	G.P. Singh
8. 1st in Class	....	Gurkirat Singh

Class II A

1. English	....	V.Y. Gidh
2. Mathematics	....	B.N. Misra.
3. History	....	B.N. Misra
4. Geography	....	G.S. Gokavi
5. Science	...	G.S. Gokavi
6. H. Hindi	S.K. Juneja
7. Art	S.K. Juneja
8. Sanskrit	M.S. Chhikara
9. 1st in Class	G.S. Gokavi

Class III

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|-----------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. English | | (a) R. Mathews
(b) Niraj Kumar |
| 2. Mathematics | | M.P. Yadav |
| 3. History | | Niraj Kumar |
| 4. Geography | .... | Amarjit Singh |
| 5. Science | .... | M.P. Yadav |
| 6. L. Hindi | | P.S. Gill |
| 7. Art | | H. Sarat Singh |
| 8. Sanskrit | | A.P.S. Gulia |
| 9. 1st in Class | | M.P. Yadav |

Class III A

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|-----------------|------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. English | | (a) V.R. Naphade
(b) C.V. Ramany |
| 2. Mathematics | | B.S. Gaur |
| 3. History | | B.S. Gaur |
| 4. Geography | | S.S. Sandhu |
| 5. Science | .... | S.K. Singh |
| 6. H. Hindi | | R.S. Verma |
| 7. Art | | I.B. Singh |
| 8. Sanskrit | | R.S. Verma |
| 9. 1st in Class | | S.S. Sandhu |

Class IV

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|-----------------|------|------------------------------|
| 1. English | | A.K. Singh |
| 2. Mathematics | | Y.S. Tomar |
| 3. History | | N. Ravindran |
| 4. Geography | | (a) A. Dhar
(b) C. Arvind |
| 5. Science | | N. Ravindran |
| 6. L. Hindi | | A.K. Singh |
| 7. 1st in Class | | A.K. Singh |

Class IV A

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|-----------------|------|---------------|
| 1. English | | A.K. Das |
| 2. Mathematics | | R. Yesuthasen |
| 3. History | | A.K. Das |
| 4. Geography | | L.T. Singh |
| 5. Science | | R. Yesuthasen |
| 6. H. Hindi | | D.S. Deswal |
| 7. 1st in Class | | A.K. Das |

N.D.A. Class

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|-----------------|------|--------------|
| 1. English | | D.C. Kumaria |
| 2. Mathematics | | S.K. Singh I |
| 3. History | | S. Bhalla |
| 4. Geography | | D.C. Kumaria |
| 5. Science | | A.K. Nayak |
| 6. Hindi | | A.K. Nayak |
| 7. 1st in Class | | S.K. Singh I |

HOBBY PRIZES

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|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| 1. C.A. Seniors | | D.C. Kumaria |
| Juniors | | A.S. Narayana |
| 2. C.A. Gallery | | N.A. Kumar |
| 3. Naturel Study | | A. Dey |
| 4. Gardening | .... | S. Imam |
| 5. Physics Club | | P.K. Ganguli |
| 6. Chemistry Club | | Harminder Singh |
| 7. Meccano | | B.R. Bhatia |
| 8. Music | | A. Dhar |

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| 9. Aero Modelling | | J.P. Mondle |
| 10. Rifle Shooting | | Hage Tagang |
| 11. Stamp Collecting | | A.K. Singh |
| 12. Photography | .... | Harmit Singh |
| 13. Hindi Debating | | |
| Seniors | .... | Satendra Singh |
| Juniors | .... | G.S. Gokavi |
| 14. Eng. Debating | | |
| Seniors | .... | Satendra Singh |
| Juniors | .... | G.S. Gokavi |
| 15. Dramatics | | (a) Satendra Singh
(b) B.K. Sinha
(c) B.R. Bhatia |
| Hindi | | |
| English | | (a) J.P. Mondle
(b) K.S. Jaswal
(c) Ashok Dhar |
| 16. Dramatics | .... | I.B. Singh |
| English | | |
| 17. Art | | I.B. Singh |
| 18. Craft | | S.K. Singh |

