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FROM THE EDITOR

A very happy new year to all of you. The new year has also ushered in a wealth of good news. It began with news of the first five in the All India merit list for the NDA and then it was the 143rd Course's 100% result in the UPSC written examination. On 26 Jan four of our old boys were honoured by award of the PVSM, two AVSM and four Sena Medal.

The news is that the mess serves such high quality food that the cafeteria seems to be on the brink of bankruptcy. For those who still wish to cut bounds for eats and movies, don't forget that the AO's CBI is active in and outside the campus.

We have more than 30% changes in the staff team. Our greetings and best wishes to every member of staff who has left us or joined up. We hope that this new year will continue to bring in good tidings of joy and cheer.

In the last few pages of this issue are names of 'War Heroes' and 'Gallantry Award Winners'. We feel that these are clearly outdated and will be grateful to Old Boys who can help us to update this very important information for the Alma Mater !

- Aayush Giri

GRADUATION CEREMONY AUGUST TERM - 1997

1. The Graduation Ceremony for the 142 course was held on 27 Nov 97. The chief guest for the function was Lt Gen MA Zaki, VrC (Retd), who is the Vice Chancellor of Jamia Milia Islamia and a Rimcollian. The function began with prize distribution to the cadets who achieved excellence in various fields. The cadets who were 1st in their classes were awarded certificates and prizes. Then the graduating cadets were presented their certificates. The most helpful cadet award was given to Cadet Captain Rochak Sethi and the most prestigious award, the 'Sword of Honour', was also awarded to him.

2. The Inter Section Quiz Cup was awarded to Pratap Section and the Inter Section Maths Cup to Shivaji for a third time in a row (The points are tabulated by Shivaji Section Master !!). The Zanskar team gave an audio visual presentation of the Zanskar White Water River Rafting Expedition which the RIMC cadets undertook in the prestine and serpentine Zanskar River. Later at dinner cadets of the passing out course were presented college mementos by Mrs Mamgain. With this we came to the end of the Aug Term 97 and look forward to 1998.

- Anoop Sharma

LOVE FOR THE RIMC

Did you know that Cadet Nagendra Kumar changed six trains to come to the college after his winter break ? His journey from Saharsa (Bihar) to Dehradun took him 52 hours.

Talk of Technology !

His 'Expedition' route :-

Saharsa to Khagaria

- Janaki Express

Khagaria to Mokama

- North East Express

Mokama to Mughalsara

- Toofan Mail

Mughalsarai to Varanasi

- Passenger 'Special'

Varanasi to Lucknow

- Holy City Express

Lucknow to Dehradun

- Doon Express

Talk of it as love for the college or fear of the Commandant or was it

Capt Kaberwal ? or

P.S Janki Express happens to be propelled by a steam engine.

HEARD IN THE CORRIDORS OF THE ACADEMIC BLOCK

Mrs Rekha Negi, our new Chemistry teacher, was scheduled to have an interview with the Commandant in the afternoon. The interview was inordinately delayed and poor Mrs Negi, having taken seven periods the very same day, couldn't help but catch a few winks during the interview. Mercifully, her work load is now shared by the second new chemistry teacher Ms Neelima Nautiyal.

THE END OF 1997

1. One would think that the term ending would be a slow process, boring and quiet. But it turned out to be busier than any other part of the term. Firstly, It was Ranjit under the guidance of Cadet Shwetabh that raced away with the Basketball trophy. Chandragupta, Shivaji & Pratap followed. Before the balls stopped bouncing, the college was preparing for Athletics. A lot of records were broken in various events. Some record-breakers were S.B Singh (P)(C-Div hurdles 15.75 sec), SCR Burman (C) (B-Div High Jump 157 cm) and T Jamir (C) (B-Div 100 Mtr Hurdles 16.12 sec & shotput, 10.88 Mtr). The best athletes were SB Singh, TT Jamir and Amardeep in the 'C', 'B' and 'A' divisions respectively. The winners of the race-Chandragupta followed by Pratap, Ranjit and Shivaji.

2. It didn't stop at this. PT followed and a lot of tough competition between the Sections. The tests were very strict and Shivaji lost a tight battle to Ranjit for the cup. Pratap and Chandragupta followed after their own battle. End of activities? No. Squash was the next item of on the agenda and very high standards were displayed, a reminder of RIMC's success at the national level and now with Ritwik Bhattacharya and Awish Jaiswal, international levels. The level of the tournament was so high that Ranjit & Chandragupta had to share the trophy. Shivaji followed with Pratap behind them. The KKT Trophy presented by three Shivajian Old Boys was incidentally won by a Shivajian, Nitin Rawat, for being the best Squash player of the college.

3. End of activities ? Yes and No. Yes, because the games ended and No, because the terminal examinations were staring the cadets right in the face. End of term ? Yes!

Aayush Giri

SHIP AHOY

The FOC-in-C, Western Fleet, Vice Admiral AR Tandon's visit to the college early November saw him calling 10 Cadets for a trip to the Western Fleet, Mumbai.

Come December and we were off to Mumbai. We boarded INS Amba, the oldest serving ship in the Indian Navy. The stay was brief before we boarded INS Sukanya for a Sea-Sortie to Goa. Sunny beaches, clear water and fun, exactly as we thought Goa would be. It was a thrilling experience to see Sea-Harriers, Chetaks, Kamovs and Kiran aircraft at INS Hansa, the Naval Air Base. It was a great honour for us to be invited to tea at Rear Admiral KV Bharathan's house on Navy Day, he is the Flag Officer Commanding Goa Area. We also met the Chief Minister of Goa, Mr Pratap Singh Rane. An airshow was also held. We were to stay on Sukanya till we returned to Mumbai. The Captain of the ship was Capt G Srinivasan. There was also a Rimcollian on board, Lt Cdr Deepak Aadhar, Ex-Chandragupta. We also went for a picnic with the ship's crew.

On our return to Mumbai, we saw various ships of various classes, INS Viraat, INS Godavari, INS Ranvijay & INS Nipat to name a few. We also saw a submarine INS Sindhu-kirti. Amongst simulators, we saw the Sea Harrier simulator and the submarine simulator. We also met some Rimcollians. Lt HS Dabbas, Lt Abhijit Joshi, Lt Sritanu Guru and Lt Cdr Chandan Gupta. Capt Samir Chakraborty, whose brother happens to be a Rimcollian, presented us with the Godavari's crest and cap.

The trip inspired many of us and it was a complete view of the Indian Navy. Apart from ships, torpedoes and missiles, we attended a band concert by the Navy Band and had a nice time looking at what Mumbai had to offer. On our liberty, we frequented the Marine Drive, Fashion Street and Colaba Causeway.

We also did Yachting for three days at the Naval Sailing Club. It was a new experience for all of us.

The 15 day trip was an eye-opener for all of us and we were lucky to see all that the multi faceted Navy had to offer at this young age. I, personally, will remember what Cmde PK Ray told us when we met him on the penultimate day of the trip, "If god were to give me a second life, then the Indian Navy is where I would be".

Cdt NCO Aayush Giri

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THE COLLEGE

1. The new synthesizer and two guitars were bought for the Music hobby. The Com wanted to revive the 'Diamond Cutters', the RIMC band of the DJC 80s vintage. But our musical lads don't give up their rights too easily, they were sleeping in the GLR. May be the Commandant will personally take over the hobby !

2. Our administrative officer has a new trick up his sleeve. His gypsy is parked in front of the office and the Maruti Van, outside Ranjit Section, and he himself turns up in Chandragupta. The cadets are not sure of where he is at anytime and some of them have been caught out. However, the term has a long way to go and the battle of wits is going to be an interesting one. Some have begun to say that God & the AO are omnipresent.

-B Divakar

AFTER 32 YRS, GEN THIMAYYA'S BODY IS EXHUMED, AND SHIFTED TO ASC CENTRE

Thirty two years after his death, the body of one of the most distinguished Rimcollians and India's most illustrious generals, K.S. Thimayya, was last month exhumed from his grave in Wilson Garden burial ground and shifted to the Army Service Corps Centre.

"The event was conducted in a quiet and dignified manner with full military honours. It was attended by Ms K.M. Chengappa daughter of the late General, close family members, sub-area commander P.K. Sinha and members of the Gen Thimayya Memorial Committee".

The exercise of shifting the body has been going on for some time now. The Army came out with two options - either shift the body to Gen Thimayya's regimental centre at Ranikhet or ASC Centre in Bangalore. The general's daughter and family members felt he be buried in Bangalore as he hailed from Karnataka's Coorg (Kodagu) district.

Incidentally, the general's coffin has never been opened. Gen Thimayya popularly called Timmy died in harness when he was posted to Cyprus as head of the UN forces, on December 18, 1965. His body was flown to Bangalore in an airtight lead-sealed coffin, which was buried without being opened.

Gen Thimayya studied at Bishop Cotton School, Bangalore and Royal Indian Military College, Dehradun. After training in Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, United Kingdom, he was commissioned in 1926.

After serving as Chairman of Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission in Korea and

holding several senior posts in the Indian Army, he became a General in 1957 at the age of 51. After his retirement in 1964, he was appointed head of UN Forces in Cyprus.

On his death due to heart attack, the Cyprus government issued postage stamps and named a road after him in recognition of his contribution to peace. In his tribute, the Turkish Foreign Minister praised the general for his "Superhuman effort to keep peace going by his intellectual honesty and unshakeable impartiality".

We at the RIMC salute him once again.

Courtesy of Col SK Singh (Ex P 1966-70)
& The Times of India

OUR WIZARD

1. We thought that this bright cadet who joined us recently deserved a special mention in the chronicle. He is C Srikanth Varma. He joined the Chandragupta Section last August. So, what's special about him ? His mathematical section of the brain is, well, beyond our scope. His first major feat was that he beat Ms Shakuntala Devi's world record of solving the 239th root of a given 201 digit number in 48 seconds. He outdid her by solving the 180x10th root of a given 901x10 digit number in 5 seconds flat! Wow! That's quite a lot of numbers.

2. While we were holidaying, eating and making merry, Srikanth Varma had other ideas. And not just a few but 17 new ideas. To quote some of them. A new value of Pi, Calendar of x years etc. He is also trying to combine and complete some of Ramanujam's incomplete formulae. His achievements are not only limited to our country but extend all the way to the Guinness Publishing and NASA. The former are considering his name for inclusion in their famous Book of Records and the latter have sent him a lot of bumf to be filled in for enrolling with them ! Meanwhile, newspapers in Andhra Pradesh are full of what he is upto. He is clearly a celebrity in his part of the country. Shri Chandra Babu Naidu, the Chief Minister, interviewed him in January and is reported to have promised him a lap top computer. Guess what CSK Varma prays for; may Chandra Babu Naidu retain his chair !

NEWS IN BRIEF

1. During the vacation, the Commandant, accompanied by Mr Virender Sharma and Mr SK Tyagi made a trip to Delhi. In the capital, they visited the Jamia Milia Islamia and interacted with the faculty there. While in Delhi, they also bought a Yamaha Synthesizer, two guitars and a 'Canterful' of stationery and books.

2. Five of our teachers left us during the vacation. They are Mrs C Joshi, Miss P Sangal, Capt K Yadav, Capt AK Sharma "SM" and Mr Yashbeer Singh. We wish them the very best of luck for all their future endeavours. We extend a hearty welcome to the new MOS and hope they have a very fruitful stay at the RIMC; they are :-

Mr Siraj Ansari	- Mathematics
Mr Kartik Kumar	- History
Mrs Anita Saini	- English
Mrs Rekha Negi	- Chemistry
Miss Neelima Nautiyal	- Chemistry

3. Lt Gen (Dr) ML Chibber, Padma Bhushan, PVSM, AVSM (Retd) visited the college and gave a talk to the cadets on leadership. A very interesting talk, especially enjoyed by the cadets of VA who are a few weeks away from appearing for their SSB. The learned general has written back to say, "RIMC was conceived as a nursery for leaders for the Indian Armed Forces and I have come away with a feeling of pride that the country has an institution of this quality"

4. The NDA merit list was spectacular this term. Our cadets were there in the first five - all five ranks and the eighth and ninth. The all time best has been 9 out of the first ten; not far in setting records are the 143rd Course. A 100% result in the UPSC written examination. Well done.

5. Mr PK Sharma has taken upon himself the task of landscaping the College. The potted plants and flowers one sees all around the campus are a result of his hard work in this direction. His interest is bearing fruit and is attracting others to team up.

6. Mr Brijesh Chauhan tied the nuptial knot on 23 January in Saharanpur. Staff members attended the wedding and returned as late as 0100 h on 24 January. The RIMC wishes Mr Brijesh Chauhan and Mrs Sonia Chauhan a happy married life. And looking forward to immediate future, Capt JS Kaberwal, "SC" is getting married on 11 Feb 98 (More on this in the next issue). Unknown to many of us, Capt Munendra Gupta attained nuptial bliss during the vacation. All we know is that he now owns a new Maruti ! Our heartiest congratulations to him.

7. To spruce up the academic block, Shramdan was carried out on 25 January. The cadets now complain that the classes are too clean to study.

8. Satyanarayan Puja was held on Republic Day for a prosperous term and year ahead. News is that the Commandant and the AO were quite relieved to be left out of the 'Jais' to the Lord by the Pandit.

9. The SPICMACAY hosted a show in the RIMC recently. Master Shashank, a young flautist, enthralled the audience with his amazing talent, and surprisingly, the cadets wanted more of it even at the cost of their dinner. This was followed by another programme by Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhat on 31 Jan 98 and Dhruvad Gayan on 02 Feb 98. The cadets are up in protest and have extracted an assurance from the Commandant - no more SPICMACAY for 60 days !

10. We now have good reason to see RIMC, month after month. The first RIMC calendar was produced with a lot of effort by Mr Bhatia and his Arts Club, Mr Brijesh Chauhan and his photographers, and the Journalism Club.

11. Former doctor of the college, Dr Jagat Singh Bhatti visited the college in November last year and was happy to find that many of his "regular patients" were now instructors at the RIMC. Also among the visitors were Mr & Mrs Shaukat Ali, our ex English Master who is now with the Customs in Calcutta.

12. Cadet Dinil George (R) was awarded the A.I.T.S award in February 1997. The all India Talent Search Awards were presented by the then Prime Minister of India, Mr H Deve Gowda. Due to his joining the RIMC during that period, he could not collect the award in person. The same was therefore presented to him during the Assembly.

13. Two new clubs 'Shooting' and 'Automobile' have started functioning. However on the first Hobby Day, the Automobile Club made valiant efforts for two hours to get the Platinum Jubilee (ROBA) Jonga Started. Hope they are successful next time. The shooters have set their sights high; some bullets missed Sonu, the Mali working in Com's garden. The rumour is that it was one of the 'retest' guys trying to get even with the Com !

14. In what can be termed as a dubious distinction of its kind, 20% of the College was here as early as the 15th of January for the re-test. Ultimately, there were three relegations.

15. A special assembly was held on 27 Jan 98 to bid farewell to Brig PSK Choudhary and his wife. The assembly was followed by lunch in the Cadets Mess. Speaking on the occasion, the Comdt highlighted various works done by Brig PSK Choudhary for the RIMC. Brig PSK Chaoudhary, as Sub Area Cdr, was a great help to RIMC particularly in the crucial period of Platinum Jubilee.

16. The College received new year greetings from everyone; Old Boys, Teachers, Parents & Cadets. These were on display in the Exhibition Boards to warm us up on our arrival in cold January. We heartily reciprocate the same.

17. Last October, RIMC sent 200 copies of the Chronicles for sale to the Old Boys, each priced at Rs 10/-. Of the 200 copies on sale during the ROBA dinner, only 3 were SOLD and "rather generously; only one has paid" We shall continue to send more copies to Rimcollians whose address we have in the hope that many more will pay up.

18. The computers were welcomed amidst great fanfare last term. They were then open round-the-clock to anyone who wanted to use them. Later, it was restricted to working hours only. And after that, the time was reduced to weekends. Today, the computers are out of bounds except for the 45 minute 'awareness' period every week !

19. Three segments of the rear verandah of Chandragupta Junior Dormitory have been marked unsafe. The foundation has clearly sunk. Worse fate has befallen the lady teachers, the only ladies toilet in the Academic Block also has a foundation sinking problem.

20. From the College corpus fund, four cadets have been awarded scholarship of Rs 2000/- each. They are VV Reddy (P), Tanmay Pant (R), ONK Reddy(S) & Amardeep (C). Our congratulations to all of them on being the proud winners.

OBITUARY

Maj Gen AM Joglekar (Ex-Roberts 1940-46) an ardent and distinguished Rimcollian passed away in November 1997. As a senior Rimcollian, he has always been a source of strength and motivation to all of us. We, at RIMC, express deep shock and feel a great sense of loss on the death of such an illustrious alumnus of our alma-mater.

We also condole the death of Lt Col SP Das (Pratap 1953-58), Col PS Malhotra (Ranjit 1963-67) and Maj (Retd) Inderjeet Singh Bhalla (Ranjit 1952-56) who died in the Upahar tragedy in Delhi last year. We pray to God for the eternal peace of their souls and express our heartfelt sympathies with the bereaved families.

COMMANDANT'S MAIL BAG

1. "... Incedently, what attitude do you plan to adopt on the guava **raids** in teachers' house gardens."

Col AK Gupta
DSSC ex Pratap
Wellington

2. " I am in receipt of the RIMC calendar 1998. It is well produced. I am proud to have it on a wall in my house.

There is however a glaring error on the front page. The architecture is described as 'TUDOR'. The architecture is not Tudor. It is nondescript English of early 20th century. Please have this error rectified for future."

- Inayatullah Hassan

3. "RIMC is so unique and impressive that people have all sorts of descriptions for it. One of our friends Col MA Deviah had described it in 1981 as follows :
 "You put raw cotton at one end and a fully tailored suit comes out at the other end".

Mrs Neelam K Sharma
 w/o COI KK Sharma
 (Ex Shivaji 1960-64)

REPUBLIC DAY AWARDS

The following Rimcollians were honoured on the eve of this Republic Day.

PVSM

Lt Gen NS Malik
 Lt Gen Vinay Shankar
 Lt Gen AN Sinha
 Air MARshal Vinod Patney

AVSM

Maj Gen JS Verma
 Maj Gen VN Wadhwa

Sena Medal

Col HS Pathania
 Maj Sanjay Singh
 Maj GDS Kochchar
 Lt Hitesh Duggal

Our congratulations to all of them. We at the Alma Mater are proud of them.

A number of Rimcollian have been enquiring about our war heroes and other award winners. Detailed lists are produced below on the basis of information available with the college. We are aware that many names may be missing from these lists. We shall welcome more information and corrections.

- Editor

NAME OF WAR HEROES INSCRIBED ON THE MEMORIAL

S/No	Rank & Name	Unit	Year
1.	Maj CP Machia	12 FF Regt	1941
2.	Lt Col SK Ghosh	Punjab	14 Feb 1942
3.	Flg Offr SK Ray	IAF	25 Oct 1942
4.	Capt Malvinder Singh	RIASC	1943
5.	Maj MS Bewoor	Engrs	07 Feb 1944
6.	Maj V Panch	Engrs	19 Apr 1944
7.	Lt LM Pant	Engrs	03 Feb 1945
8.	Maj Somnath Sharma, PVC	4 KUMAON	03 Nov 1947
9.	Maj Vir Singh	Punjab	Killed in Burma (date not known)
10.	Maj GC Verma, VrC	3 DOGRA	06 Sep 1965
11.	Flt Lt TK Chaudhary	IAF	15 Sep 1965
12.	Maj MS Bal	7 CAV	23 Sep 1965
13.	2/Lt PK Singh	9 GR	26 Sep 1965
14.	Maj JC Pande	2 MADRAS	29 Sep 1965
15.	Capt SK Sil, SM	Engrs	04 Sep 1971
16.	Maj SP Singh, SM	5 GR	28 Nov 1971
17.	2/Lt DK Das	12 KUMAON	03 Dec 1971
18.	Capt Daljinder Singh	9 HORSE	04 Dec 1971
19.	2/Lt MR Ghanekar	5 MARATHA	06 Dec 1971
20.	Lt Cdr RK Sen, VrC	INS KHUKRI	08 Dec 1971
21.	Capt U Ramadas	7 PARA	09 Dec 1971
22.	Lt Col Onkar Singh	10 GARH RIF	11 Dec 1971
23.	Maj SS Malik	Engrs	17 Dec 1971

LIST OF GALLANTRY AWARDS - RIMCOLLIANS

PARAM VIR CHAKRA

1. Maj Somnath Sharma

MAHAVIR CHAKRA

1. Brig KL Atal

KIRTI CHAKRA

1. Sqn Ldr Deepak Yadav
2. Maj Ashok Kumar Singh

VIR CHAKRA

1. Air Vice Marshal Ranjan Dutt
2. Air Marshal CD Subia
3. Col Pawittar Singh
4. Lt Gen MA Zaki
5. Maj GC Verma
6. Maj Jitender Kumar
7. Maj Chandra Kant
8. Lt Cdr JK Roy Chaudhury
9. Lt Cdr RK Sen
10. Air Marshal Vinod Patney
11. Maj RS Bedi
12. Sqn Ldr RK Sinha
13. Col AP Datta
14. Cdr RS Grewal
15. Cdr GS Sandhu
16. Brig Manoranjan Singh

SHAURYA CHAKRA

1. Capt PB Chowdhuri, IN
2. Brig KS Rao
3. Capt Jasbir Singh Kaberwal
4. Capt Anu Saluja

LIST OF GALLANTRY AWARDS - RIMCOLLIANS

SENA MEDAL

1. Capt BS Kolhi
2. Col Pawittar Singh
3. Capt SK Sil
4. Maj SP Singh
5. Brig AAS Sinha
6. Maj Gen Karam Singh
7. Brig KS Rao
8. Maj PR Sarkar
9. Maj Prem Prakash
10. Maj Ashok Kumar Singh
11. Maj Gen Narayan Chatterjee
12. Capt Moirangthem Bobo Singh
13. Capt Aman Nugyal
14. Maj Jaidev Singh
15. Lt Col Dilip Prasad
16. Maj H Dharmarajan
17. Capt Sanjay Patole
18. Maj SK Kurup
19. Lt Gen SS Grewal
20. Col Orem Vir Singh
21. Lt Col Diljit Singh
22. Capt Neel Kamal
23. Col Harjeet Singh Pathania
24. Maj Sanjay Singh
25. Maj Gagan Deep Singh Kochar
26. Lt Hitesh Duggal

LIST OF GALLANTRY AWARDS-RIMCOLLIANS(CONTD)

VAYU SENA MEDAL

1. Air Cmde HS Dhillon
2. Gp Capt Dalbir Yadav
3. Wg Cdr RK Sinha
4. Air Cmde Satwant Singh
5. Air Chief Marshal NC Suri
6. Sqn Ldr JC Hazarika
7. Wg Cdr DC Kumaria
8. Air Cdr DS Sabharwal
9. Wg Cdr P Hari Mohan
10. Wg Cdr JPS Talwar
11. Gp Capt Mohan John
12. Gp Captain AG Bewoor
13. Wg Cdr KG Bewoor
14. Gp Capt SK Jayaswal
15. Wg Cdr HS Sandhu
16. Wg Cdr AK Prasad
17. Wg Cdr AK Prasad
18. Sqn Lr Ashok Ranjan

NAO SENA MEDAL

1. Cdr RS Grewal
2. Cmde RS Huja
3. Cmde TS Khurana
4. Vice Admiral KASZ RAJU
5. Cmde UR Dabir
6. Lt Cdr MR Sharma
7. Lt Cdr Sarvotam Handa
8. Capt PB Chaudhuri
9. Rear Admiral PD Sharma
10. Capt DK YAdav
11. Capt UN Chitnamis
12. Cmde H Sahney
13. Lt Cdr AK Aukta

LIST OF HONOURS AND AWARDS- RIMCOLLIANS

PADMA VIBHUSHAN

1. General KS Thimayya

PADMA BHUSHAN

1. Lt Gen JS Dhillon
2. Lt Gen KP Candeth
3. Lt Gen KS Katoch
4. General GG Bewoor
5. Maj Gen Harnarain Singh

PARAM VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

1. Lt Gen PS Bhagat
2. Lt Gen KP Candeth
3. Lt Gen KN Dubey
4. Maj Gen MG Hazari
5. General GG Bewoor
6. Air Vice Marshal Jaswant Singh
7. Air Vice Marshal CD Subia
8. Brig SM Pahalajani
9. Lt Gen GL Chopra
10. Maj Gen MG Rajwade
11. Maj Gen Satinder Singh
12. Lt Gen K Surender Singh
13. Maj Gen SC Sinha
14. Maj Gen AM Joglekar
15. Maj Gen BP Wadhera
16. Lt Gen K Chiman Singh
17. Maj Gen TS Verma
18. Maj Gen Karam Singh
19. Air Marshal S Raghavendran
20. General VN Sharma

LIST OF HONOURS AND AWARDS- RIMCOLLIANS (Contd...)