**Results-Inter Section Competitions 1968.
Winners**

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|---------------------|------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Boxing Cup | | Pratap Section |
| 2. Basket Ball | | Chandragupta
Section |
| 3. Cricket Cup | | Shivaji Section |
| 4. Table Tennis | .... | Pratap Section |
| 5. Swimming Cup | .... | Ranjit Section |
| 6. Football Cup | | Chandragupta
Section |
| 7. Squad Drill Cup | | Shivaji Section &
Ranjit Section |
| 8. Cross Country | | Ranjit Section
Shield |
| 9. Athletics Shield | .... | Pratap Section |
| 10. Hockey Cup | .... | Shivaji Section |
| 11. P.T. Cup | .... | Ranjit Section |
| 12. Rifle Shooting | | Ranjit Section
Shield |
| 13. Squash Cup | .... | Shivaji Section |

Best Hockey Players of the year :

- (i) Cadet NCO L.J. Singh
(ii) ,, NCO L.T. Singh

Best Cricket Players of the year :

- (i) Cadet Capt. P.K. Ganguli
(ii) ,, P.S. Negi
(iii) ,, Sec Comdr. K.S. Jaswal

Best Football Players of the year :

- (i) Cadet A.K. Singh
(ii) ,, R.S. Verma

Best Sportsman of the year :

Cadet Sec Comdr. C.S. Thapa

Co-curricular shield : Ranjit Section

Education Cup : Sivaji Section

Lord Rawlinson's Championship Cup :
Pratap Section

ON WRITING AN ARTICLE

I have to write an article for the College Chronicle, and I am given only 40 minutes' time. Of all cadets in the class, I am asked to write it, and that too, for the Chronicle. I dare say it'll be torture to the readers. However, my English teacher insists on my writing it. I am forced to comply with his orders, as I feel it is better to 'torture' my readers a little than to get myself tortured by my teacher. Anyway, this will be the first and the last time he asks me for an article.

I am ready with pen and paper but the problem I face is 'on what topic to write an article'. My brain ought to work fast but I am so unfortunate with this brain of mine. It wouldn't have been difficult for 'Him' to fit Shakespeare's brain in my head. The clock reminds me that I am wasting time. I can visualize my teacher's renowned frown, and, in this cool wintry weather it will not be wise to get the feel of it.

Yes, that reminds me.....I can write on 'A Rainy Day' but no, that would be childish and the article would be rejected. I must write something worth reading. I could write on 'Indian Villages' but it strikes my mind that my modern readers would not be interested in an account of thatched houses, backward people and their typical way of living. I can write on 'An Interesting Journey', yes, this is a good idea. I begin....."Most people must have had interesting journeys'....." This is all I write, for I think that most readers must definitely have had more interesting journeys than mine. My account will then be left as 'interesting' only to me. Thus, the very purpose of writing an article will be defeated. I cancel what I have written. I had recovered from a brief illness only two days ago and perhaps I should write on 'On Being Ill'. It could be a natural and touching account. If somehow it became slightly boring, then my account of 'illness' may make many an unfortunate readers a victim of head-

ache. That, I am sure, is not what they look for in the Chronicle of our institution.

My mind now takes a turn to the humourous side and I think a description of 'A Funny Incident' can serve my purpose well. The pessimistic view again creeps in and questions 'What if the incident is not at all funny'. That would be unfortunate, for people would then have a poor impression of my sense of humour. Hoping to read something packed with fun they would be disappointed when they find my article below their expectations. This may spoil their mood and consequently it may lead to the common husband-wife quarrel over some petty reason. I would then be the one to be cursed and I am sure I do not want curses in return for my well-attempted article. I could write a short story of general interest, it would be great, but when I am not getting a suitable topic for an article, how can I get one for a story? Here again the question raises its ugly head 'What topic to write upon?' I might have written a beautiful poem if only I knew well the meaning of 'rhyming'.

As I look at the clock my heart beats faster than its 'tick-tick-tick'. Forty minutes are over and I have written nothing (except the line I cancelled). I am helpless. Even if I manage to write it, my teacher will make innumerable corrections and nothing will be left of the 'original', and perhaps he may then cleverly place his own or someone else's name below it. Then, to my great relief my teacher goes away for some work (Thank Heavens!) I am saved for the present but ultimately I have to write something. The only alternative is to put forward frankly before my readers the 'hardships' one faces on writing an article. It is said, "Nothing is good or bad, but thinking makes it so." Therefore, don't think this article is bad, and it just will not seem bad.

—Satendra Singh