21. Air Chief Marshal NC Suri
22. Air Marshal PK Dey
23. Lt Gen MA Zaki
24. Vice Admiral KASZ Raju
25. Lt Gen RN Batra
26. Lt Gen MM Lakhera
27. Lt Gen S Padmanabhan
28. Lt Gen RK Gulati
29. Vice Admiral AR Tandon
30. Lt gen HM Khanna
31. Lt Gen SS Grewal
32. Lt Gen PS Gyani
33. Lt Gen NS Malik
34. Lt Gen AN Sinha
35. Lt Gen Vinay Shankar
36. Air Marshal Vinod Patney

ATI VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

1. Col PLN Chawdhary
2. Maj Gen MG Hazari
3. Maj Gen AS Guraya
4. Maj Gen BP Wadhera
5. Lt Gen K Surendra Singh
6. Lt Gen SV Giri
7. Maj Gen RM Rao
8. Col RS Wodeyar
9. Air Chief Marshal NC Suri
10. Brig KD Issar
11. Brig ID Vashishtha
12. Air Marshal PK Dey

LIST OF HONOURS AND AWARDS-RIMCOLLIANS (CONTD)

ATI VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL (Contd)

13. Maj Gen PD Sherlekar
14. General VN Sharma
15. Maj Gen Ashok Mehta
16. Air Marshal S Raghavendran
17. Maranjan Singh
18. Brig Narjit Singh
19. Maj Gen MM Rai
20. Maj Gen V Subba Rao
21. Lt Gen MA Zaki
22. Air Cmde DS Sabharwal
23. Vice Admiral AR Tandon
24. Maj Gen Inder Mohan
25. Rear Admiral AR Tandon
26. Brig DK Khullar
27. Maj Gen MPS Mann
28. Lt Gen MM Lakhera
29. Maj Gen MA Gurbaxani
30. Air Cmde TJ Master
31. Cmde AR Dabir
32. Maj Gen Dipankar Banerjee
33. Brig SK Dey
34. Vice Admiral Harinder Singh
35. Vice Admiral KASZ Raju
36. Rear Admiral PP Nandi
37. Lt Gen S Padmanabhan
38. Lt Gen HM Khanna
39. Maj Gen HRS Mann
40. Lt Gen Vinay Shankar
41. Lt Gen S Grewal
42. Lt Gen AN Sinha
43. Air Marshal Vinod Patney
44. Air Cmde HS Dhillon

LIST OF HONOURS AND AWARDS-RIMCOLLIANS (CONTD)

ATI VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL (Contd)

45. Maj Gen Narayan Chatterjee
46. Maj Gen JS Varma
47. Maj Gen VN Wadhwa

ARJUNA AWARD

1. Brig DK Khullar
2. Brig RK Manchanda
3. Brig KS Rao

VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

1. Lt Col PAR Chaudhury
2. Lt Col SK Dhar
3. Cdr SD Sinha
4. Rear Admiral PP Nandi
5. Maj Gen PK Chhiber
6. Maj Gen MR Rajwade
7. Brig RS Deol
8. Cmde AR Dabir
9. Brig JB Singh
10. Col Anil Chawla
11. Capt Shamsher Singh
12. Lt Gen S Padmanabhan
13. Brig RK Manchanda
14. Wg Cdr R Yadav
15. Capt CV Pratap
16. Brig PS Dhankar
17. Air Chief Marshal NC Suri
18. Air Cmde Satwant Singh
19. Brig SP Sinha
20. Lt Gen RN Batra
21. Maj Gen Narayan Chatterjee
22. Lt Col UB Ghosh
23. Brig BK Agarwal
24. Cdr AP Bhattacharya

VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

35. Col KJ Dube

36. Maj Gen TV Manoharan

37. Lt Gen Vinay Shankar

38. Col KK Gauri

39. Brig Suresh Datt

40. Col RS Wodeyar

41. Maj Gen Biju Neogy

42. Maj Gen AB Bakshi

43. Lt Gen MM Lakshmi

44. Maj Gen AR Kumar

45. Brig JK Khan

46. Lt Gen SS Grewal

47. Air Marshal Vinod Pathak

48. Brig AK Sankar

49. Maj Gen SD Mahant

50. Brig Rajendra Singh

51. Maj Gen B Choudhury

52. Wg Cdr BC Kumar

53. Brig AK Dutta

54. Lt Col ON Saxena

55. Cmde BK Mahapatra

56. Col V Mohan

57. Maj Gen VB Bhatnagar

58. Col PR Yadav

VICTORIA CROSS

1. Lt Gen FS Bhargava

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

1. General KS Thimayya

2. Maj Gen K Mahabadi Singh

3. Brig VD Jaiswal

4. Capt (aj) Mohd Khanzada

LIST OF HONOURS AND AWARDS-RIMCOLLIANS (CONTD)

VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

25. Col KL Dubey
26. Maj Gen TV Manoharan
27. Lt Gen Vinay Shankar
28. Cdr KK Gulati
29. Brig Suresh Datt
30. Col RS Wodeyar
31. Maj Gen Bilu Neogy
32. Maj Gen AR Raikar
33. Lt Gen MM Lakhera
34. Maj Gen AR Kumar
35. Brig JK Khan
36. Lt Gen SS Grewal
37. Air Marshal Vinod Patney
38. Brig AK Samantaray
39. Maj Gen SD Mahanti
40. Brig Rajendra Singh
41. Maj Gen B Chowdhuri
42. Wg Cdr BC Kumaria
43. Brig AK Dutta
44. Lt Col ON Saxena
45. Cmde BK Mahanty
46. Cdr V Mohindra
47. Maj Gen VB Batra
48. Col MP Yadav

VICTORIA CROSS

1. Lt Gen PS Bhagat

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

1. General KS Thimayya
2. Maj Gen K Mahadeo Singh
3. Brig VD Jayal
4. Capt Taj Mohd Khanzada

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2. Air Cmde NK Shitole

MILITARY CROSS

1. Lt Gen KS Katoch
2. Maj Gen NKD Nahavati
3. Maj Gen K Zorawar Singh
4. Maj Gen RS Grewal
5. Maj Gen MR Rajwade
6. Vishal Mohd Khan
7. Mohd Siddique
8. Brig K Ranbir Singh
9. Lt Gen K Surendra Singh
10. Brig NL Kapur
11. Capt Taj MOhd Khanzada
12. Riajul Karim Khan
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5. Maj Gen MT Rawats
6. Major Mohd Khan
7. Major Siddiqui
8. Brig K Bahadur Singh
9. Lt Gen K Suresh Singh
10. Brig M Kapur
11. Capt Jai Mohd Khanna
12. Rajul Kam Khan
13. Mohd Aslam

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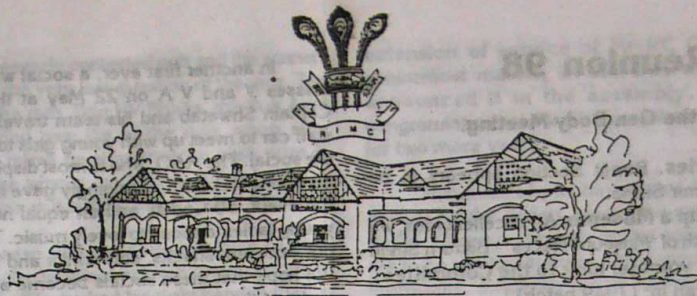
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EDITORIAL

It has been quite some time since we last met. And time has flown by. Just looking on, we have come to the end of another term. The College has had its share of good and more good.

First, there was the fortnight when both the Commandant and the AO were out of town. The Commandant was visiting various schools in the country while the latter was holidaying in Bangkok. Not that there was much chaos here, thanks to Capt Munendra Gupta!

Apart from normal competitions, we had the Inter School quiz, that we hosted and won in great style. Then, there was the Doon School hockey series which we drew 1-1. Our basketball team, considering the lack of preparation due to the board exams, did surprisingly well in the Afzal Khan Inter School Tournament.

And as we come to the end of the term the usual chaos prevails, Board exams for classes IIIA/VA, medical appeals (Twenty of them having cleared the SSB), terminal examinations, preparations for the graduation ceremony, as we see off the 143 course.

Being part of the graduating course, I too am having my share of sentimental thoughts and nothing, not even Vajpayee's Nuclear melodrama and the euphoria that it has generated, is going to stop me from dreaming of this wonderful place that I will surely miss.

Ayush Giri

REUNION - 98

There comes a time every year when each cadet, junior or senior looks forward to his cold drinks and to the Old Boys, the latter obviously gaining more importance. After the mammoth success of the Platinum Jubilee, the last thing we wanted was a damp and quiet reunion. But as fate would have it, the Reunion this year was quite a success, though out of proportion in comparison with 1997.

Rather than the whole thing being a low-key affair, we had our share of excitement and adventure. First it was Maj Ravi Nath Mehra (Ex Shivaji 48-52) who undertook the challenge of cycling to Dehra Dun. Coming from Delhi, it wouldn't be just the distance that bugged him or the fast approaching summer heat, but ex-Miss Mayawati's roads would surely have driven him to an irresistible temptation to hitch hike! But such is the 'josh' of a Rimcollian that he was here, high in spirits and morale. Not far behind him in popularity (we did our survey) was Wg Cdr. JS Chatterjee (Ex-Shivaji 58-63) who came all dressed in his football regalia. To his dismay, he realized that there was no soccer to be played. Ultimately, he persuaded (or should I say forced) the authorities to have one after the hockey match which ended in a draw.

In the Cricket field, the cadets retained their dominance over the Old Boys. Hockey though was keenly contested with a 2-1 verdict in favour of the Old Boys.

Speaking of verdicts, the judges verdict in the Boxing Championship stuck to Chandragrupa who were followed by Shivaji, Ranjit & Pratap. Gen VN Sharma gave away the prizes to the winners.

Entertainment time was here again and the College choir and dramatics society put up an excellent programme. Cdt Pinak Pani Roy enthralled the audience in his very first term with a semi-classical vocal. The chief guest for the evening was Lt Gen NS Malik, ROBA President. Maj Gen Virender Singh also spoke on the occasion.

Another first this Reunion was a tea for the Class IV employees with the Old Boys. What a lovely gesture!

Three days don't take long especially three good ones. Before we realized it, the Rimcollians were gone and we were ready to face the mid-term examinations head -on.

Cdt NCO
Aayush Giri
VA

P.S. - Cdt. Aayush Giri has been awarded a merit Card for the excellent work done by him as Editor of the Chronicle the College Magazine and while representing the college in English Debates.

Reunion 98

- **Heard in the Gen Body Meeting.**
- **On obituaries.** Ranjit Section appears to be leading - Samir Sinha.
- **On setting up a Museum.** An excellent idea, we have no dearth of 'Museum Pieces' - Bikram Singh
- **On Giving a younger look to the Committee -** Get Manoharan in; (1949 batch) !

Anonymous

What was new

- * JS Chatterjee leading a potential College Eleven in a practice soccer session and later playing a soccer match with the College Hockey Eleven.
- * JS Chatterjee - Telling tall tales atop the Hunter aircraft.
- * Disco music displacing the Military Band; that is a generation gap for you.

COLLEGE NEWS

The first ever golf camp was organised in the College in May 98 and an experienced coach was hired from Delhi to teach us the basics. The response from cadets was amazing and it was a treat to see the clinic in action on the main play field. Of the sixty or so who took part, at least 10 cadets showed great promise. The next item on Commandant's agenda is to hold an intersection golf competition, with the staff team also taking part in it. Mr Bikram Singh (KIT 1939-45) has promised to promote the game. We believe Maj Gen VB Batra (Ran 1954-59) had also promised a golf set in 1996 and it is now on the way.

In an unfortunate incident on 14 Apr 98 Capt Salil Mongia suffered severe burns (20 per cent) when he accidentally touched a transformer and got an electric shock. He has been hospitalised ever since and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

The corpus which stood at Rs. 20 Lac in Mar 98 has grown by 25 per cent and now stands at Rs.24.5 Lac. We received Rs.2 Lac from Naval HQ, Rs.2 Lac from Army HQ Rs.0.5 Lac from Maj Gen VB Batra, VSM, GOC, UP Area and another Rs.0.5 Lac is being contributed by Brig HV Bhalla, Cdr Dehr Dun Sub Area.

Lt Gen SS Grewal, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, (Shivaji 1953-57) gave a grant of Rs. 5 Lac on 13 Mar 98 in response to the Comdt's request for essential welfare oriented projects on campus.

As always, this time too, Classes V and V A went for the NDA written examination to Bareilly. They all did well in the exam and we all hope for a 100% result again.

The Administrative Officer went on a vacation to Bangkok alongwith his family and ever since he's back he can be seen putting on a new T-shirt every day.

Capt JS Kaberwal, SC has rejoined his unit after completing a successful stay of about 2 years at the RIMC. Cadets will certainly miss him (he was in charge of their discipline) !

In another first ever, a social was organised by classes V and V A on 22 May at the DSOI. Cadet Captain Shwetab and his team travelled miles in the staff car to meet up with young girls to invite them for the social. The AAO, who is most displeased with their discipline this term, grudgingly gave them all help for the event. 50 Cadets and an equal number of lovely young ladies danced to lovely music. The college laid out excellent snacks, soft drinks and fabulous prizes. We hope that these socials become a regular feature and that the younger lot too get to these evenings.

The College debating team accompanied by Ms S Kothiyal, took part in the Slater Memorial English debate, held at BCS Shimla. It was a debate in which the Oxford style of debating was followed. The college team, comprising Cds Mayank Kanungo, D. Hazarika, B.T.Z.S. Appu, and Bikramjit Singh, lost out in the quarter finals, but in the process they gained valuable experience which bodes well for the future.

Mr Brijesh Gupta, who is involved in everything spiritual and holy, succeeded in persuading a Swamiji from Rishikesh to come and speak to the Cadets on "How to become a better person". The lecture was very revealing and was liked by the cadets, although some of them decided to catch up on their lost sleep by sleeping during the lecture.

Cadets Gautam Sharma and Ruchir Anand were allowed to attend the marriages of their sister & uncle respectively. They got lots of sweets from their houses and I believe some laddoos are still floating around in Shivaji Section.

The College hockey team played two matches with the Doon School's one of which we won 3-1 and the other we lost 5-3. We also played a match against the Welham Boys which resulted in a 4-4 verdict. Cdt Wati Jamir scored 5 goals in the 3 matches. Some spectators remarked about the size of Cdt Wati's calf muscles and said "His calves are larger than our players thighs ! No wonder Wati is a terror in the hockey fields of the Doon Valley.

The DGMT, Maj Gen Surendra Shah, VrC, VSM visited the college on 8th May. He evinced keen interest in all College activities and spent over seven hours with us. He also met cadets and Members of Staff informally in the ante rooms and was our guest of honour at a yummy lunch

We are experimenting with opening the swimming pool in the Jan term also because in the Jul term it is extensively used by the section teams. Swimming is on for the non - swimmers and we hope to see a real improvement in the swimming standards next term.

The College quiz team comprising Vedvyas Samal, B. Divakar and Pinak Pani Roy won the 7th RIMC Challenge Round of quizzing for the 2nd consecutive time. It featured 7 schools from in and outside the valley, namely,

- Bishop Cotton School, Shimla
- Lawrence School Sanawar
- Welham Girls School
- Scholars Home
- St Joseph's Academy
- Doon School
- RIMC

It was an intensely contested quiz and the winners were decided on the very last question of the quiz. The Chief Guest for the quiz, Brig HV Bhalla, the Sub Area Commander added new life to the quiz, when after giving away the prizes he announced a cash prize of Rs 10000/- to the winner of the two special rounds. This cash prize was won by Lawrence School, Sanawar.

It was a case of one injured soldier helping another. During the terminal examinations this term, Cadet R Prakash (R) who had his right hand in plaster was given Miss Minu Manchanda (left leg in plaster) as his script writer.

Capt Munendra Gupta has come up with a novel idea to punish all the defaulters. He has the defaulters lined up outside the office, along with the Barber. The barber was instructed to leave no hair longer than a centimeter, and after the stunning haircut the cadets become self disciplined. The first 10 victims of this scheme were the cadets missing for Swamiji's lecture on 7th May.

Lt Gen MA Gurbaxani (Ex Shivaji) Commandant IMA, visited the college on 12th May 98. He addressed a special assembly and also had lunch with the cadets. The General had donated Rs 1.00 lakh towards scholarships in memory of his late aunt, Smt Ganga Lalwani. The Cadet standing first in each term in Class III A (board exam) would receive Rs 5000/- as scholarship. It was an excellent coincidence that the first two recipients of the scholarships; Cadets Ashish Kumar (C) and Bhaskar Shukla (R) received them from Gen M A Gurbaxani. Cadets of junior classes have already set their sights on the scholarship and have started studying hard; this will surely boost the academic standards of the College. The General's dossier is one amongst the 200 which are missing from the archives. Rumour has it that the 'bad guys' wanted theirs done away with and in the process some 'good guys' also went missing. We now have 200 guys claiming the latter status.

College Aeromodelling club has now acquired the radio control equipment for their models. Their long cherished dream of landing one of their planes in Comdt House lawns could now become a reality.

Interviews for new adhoc masters were done in real marathon style this time. Advertisements for the posts were put up in various newspapers including Employment News. A total of 450 applications were received for 7 subjects, namely, Maths, English, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, History and Geography. After preliminary screening 240 candidates were called for the interview of which only 107 turned up. After rigorous selection only 30 could make it to the final panel.

The RIMC quiz team participated in the 2nd Rajiv Khanna Memorial quiz competition at Scholar's Home on 8th May. Out of 12 teams RIMC came 4th. In another quiz conducted by "Friends of Doon Society" at Welham Boys the College team came 5th out of 6 teams.

In a Basketball tournament organised in Welham Boys, the College team came 5th out of 8 schools.

In the excitement of Indian nuclear tests, the college seemed to have missed the news of two years

extension of service of Mr RC Chaturvedi, our seniormost master, till the time the commandant announced it in the assembly. Our heartiest congratulations to Mr Chaturvedi who will be with us for two more years.

Hundreds of pits have been dug all round the college by the cadets, under the expert guidance of Mr PK Sharma. Various hybrid varieties of fruit tree are to be planted in these pits during the forthcoming monsoons. Evidently some cadets have dug pits outside Mr PK Sharma's house and have promised him a 'shady' garden and 'exotic' fruits next term, in return for pass marks in Biology.

The Basketball team of Army Public School, Noida, visited the college to play a match with our team. The college team drubbed them 81-5.

Ashish Sunder Narayan Singh Tyagi (Pratap 1990-95) has been offered admission to the London School of Economics for the MSc course in Social Psychology and Organizational Behaviour. Our heartiest congratulations.

HIKES ROUND UP APRIL 98

As always this time too, Class I went for their traditional hike to Kanesar. They did trekking and rock climbing at the SFF Academy. Although they were forced to return early due to bad weather, it did not dampen their spirit and on their way back they enjoyed themselves at Lacchiwala and at Bhagirathi Water Resort. They were accompanied by Mr and Mrs Brijesh Chauhan and Mr Ansari. Mrs Mangain and Mr & Mrs Ahlawat also joined them on their hike.

Class I A visited Lansdowne along with Mr Brijesh Gupta. They were accommodated in the Garhwal Rifles Regimental Centre. They enjoyed their hike by trekking in the beautiful countryside and also saw some movies. On their way back they visited the famous Kumbh Mela at Hairdwar.

Class II went on a trip to Kullu Manali and Dharamsala. They visited the Baijnath Temple and the sacred Dal Lake. They also did skiing in the Solan Valley and it was the first experience with snow for most of them. They were accompanied by Mr DN Thapliyal and family and Ms Shruti Kothiyal.

Class II A had a glimpse of the tough life of Para Commandos on their hike to Nahan. They saw a demonstration of Scuba diving, an operation of the Bofors gun and also fired the AK-47 and B2-56 rifles. At the Ambala Airforce Station they saw landing and taking off of MIG-21's thanks to Wg Cdr Anup Ghosh (Pratap 1970-75) who initiated the idea. They were accompanied by Capt and Mrs JS Kaberwal.

Class III went to Hempur and visited the Jim Corbett National Park. After that they went to Nainital where they visited some famous schools of the area. Next, they went to Ranikhet where they enjoyed themselves in the Kumaon hills besides firing some weapons with a local unit. They were accompanied by Mr CS Vishwakarma & family and Mrs Anita Saini and her children.

Class IV left for Amritsar and Jalandhar hike on 5th April. They visited Wagah Border, Jallianwala Bagh, the Golden Temple and the armoured unit of Vijayanta Tank. They were accompanied by Mr Virender Sharma & family. On their way back from Amritsar they stayed overnight at Jalandhar where a dinner was organised for them by Brig Surjeet Singh, the Sub Area Cdr. This hike had the blessings of Lt Gen HB Kala, PVSM, AVSM, SC, GOC in C, Western Command.

For the first time, a hike to Pune was organised, and Class IV A were the lucky ones to get the opportunity. They left on the 2nd of Apr. In Pune, as a pleasant surprise Capt AK Sharma (AEC), who was with us till Jan 98, was the liaison officer. The hike had the blessings of Lt Gen HM Khanna (Ran 1952-56) and we were the lucky lot. Meeting with the Rimcos at NDA was the highlight, we met at their cafe on 5th and 7th Apr. On the latter occasion, the Commandant presented following awards;

- a) President's Gold Medal - Nitin Noyal (S) and Praveen Kumar Aggarwal (S)
- b) Col Haughton's Silver Medal - Divyendu Sharma (R) and Napoleon Nayak (S)
- c) U N Jha Gold Medal - Divyendu Sharma (R) and Praveen Kumar Aggarwal (S)

Praveen was also presented one of the so many beautiful paintings that he had made whilst at RIMC.

The cadets also had tea with the Army Commander. They also visited the CME, the Army base workshop and also Ahmednagar where they witnessed firing of the T-62 and also had a ride on the BMP's and T-72's. On their last night in Pune, they visited Mrs Gita Parab who had prepared dinner for them.

The hike was a blessed one, and when one thought that the journey back would be difficult without reservation, General Khanna organised a separate bogie for the Cadets overnight. (RIMC spirit!)

In all, the hike was a grand success, as it was not only enjoyable, but also educational.

LIST OF FIRST TERMERS WHO JOINED THE COLLEGE IN JAN TERM 98

1.	Amit Tiwary	PRATAP	Bihar
2.	Abhishek Pathak	PRATAP	Gujrat
3.	Virat Shivam Mehta	PRATAP	Assam
4.	Neelesh Paneri	PRATAP	Rajasthan
5.	Yashvardhan Singh	PRATAP	Haryana
6.	Udit Negi	PRATAP	U.P
7.	Pinak Pani Roy	RANJIT	W.Bengal
8.	R. Prakash	RANJIT	T.Nadu
9.	Prashant Singhal	RANJIT	U.P
10.	Lal ding Zuala	RANJIT	Mizoram
11.	Animesh Rawat	RANJIT	U.P.
12.	Abhijeet Mehta	SHIVAJI	U.P.
13.	K.Varun Prakash	SHIVAJI	A.Pradesh
14.	Kunal	SHIVAJI	Bihar
15.	P.P.S.Bhullar	SHIVAJI	Punjab
16.	H.S.Dhongade	SHIVAJI	Maharashtra
17.	Bharat Mangain	SHIVAJI	U.P.
18.	Chetan Ahlawat	SHIVAJI	Haryana
19.	Vikas Sheoran	CHANDRAGUPTA	Haryana
20.	H.K. Singh	CHANDRAGUPTA	Orissa
21.	Roshan Meite	CHANDRAGUPTA	Manipur

22.	Rakesh Singh	CHANDRAGUPTA	Sikkim
23.	Amit Ranjan	CHANDRAGUPTA	Bihar
24.	Pankaj Singh	CHANDRAGUPTA	U.P.
25.	Kartik Parshuraman	CHANDRAGUPTA	W.Bengal
26.	S.Prasad Babu	CHANDRAGUPTA	A.Pradesh

SPORTS ROUND UP APRIL 98

Inter Section Cricket competitions started immediately after the Reunion and the players displayed superb skill and style. The cup was won by Ranjit followed by Shivaji, Chandragupta and Pratap. Cdt Ahindra Dey, a potent weapon of Chandragupta Seniors, took a hatrick in the tournament.

Next on the line were the Basketball competitions, which began a day after the college got back from their hikes. Even though the teams had not practised due to lack of time, they put up a splendid show. The matches were tense and exciting. The last match of Ranjit & Chandragupta (Seniors) was very close.

Finally Ranjit won the match and also the cup, followed by Chandragupta, Shivaji and Pratap.

After the Boxing fever and cricket ecstasy what followed was hockey. This term too hockey proved to be a great sporting bonanza. Everyone played with true spirit and enthusiasm. Cdt Bendang Toshi, Cdt Sandeep Peter D'Souza and Cdt Wati Jamir were adjudged the best players in Juniors, Middles and Seniors sections respectively. The cup was won by the defending champions Chandragupta, followed by Ranjit, Shivaji & Pratap.

In the inter school competitions our basketball team did well at the Afzal Khan Memorial Basketball tournament and came 5th out of the 12 participating schools.

SSB RESULTS APRIL 98

1.	Rohan Falnikar (P)	PASS
2.	Ankit Srivastava (P)	PASS
3.	Shashi Bhushan Singh (P)	PASS
4.	Vedvyas Samal (P)	PASS
5.	Shwetabh (R)	PASS
6.	Y.R. Singh (R)	PASS
7.	N.Lingarkar (R)	PASS
8.	Priyadarshi Dhar (R)	FAIL
9.	S.R. Sahu (R)	PASS
10.	D.S. Pradeep (R)	PASS
11.	S.Sreehari (R)	PASS
12.	Symantak Roy (R)	PASS
13.	Naveen Pandita (S)	FAIL
14.	JPA Kumar (S)	PASS
15.	Aayush Giri (S)	PASS
16.	Kumar Nagendra (S)	FAIL
17.	Rahul Bose (S)	FAIL
18.	Dhruv Pilania (S)	PASS
19.	Vineet Kumar (C)	PASS
20.	Soumik Chaudhary (C)	PASS
21.	Shakti Prashanth (C)	PASS
22.	Gaurav K. Pathak (C)	PASS
23.	Rahul Agarwal (C)	PASS
24.	V.P. Sreejith (C)	PASS

**75 YEARS AGO
(THIS TIME THAT YEAR) APRIL 1923**

**APRIL
12TH**

Since the cakes of soap placed in the toilets disappear as soon as they are supplied, no further issue of soap will be made. Cadets will supply and keep in their possession their own soaps.

24th

The staff, cadets, and all the employees will be inoculated against enteric on 25th.

**MAY
8th**

Cadets have been frequently writing on the walls of dormitories and sanitary annexes. In future, if anything is found written on the walls, not only the offender but all the Cadets living in the dormitory will also be punished.

12th :

His Excellency, the Governor of the Punjab visited the college. He inspected the grounds and the buildings of the campus and also saw the cadets on Parade.

15th :

All Cadets except Class IV took their examination in the Ante Rooms. Class IV remained in their own class room.

24th :

Empire Day was observed as a holiday.

26th

Cadets Bank opened at usual hours to issue coffee shop tickets.

30th :

Cadets left for their vacation after medical examination and vaccination.

OBITUARY

With a sense of deep sorrow and regret we announce the death of Mr Din Dayal, our first Indian principal, on 23rd April 98 at New Delhi.

His contribution to the cause of education and an ever ready concern for the RIMC will ever be remembered. His unfortunate demise is indeed a great loss to the RIMC. We pray to the 'GOD ALMIGHTY' to give strength to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss. The Comdt, his father (Lt Col H S Mangain who was the AO during Mr Din Dayal's tenure), Mr RC Singhal, Mr CS Vishwakarma, Shri Padam Singh (ex head cook) and Sardar Mohinder Singh (ex office DR) joined Vineet (Mr Din Dayal's son) and his wife for the last rites at Hardwar.

We also condole the death of our college employee Shri Bachan Lall, watchman, who passed away on 24th Apr 98. He was a very disciplined and sincere worker. We pray to god for the eternal peace of his soul and express our heartfelt sympathies with the bereaved family. A cash grant of Rs. 5000/- from the College Funds was presented to the bereaved family.

Brig GC Dubey visits the College

Brig GC Dubey (RAW 1923-24) visited college on 18.3.98 along with his wife, niece and her husband. They went round the campus and Brig Dubey narrated various incidents. He said they were five brothers (real) at the RIMC - perhaps a record. The five brothers have promised to set up a trust to help RIMC Cadets from J&K with scholarships.

Brig Dubey also helped us recognize many old boys in a 1923 photograph in the Archives. That included his brother and himself. Narrating another incident he said that when he was posted in Mhow as an instructor (as Major) he was surprised to see Mr H Catchpole (his teacher at RIMC) also an instructor there but as Lieutenant.

COMMANDANT'S MAIL BAG

I was very happy to receive your letter Dt 7 Dec. I must appreciate the initiative you have taken in this (scholarship) matter. I myself was one of the rare cases of coming to RIMC on Madras Govt Scholarship in 1947.

We had a get together in Delhi on Mahashivaratri day drinking what Lord Shiva drinks.

Maj Gen T.V. Manoharan

Thank you for your extremely nice letter of April 3. We know that the visits of RIMC collians is a bothersome matter for you and the staff but the hospitality that we receive urges us to return and you should therefore reduce the hospitality.

— Bikram Singh

I was extremely happy to see the high standard at RIMC. Your personal involvement with the cadets and motivation will further facilitate in building of the institution. I am positive with your continued dedication, RIMC will attain greater heights.

We must however ensure that the thrust is on educating the cadet by broadening his horizons. The RIMC is neither NDA nor the Cdo Wg. We must ensure that the cadet's mind is exercised more than his feet.

— Maj Gen Surendra Shah
Offg DGMT

FROM THE COLLEGE ARCHIVES

The following are the findings of a research done by the Cadets of the Journalism club. These are the data relating to old boys who passed out between 1923 and 1950, and achieved the rank of Brig and equivalent in other services. This information is very very tentative and by no means comprehensive. Many names may have been left out. Old boys are requested to give us any information they can to help us update/correct the list -

SUMMARY

YEAR	TOTAL	BRIG	MAJ.GEN	LT GEN	GEN
1923	1	—	1	—	—
1924	4	—	2	—	1
1925	2	1	1	—	—
1926	4	—	2	—	—
1927	4	—	1	2	—
1928	5	—	1	1	—
1929	7	4	—	1	—
1930	5	2	2	1	—
1931	6	1	4	1	—
1932	4	2	—	—	—
1933	6	—	1	1	—
1934	8	2	3	1	1
1935	5	2	—	1	—
1936	8	5	—	1	—
1937	11	1	—	—	1
1938	3	—	1	—	—
1939	13	3	2	—	1
1940	15	4	5	—	1
1941	17	5	1	1	—
1942	11	2	1	1	—
1943	13	2	1	2	—
1944	6	1	—	—	—
1945	10	—	1	2	1
1946	14	4	1	1	—
1947	27	3	6	3	—
1948	15	2	2	—	—
1949	17	2	4	3	1
1950	09	3	2	—	—
TOTAL	250	51	45	23	7

NAMES OF RIMCOLLIANS WITH THE RANK BRIG OR EQUIL AND ABOVE

S/No	Rank	Name	Year	Remarks
1.	Maj Gen	Hira Lal Atal	1923	
2.	Maj Gen	Tara Singh Bal	1924	
3.	Maj Gen	Digambar Singh Brar	1924	
4.	Gen KS	Thimmiyah	1924	
5.	Brig	Ahmed Jan tal	1925	
6.	Maj Gen	Mohd. Afzal Khan	1925	
7.	Maj Gen	Kanwar Mahadeo Singh	1926	
8.	Maj Gen	Jamaldhar Khan	1926	
9.	Maj Gen	Mohd Iftikhar Khan	1927	
10.	Lt Gen	U C Dubey	1927	
11.	Lt Gen	Mohd Azam Khan	1927	
12.	Lt Gen	B P Wadalia	1927	
13.	Maj Gen	Rajendra Nath Nehra	1928	
14.	Brig	V D Jayal	1929	
15.	Brig	Lakshman Singh Negi	1929	

16.	Brig	Ata Mohd Khan	1929
17.	Brig	Gambheer Singh	1929
18.	Lt Gen	K Bahadur Singh	1929
19.	Brig	Khan M Masood	1930
20.	Brig	Kulwant Singh Sandhu	1930
21.	Maj Gen	Har Narain Singh	1930
22.	Maj Gen	Bikram Singh	1930
23.	Lt Gen	Umrao K Singh	1930
24.	Brig	M Guru R Bewoor	1931
25.	Maj Gen	Mohd A Latif Khan	1931
26.	Maj Gen	Prabat C Banerjee	1931
27.	Maj Gen	Nawab zada MSA Khan	1931
28.	Maj Gen	Wisal Mohd Khan	1931
29.	Lt Gen	Sher Ali Khan	1931
30.	Brig	N. S. Bhagat	1932
31.	Brig	Harbhajan S Dhindsa	1932
32.	Maj Gen	Kanhya Lal Atal	1933
33.	Lt Gen	Joginder S Dhillion	1933
34.	Brig	Modh Sadiq Khan	1934
35.	Brig	Brijendra S Bhagat	1934
36.	Maj Gen	Mohd A Khanzada	1934
37.	Maj Gen	Virendra Singh	1934
38.	Maj Gen	Ajit Singh Gauraya	1934
39.	Lt Gen	KS Katoch	1934
40.	Gen	GG Bewoor	1934
41.	Brig	Ravinder Singh Bedi	1935
42.	Brig	Sukhwant Singh	1935
43.	Lt Gen	K.N. Dubey	1935
44.	Brig	Gurbaksh Singh	1936
45.	Brig	Ranbir Kanwar	1936
46.	Brig	Sahib S. Kalha	1936
47.	Brig	Azmat Hayat Khan	1936
48.	Brig	NK Bihar Lal Nanavati	1936
49.	Lt Gen	Premandra S Bhagat	1936
50.	Brig	P R Dewan	1937
51.	Air Mshl	Nur Hassan Khan	1937
52.	Maj Gen	Zorawar Singh	1938
53.	Brig	PD Joshi	1939
54.	Brig	N N Bhargava	1939
55.	Maj Gen	B P Wadhera	1939
56.	Air Cdr	N K Shitolay Khan	1939
57.	Maj Gen	Satindra Singh	1939
58.	Air Mshl	Modh Asgar Khan	1939
59.	Brig	Shariff Agha Mahmud	1940
60.	Brig	Amrat Lal Kochhar	1940
61.	Brig	Nand Lal Kapoor	1940
62.	Maj Gen	G. Hazari	1940
63.	Maj Gen	Madhava Rao	1940
64.	Air Mshl	C D Subia	1940
65.	AVM	Ranjan Dutt	1940
66.	Brig	Riaz Karim Khan	1940
67.	Maj Gen	M G Rajwade	1940
68.	Maj Gen	Mir Fateh Shah	1940
69.	Brig	Prakash Nath	1941
70.	Brig	Aslam h Nath	1941

71. Brig	Ravindra N Bhargava	1941
72. Brig	Edroos Ali El Salim	1941
73. Brig	Man Singh Dodraj	1941
74. Maj Gen	Ravi Madhava Rao	1941
75. Lt Gen	Gul Hassan Khan	1941
76. Brig	Charanjit Singh	1942
77. Brig	Inder Mohan Lal	1942
78. Maj Gen	Mohd Mumtaz Khan	1942
79. Lt Gen	K Surendra Singh	1942
80. Brig	Mokhtar Karim	1943
81. Brig	Rajendra Singh	1943
82. Maj Gen	Samir Chandra Sinha	1943
83. Lt Gen	Amir Khan	1943
84. Lt Gen	G L Chopra	1943
85. Air Cdr	H S Dhillon	1944
86. Maj Gen	Fazali Raziq	1945
87. Lt Gen	K Chiman Singh	1945
88. Lt Gen	Jamal Said Khan	1945
89. Gen	Vishwa Nath Sharma	1945
90. Brig	Mohd Mir Tariq	1946
91. Brig	Mir Abdul Nayeem	1946
92. Brig	Abbar Hadib	1946
93. Brig	Harinder Singh sodhi	1946
94. Maj Gen	A Moreshwar Joglekar	1946
95. Lt Gen	Razie Haq	1946
96. Brig	Luqman Mahmood	1947
97. Brig	Fakir Maj Gen Khan	1947
98. Brig	Habib Akbar	1947
99. Maj Gen	Ghulam Rabbani Khan	1947
100. Maj Gen	T S Verma	1947
101. Maj Gen	Inder Mohan Lal	1947
102. Maj Gen	Mohinder Pal S Mann	1947
103. Maj Gen	Nasirulla Khan Bebar	1947
104. Lt Gen	S V Giri	1947
105. Lt Gen	M R Sadiq Ul Abbasi	1947
106. Lt Gen	Alam Jan Mahsud	1947
107. AVM	Sadauddin	1947
108. Brig	Narjit Singh	1948
109. Brig	S K Dey	1948
110. Maj Gen	Tirath Singh	1948
111. Maj Gen	Karam Singh	1948
112. Brig	Sheikh Modh iyyas	1949
113. Maj Gen	Shyam Sunder Shukla	1949
114. Maj Gen	Pramod D Sherlekar	1949
115. Maj Gen	Vijay Pal Yadav	1949
116. Air Cdr	Janak Pratap Singh	1949
117. Maj Gen	T V Manoharan	1949
118. Air Mshl	P S Raghavendran	1949
119. Air Mshl	N A M Abdullah	1949
120. Lt Gen	Ahmed Jamal Khan	1949
121. ACM	N C Suri	1949
122. Brig	Jagdev S Chandel	1950
123. Brig	R S Diol	1950
124. Comdre	Kewal Krishna Gulati	1950
125. Maj Gen	Y K Yadav	1950
126. Maj Gen	Jasbir Singh	1950

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RIMC prints 1000 copies of the Chronicle of which 700 are meant to be bought by Old Boys. As is evident from the list above, only 10% do so. This results in heavy financial burden to the college as we have, perforce, to send these copies, complimentary, to all the old boys whose addresses we have. Next time you get such a copy you are requested to send in your subscription to the College.

EDITOR

Cadets Council Meetings

Starting this term, two meetings have, so far, been held in Feb & May. The aim is to have a direct dialogue between representatives of each class with the college authorities to discuss matters of 'mutual interest'. It emerges that what interests cadets most is leave requests which is not what pleases the AAO who wants to see cadets pass their. PT Tests first.

Some of the achievements of these council meetings which are in their infancy are :-

- Scholarships for Cdts standing first and second in each class, each term. (Negotiations underway).
- To the great relief of the cadets frequency of SPIC MACHY programmes reduced.
- Reebok shoes under consideration.
- Better books as prizes.
- Socials at the DSOI; the first one on 22 May was a huge success. Classes V and VA organised it very well, it was a pity though that class V boys were generally on status 'observer'.

Editor

RIMCO CRAZE FOR N-TESTS

The news of India conducting three nuclear tests followed by two more together on 11th May & 12th May came as a pleasant surprise to some of the cadets while the others were shocked. This explosion of the fission device also triggered off an uncontrollable chain of discussions in all the classes during break time as though all the cadets were not joining NDA but the Defence Research Development Organization and some of them going to take the place of Dr APJ Kalam. While some of them were expressing their views in

diplomatic manners one could also see young 1st termers looking sad thinking of the possibilities of a reduction in the money and facilities given to RIMC. The senior cadets seem to be worried as they might have to give up their Coca-cola, Limca and other so called 'available in cafe' things. The Basket ballers seem to be hopeless as they doubt whether they will ever get Reebok shoes or not as USA has imposed sanctions on the country.

But the intellectuals such as members of Journalism club are discussing it with full enthusiasm and describe it a very very positive step quite contrary to Mr Bill Clinton. They are happy as India has repeated this adventure after 24 years and are celebrating this event as a mark of India's superiority over Pakistan. They are also ready to give up using foreign goods in case the sanctions continue.

Anyway it depends on Atal Behari Vajpayee whether he continues his plan and the college misses out its facilities especially, the Chinese food or USA may withdraw its sanctions to allow the Rimcos to have Cokes and buy Reeboks and Nikes as the 1st termers very ardently believe that funds for running RIMC come directly from the USA.

OLD BOYS PLEASE

Starting July next we are starting an Old Boys Section in the Chronicle. The ROBA newsletter has now become a yearly feature but the interaction amongst us should continue. We can certainly make the College chronicle fill the void. We would therefore, like to request all Old Boys to contribute articles for the chronicle.

We would also like to express our deepest appreciation for the excellent work done by Lt Col JS Khurana as Editor of the Newsletter.

SENA MEDAL

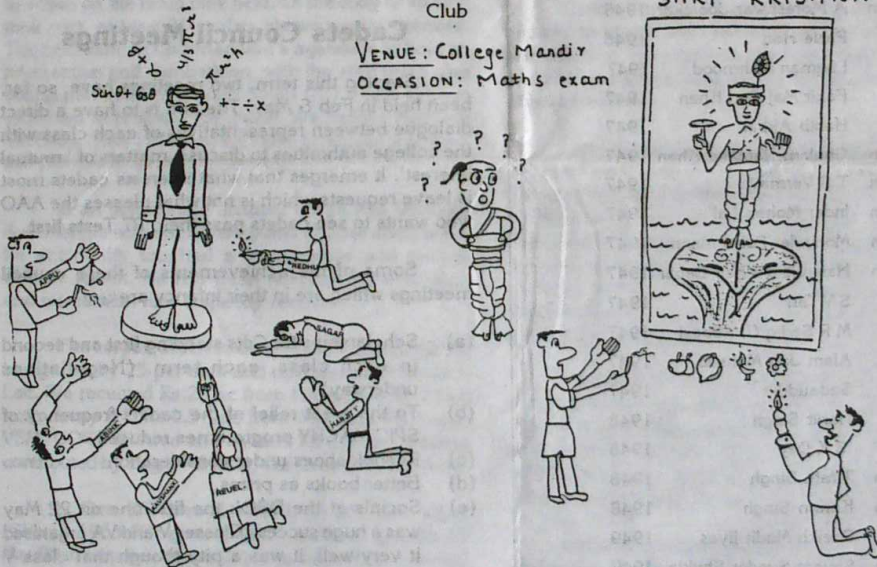
Our heartiest congratulation to Lt Col ST Upasani (Chandragupta 1972-77) on being awarded the Sena Medal. His name was left out in the last Chronicle.

Editor

SHRI S.K. TYAGI Cdt Anoop Sharma
Journalism Club

SHRI KRISHNA

VENUE: College Mandir
OCCASION: Maths exam

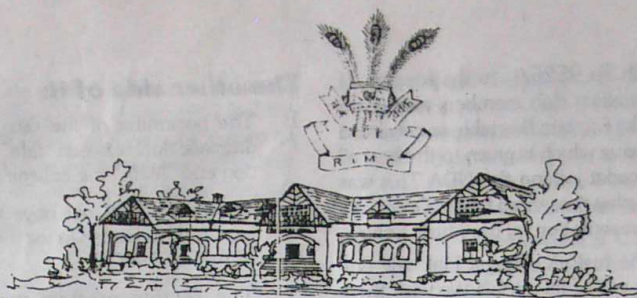


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EDITORIAL

DEAR READERS,

After a refreshing vacation with the football fever hitting high, we came back to the college after a month - long "televised hobnobbing" with Zidanes & Ronaldos.

There have been a number of activities since the onset of this term. First to take the centre stage was the mass tree plantation drive undertaken by the cadets and the members of staff. Thanks to the efforts put in by Mr.P.K.Sharma the "operation green" lasted for a few weeks. The cross country route underwent a colossal change and the new one was very challenging [about 7.5km-seniors]. The staff team has seen changes; we extend our hearty welcome to all the new members on board.

Aayush Giri, the former editor of the Chronicle, the Magazine and the president of the Journalism club has also left. We wish to place on record the excellent work done by him as Editor. Having taken over as the Editor, my team and I have used the computers extensively for bringing out this issue. Finally we at the RIMC, specially the Journalism family, are immensely grateful to our readers for their contributions, suggestions, and encouragement. However contribution from the Old Boys has been very limited.

K R BHARATRAJ

GRADUATION CEREMONY

27TH MAY 1998

The graduation ceremony for the 143rd passing out course was held on 27th May 1998 at the Bhagat Hall and was attended by all the proud parents of the 143rd course which had completed five years of fruitful stay at the RIMC.

The chief guest was Lt.Gen. SS Grewal PVSM, AVSM, VSM, SM. Enroute to the Bhagat Hall the chief guest and the Commandant planted a "rudraksha" tree each on this happy occasion. The saplings are on either side of the letter box opposite the college office. After a brief report by the Commandant the following awards were presented:

Blazer: Soumya Ranjan Sahu for his consistent and excellent performance in cricket and in recognition of his many centuries scored in the last cricketing season. He was college cricket team captain in his final term.

Blues:

- 1) TT Jamir (hockey)
- 2) Rohan Falnikar (cricket)
- 3) Nitin Rawat (cricket)
- 4) Anand Bahuguna (cricket)
- 5) Ashish Kumar (cricket)

Half blues:

- 1) Anand Bahuguna (hockey & boxing; he was adjudged the best boxer last season)
- 2) Sandeep D Souza (hockey)
- 3) Vedvyas Samal (hockey)
- 4) Abhik Mukherjee (boxing)
- 5) Korulemba Okram Cha (boxing)
- 6) Priyadarshi Dhar (cricket)
- 7) Shakti Singh (cricket)
- 8) Raman Singh (cricket)

Merit Cards:

- 1) A.K.P. Rawool (hockey)
- 2) Priyadarshi Dhar (boxing)
- 3) TT Jamir (boxing)

The Mathematics cup was won by Shivaji section and the Intersection Quiz cup by Pratap. Any coincidence that the Shivaji and Pratap section masters are the Masters in Charge !!! Cdt Pinak Pani Roy received an award for securing the highest % (91.1) in the college. Another highlight was the giving away

of book prizes worth Rs 9526/- to the toppers of each class. The journalism club members also got a book prize each. Cadet Captain Swetabh was awarded the **Sword of Honour** which is given to the best all round passing out cadet joining the NDA. This was followed by a Hindi play presented by the Dramatics club and a special presentation by the Music hobby.

With this the historic Bhagat Hall saw one more batch passing out of its portals. We wish them all the best and hope they will do the college proud.

THE CROSS COUNTRY THE DRESS REHEARSAL & THE REAL THING

For the very first time, a full dress rehearsal was carried out for the inter section cross country championship which was scheduled on 8th Aug 98. This was necessary because last year several cadets were disqualified for running the wrong route. The AO also decided to practise the Mess staff which accounted for the cold coffee, sandwiches et al. The rehearsal was held on 5th Aug.

This time the members of staff also ran along with the cadets and so cadets were the ones manning the check posts. The invitation for the Members of Staff to participate was not very warmly welcomed to start with but it turned out to be quite a fun. Mr Virender Sharma missed the rehearsal to arrive on the 6th and was gleefully welcomed by the cadets; two days later he was bringing up the rear of some of his huffing and puffing cadets. Just when Dr Paul Samy thought it was time to relax the greyhaired Commandant appeared alongside.

The juniors had to run a route of 3.8 km (a whole college round) and the seniors ran 7.5 kms. - Thimmaya gate - around the golf course, through the Hiralal Atal park, back to Thimmaya gate and then the juniors route to end at the Pavilion. Everyone ran with great spirit and enthusiasm, the four lady teachers included!

Lt Gen & Mrs Gurbaxani were our Guests of Honour. It was a delight to have them taking part along with their daughter and nieces. Lt Gen Gurbaxani flagged off the seniors and ran the whole route himself; he finished to a standing ovation. Mrs R Gurbaxani gave away the prizes. And for the second time in succession Lt Gen Gurbaxani presented the Ganga Lalwani scholarship instituted by him. Ankur Saxena won the award of Rs 5000/- for standing first in class IIIA. The awardees in cross country were:

SENIORS : First : Gaurav Yadav (C) (24:55 mins)
Second : Rakesh Verma (S)

JUNIORS : First : Gaurav Pratap Singh (R)
(12:17 mins) Second : Amardeep (C)

The overall championship trophy was won by Shivaji section. Mr Tyagi was the Master in Charge - talk of coincidences! The event was covered by the Garhwal Post who had sent a team of journalists.

The other side of it:

1. The beginning of the race was marked by a dramatic duel between "fafa" the commandant's dog and "lifafa" the college pet.
2. Would the local old boys and ex-masters be interested in joining in for the same on the 15th of August 1999?
3. The section masters were seen running along with the cadets and encouraging them - a new sight indeed.
4. The lady teachers ran the juniors route - another first.
5. This route can now become a permanent one as there are no traffic controls involved and most of the running is within the RIMC campus.
6. Overheard in the sick report, "When the going gets tough, the wise guys report sick".

Thomas Tom

THE THING I HAVE LIKED MOST IN RIMC

It's been two weeks since I joined RIMC. Till now I have enjoyed this life and every thing in it. The cadets are the most entrancing portion of the college. Since I am supposed to be speaking about a thing and not about a live human being, I have chosen the assembly.

Now, more or less every school in India has an assembly at least once a week. In RIMC as we all know there is an assembly every morning. Assembly in our college has a very big meaning. It is a place where cadets can come together and feel like one; it is a good feeling. Cadets come to know about certain news which affect the world. Sports news are also relayed by the cadets giving the news. Cadets convey their thoughts to others just as I am doing. They open their mind to all. The commandant gives us all some useful advice or at times compliments us for our deeds. Cadets at times feel encouraged to work harder. Sometimes even the teachers speak about something interesting which arouses the cadets interest. We also come to know about our shortcomings brought to notice by either the commandant or the teachers.

In the end the national song or the national anthem is sung evoking the patriotic feeling in each cadet.

SIDDHARTH BHATTACHARJEE

CLASS 1.

THE FIRST TERMERS

Come August and with it comes another min. "Bharat" to join the RIMC. These 20 are the latest addition in the family. Within no time they have caught up with the spirit of the college -the spirit compounded of honour, comradeship, teamwork and all that is best in community life. Let us meet our first termers;

- * **RAHUL SINGH** :- A head cadet already, this boy hails from Sultanpur UP. He likes cricket, football and reading books. He would like to swim if he could but his present occupation of managing the first termers is barely keeping him afloat.
- * **GAGAN GAURAV RATURI**:- Gagan is from the pink city of Rajasthan. Son of an army officer, he aims to join the Indian Army. He is bustling with ideas and creative energy. His interests are playing squash, T.T, badminton besides reading adventure books. He is currently in Delhi for the Zonal squash matches.
- * **ABHISHEK TYAGI** :- This boy is from Meerut UP. Son of a police officer he looks like a heavy weight dada. He loves to play squash, cricket and swims. He likes ice creams and chocolate. He hates flattery and fast bowling.
- * **SIMRANJEET**:- He is also called "jeetu" and is from the land of five rivers. He likes to play squash, football and cricket. He is a voracious reader and is also interested in computers. Here today home tomorrow - after a hectic period of lobbying by him to get out of RIMC he has decided to settle down and follow the foot steps of his father, **Col N J Singh - (Ex Pratap)**.
- * **M ARUN**:- This eternally smiling Tamil friend of ours has a disarming naivete. He reminds us of our old "YEM YARUN" (also Ex-Pratap). He likes playing cricket.
- * **D P SAHOO**:- Sahoo aspires to be at the head of his class. His hobbies range from gardening to playing games and reading. He also has a special interest for computers and scientific experiments.
- * **SIDDARTHA BHATTACHARJEE**:- A Bongo by origin this boy is looking forward to his life as a Rimco. He exhibits a forceful optimism and is quite articulate for his age. His interests are reading, stamp collection, and playing games.
- * **A GOSWAMI**:- Due to his "alice in wonderland" behaviour, he is affectionately called "confused cartoon". He has a rare quality of perpetual laughing - with or without a reason. This boy from Tripura wants to be a good soldier in the future.
- * **SIMRANDEEP SINGH**:- Son of a police officer, this sardar is from Jammu & Kashmir. He likes music, playing cricket and football.
- * **PALLAWA PARASHAR**:- Nick named "bhalu" this boy is already topping his class. Pallawa would like to see his batch mates more serious in their work. He aspires to join the 17th Sikh - his father's paltan.
- * **HARJIT SABHERWAL**:- Here is a die hard "saddhu" from Delhi whose nick name is "Money". His hobbies are drama and rifle shooting. He landed up in RIMC looking for a rifle & a ticket to "Border". Swimming and cricket are his favourites.
- * **BIJAY Kr. DWIVEDI**:- This boy from Bihar has a special aptitude for sleeping. Rumour has it that he stood up wide eyed when the bhajan party in the temple called out for bihari (Krishna) on Janmashtami.
- * **ANKUSH KUMAR** :- A smart Himachali he is well acquainted with army life as his father is from the 15 Dogras. He earned a feather in his cap by winning the novices X-country on 8th Aug 98. He likes to play games and takes a special interest in computers.
- * **BRIJESH MISHRA**:- Brijesh has been branded as the "crazy guy" as he loves Maths. His father is a teacher and that explains it. He likes to play cricket and football and has a keen interest to join the Army.
- * **KRANTI Kr CHETTRI**:- Astronomy is the love of this young boy from Haryana (Linda Goodman has another competitor in the field). He too would like to swim if only he knew how to. He likes to do things his own way.
- * **ASHISH KULKARNI**:- Son of an army officer, this little lad likes reading books and playing games like cricket and basketball.
- * **CHINMOY CHAUDHARY**:- This bongo from MP has a cheerful disposition. His ambition is to join the army. (humour in uniform???)
- * **ARUN V**:- He calls himself a pure "kadu". This boy from Kerala loves photography, cricket, football, etc. He is happily settled in RIMC but missing his favourite "idlees".
- * **SHUBAM LAKHERA**:- This boy from Sikkim loves skating, music and sleeping. He wants to be an IAS officer. After a few months at RIMC the "A" will begin to stand for Army!
- * **RAM KRISHNA**:- This boy from Tamil Nadu likes to make fun of his class mates. He likes both studies and sports. He also collects stamps and coins.

(as usual these 1st termers combine to form the Noisiest class on campus.)

DOON DARSHAN

On 01 August, all the cadets of Class I went for a fun trip of Dehra dun and the Doon valley. We were very excited and were bubbling with happiness because this was our first outing. We visited IMA, Malsi deer park, Sai baba temple etc.

The most enjoyable and inspiring was the trip to IMA. In IMA, first of all, we went to the Chetwode Hall which is in the Chetwode building. Over there we came to know about the history of the hall and saw the President's chair. In the hall many weapons of World War I vintage were kept along with the King of England's flag. We also saw the surrender papers of Pakistani army to the Indian army in Bangladesh (1971 war). Many other historic items were kept in Chetwode Hall. After that we went to GC's firing range and saw them firing 9mm Carbine guns. Then we all went to the stables and saw some of the best horses in the country. The Patiala coach was an excellent sight too. The rifle shooting simulator room was a winner; each of us got an opportunity to fire a few rounds.

After leaving IMA we went to Malsi deer park where we ate our lunch and went on to see the deers and other animals. Then we went to the Sai baba temple and sat down for a while. This was our last stop and we headed back for college.

It was a great experience and proved to be very educational.

Simranjeet Singh, Class I

THE NUKE ADVERTISEMENT

**{Eat Radiation, Sleep Radiation,
Die a lingering Death!}**

When the nuclear Bomb was exploded,
Man, mind and machine got corroded.
The thought of peace and love was eroded,
"The train to heaven" - many boarded.
Man made it for peace, they say,
But none imagined the dreadful day.
Maybe some March or may be May
By then man would be worthless as hay.
Aggression is the language man speaks now,
Destruction is the result of enmity now.
The makers of the bomb will someday cry,
As the Earth "with radiation" will fry.
And a day will come when "even if we try",
The world will be forever dry.

J V Parthasarthy.

???? QUIZ ????

- 1] What is in the middle of PARIS ?
- 2] What is it from which you may take away the whole and still have some left or take away some and have whole left ?
- 3] How would you make VARNISH disappear ?

SPICE UP YOUR LIFE - BY LAUGHING

- # Hari asked a vet for some free advice "I have a horse that sometimes walks normally and sometimes limps. What shall I do ?"
The vet replied "the next time he walks normally, sell him".

RAIN RAIN GO AWAY,

COME AGAIN ANOTHER
MORNING (P T TIME)

(seen on class IV A board)

The Backbenchers

Element : Disturbing

Symbol : Bb

Atomic No. : 420

Valency : Infinite

Chemical Equation: Back chairs — students
Attention = Backbenchers

Occurrence:

- 1) On the back seats of the classroom
- 2) On the front chairs of cinema halls
- 3) Hit list of Comdt, AO, Section Masters
- 4) Physically in classroom but mentally in sleep, dreams and playground.

Physical Properties:

- 1) Physically strong
- 2) Difficult to mould
- 3) Low boiling point

Chemical Properties:

- 1) Quite inert; do not respond
- 2) Do not take part in curricular activities
- 3) Show 'donnish' movement in college corridors

Uses:

- 1) Provide financial support to cinema halls
- 2) Advertise new fashion
- 3) Give new names to members of staff.

ANSWERS :

- 1] R
- 2] WHOLESOME
- 3] By removing R

FOOTBALL SEASON

As the term starts the football fever also starts. This time also the college football team has played many matches with other schools. The first match was played against Scholars Home, where the Rimcos swept the rival team by a swashbuckling 12-0. Wati Jamir had his share of a brilliant game scoring six goals. The college team also played with Raja Ram Mohun Roy public school where again we won by a margin of 8-3. Cadet Raja Wangdi scored six goals. We came crashing out of the Jackie Tournament in Mussoorie after losing two matches against Minority club Mussoorie (3-0) and Oak Grove Club Mussoorie (3-2). Well there are more matches ahead and we do hope to do better. We hope to have some new success stories by the time we report again in the next Chronicle. However the two stars of the team, Wati Jamir and Raja Wangdi are in the MH. Hope they are out of hospital before the next inter school match.

Anoop Sharma,

AROUND THE CAMPUS

1. Ist termers arrived on 28th July 98. 20 cadets have arrived so far.
2. The college has an E-mail and internet facility available. Our E-mail address is **rimcollege@yahoo.com**. We will soon have our own website, courtesy IMA and Lt Gen M A Gurbaxani
3. Vice Adm A R Tandon (Retd) visited the college on 8th Aug. He gave a lecture to the cadets on the charm of life in the armed forces.
4. Class I went on a hike to Mussoorie along with the Commandant and Mr Laxman Singh, while Class II went to Manaksidh cycling and to Mussoorie with Major A S Virk.
5. Six new teachers have joined the college while five have left. We wish all those who left the very best of luck for their future endeavours and those who have joined a warm welcome. Those joining us are:-
 - a) Maj A S Virk (Retd) (Ex-Ranjit, 76-80)
 - b) Capt Vikramjit Singh (Ex-Ranjit, 79-83)
 - c) Mr Saumyajit Ganguly (Computer Sc.)
 - d) Mr Dhruva Das (English)
 - e) Mr Laxman Singh (Maths)
 - f) Ms Ruchita Kamra (Chemistry)
6. We also bade farewell to members of staff last term -Maj Naveev Kumar, Mrs A Shukla, Ms Shruti Kothiyal, Ms Divya Aswal and Mr Brijesh Gupta. We wish all of them the very best of luck.
7. Maj Gen Vijay Krishna (Ex-Pratap) visited the college on 17th Aug. He talked with commandant at length about important SSB related points. He also promised to give all help in terms of maintaining the computers.
8. In an on the spot painting competition held at KV, ONGC Partha Barua and N. Manjunath bagged the first and third prizes respectively.

9. In another essay writing competition conducted by Aurobindo Ashram, Dehradun, Anoop Sharma got a special prize.
 10. The college football team defeated the staff team in the traditional staff vs cadets match. Trailing 0-5 in the first half, the staff decided on Mr R C Chaturvedi as the new referee in the second half. He did put an effective check on the staff goal and ensured that the score did not reach double figures!
 11. The duties of the dorm bearers have been curtailed in order to make the cadets more responsible. This was also done to cope with the acute shortage of manpower. There will be more people available now for maintenance of grounds and security. Bikram and Kanungo are upset; who will fetch Momos for them from Garhi?
 12. We regret to announce that in the last board exams for classes X and XII we had one failure in each. Due to this one boy couldn't join NDA.
 13. Beginning this issue the work of despatching chronicles, writing addresses etc will be done by the cadets of Journalism Club.
 14. SSB medicals of Army optees of the present VA have already been done in MH Dehra Dun and all of them are fit. However, the Navy and the Air Force have yet to accept this proposal.
 15. Naval cruise to Andamans and Yatching at Mumbai are the major attractions for cadets this winter, courtesy Vice Adm Harinder Singh and Vice Adm Madhvendra Singh. Boys going for yatching will also take part in Navy Day celebrations.
 16. Destinations for mid term hikes (27 Sep. to 04 Oct.) have been finalised :-

Class I	Kanesar, Chakrata and Mussoorie
Class I A	Ranikhet, Nainital and Jim Corbett Park.
Class II	Delhi and Agra
Class II A	Auli
Class III	Jalandhar, Amritsar and Chandigarh
Class IV	Pune, NDA and Ahmednagar.
Class IV A	Rafting
Class V	Mountain Cycling - Mussoorie Hill Ranges
- Mixed— Kathmandu** - Football, Cricket and Basketball
19. Despite renovation work worth Rs 5 lakhs and a 7 year guarantee, the Physics lab has started leaking in less than six months of completion of the work. However the other roofs are holding out against torrential rains.
 20. This time the UPSC results were comparatively low (76%) as compared to last term's 100%.
 21. Five boys of our college could not make it to the NDA as they were unfit medically for Air Force/Navy which were their first options. They could not figure in the Army merit list owing to

the new rule which gives preference to all Army-first-choice candidates irrespective of their relative position in the merit list.

22. The traditional football match against The Doon School ended in a draw; the final score reading 1-1.

RIMC ENTRANCE EXAM Aug 3-4, 1998

Some members of staff went to various centres as observers for the RIMC Entrance Examination. This was done primarily to see whether the conduct of the exam was as per the guidelines. Mr K S Ahlawat went to Chandigarh, Capt Vikramjit to Lucknow and Mr Virender Sharma visited Patna. Feedback from Patna has been very positive, where the exam, particularly the interview was conducted in a very deliberate manner, thanks primarily to the personal interest and guidance given by Mr A S Dutt, Spl Secy (Home) Govt of Bihar. While in Patna, Mr Virender Sharma met other Bihar Govt officials, Sub Area Commander, Col V K Singh (Ex Adm Officer) and parents of cadets Rahul Anand(R), Krishna Kabir(R) and Amit Kr Tiwari(P). The college expresses its gratitude to Col V K Singh for making this visit so successful.

Efforts are on to approach various sub area headquarters to further streamline the conduct of RIMC entrance exam. Old Boys posted at state capitals and places close by are requested to offer themselves for this duty in the first week of Feb and Aug every year. We would love to have Old Boy reps on interviews. In the last exam we had Brig Kumar and Brig P K Sen at Bangalore, Col V K Singh in Patna and Nitin Chaturvedi in Guwahati.

THE TRIBUNE 75 YEARS AGO

ROYAL INDIAN MILITARY COLLEGE

PROGRESS OF CADETS : The reports for the first two terms of 1922 of Dehra Dun College have now been published. The following are some of the extracts :-

The cadet captain and the NCOs have performed their duties with zeal and discretion, thus showing that they have realised their responsibilities.

A healthy spirit of rivalry between the sections, culminating at the end of the term in intersection competitions at games, physical drill, jumping, boxing etc has existed throughout and has been a factor in raising the general standard of efficiency.

It is satisfactory to be able to state that a great improvement in the general behaviour, manners etc, of the cadets both at meals and elsewhere, and many who found themselves in an entirely strange atmosphere on arrival have shown a great degree of adaptability.

It will be remembered that the underlying principle adopted at this college with regard to messing has been to eliminate gradually as many class prejudices as possible without wounding religious susceptibilities, and thus to establish a common mess where English meals are served to all alike.

In this connection it is pleasing to be able to record that on the occasion of Id-ul-Fitr, the cadet captain, who was a brahmin and was associated with the mussalman cadets, invited the whole of staff and all the cadets to dinner in the mess.

Courtesy - The Tribune.

DO YOU KNOW ???

FROM THE COLLEGE ARCHIVES

- * That the ante rooms, Pratap and Ranjit sections are among the oldest buildings in college and were built in 1904-1907.
- * That the swimming pool was also built during this period and cost only Rs 16306.70/- (the cost of filling it up with water will perhaps cost more today)
- * That 75% of the senior officers of the Indian Army in 1947 were Rimcollians (Brigadier & above)
- * That the tree line of RIMC no longer permits a majestic view of Mussoorie.
- * That college fees in 1922 if calculated at today's rates work out to be more than 2.5 lacs
- * Almost all roofs leak "handsomely" (this is not from archives.)

RIMC CALENDAR 1999

RIMC calendar 1998 was hugely appreciated and 1000 copies printed were sold out. The calendar of 1999 priced at Rs 50 each will be ready in November 98. Those interested in buying it can place demands, we shall send it to you. Old Boys are requested to send any old and historical photographs that may be useful for the Calendar.

COLLEGE MAIL BAG

- * This is to thank you for making it possible for me to not only visit RIMC but also see a lot of my late husband's (Maj Gen D Misri Chand) activities in his college times. It was also a pleasure to see the date 8-12-50 on which he visited RIMC as the GOC UP Area.

Rani Indra Mohini Misri Chand

- * Thanks to a lot of factors I have managed to make it in IIT JEE with a rank of 22. I have joined the computer science dept. Sir I would like to thank you and the other teachers in RIMC because it was through the qualities I learned in college that I have managed to achieve such a good rank.

Digvijay Singh Lamba
Ex- Shivaji

- * We are in regular receipt of the much awaited issues of The Chronicle . Personally I feel the very word RIMCO as all of us are known as carries so much of expectations and high standards. I am sure all of us would realise the fact that RIMCO means nothing but :

Readiness for action

Initiative

Morally upright

Cut above others

Officer and a gentleman.

- Capt S Rajain
- Capt HS Bainsla
- Capt SS Negi

- * I am so glad that you have accepted my suggestion of golf being a new game at the RIMC . Now that we are taking this game seriously , we will arrange to try and line up a Rules Clinic and Courtesy Course so that the youngsters start correctly. A second important thing is the practice putting green . How wonderful if the square where we ran innumerable rounds could be used as a practice green; putting is 50% of the game .It is as important as Mr Catchpole's oft quoted remark "Give me 2 umpires and I do not need any other player in my team".

**Bikram Singh
New Delhi**

- * Many thanks for your inaugural E mail message . While I appreciate your thoughts about my contribution to the Rimcollian issue I would like to remind you that mine has only been a very small portion of it . There are many others who have made this movement a success. It could not have been achieved without a whole hearted and committed contribution of all the other Rimcollians involved. It cannot be an individual effort. While saying this I would also like to say that in order to make this an ongoing movement, it must be represented by Rimcollians of all vintages and not be confined to a few Rimcollians who have started the Rimcollian saga . Do keep up the good work.

**Jasbir S Khurana
Kitcheners (39-45)**

- * I entirely endorse your views regarding educational attitude at RIMC. It was , historically, biased toward co curricular activities to the detriment of the boys specially those who did not make it to the NDA and I am of the view that academics must be given the highest priority unless you are a Kapil Dev or Tendulkar or Tiger Woods in the making where you can earn your bread by sporting activities.

Col. Gautam Dutt (DSSC)

- * We enjoyed the event as much,if not more,than what the cadets did.Thanks for inviting us.

Lt.Gen.M.A.Gurbaxani (AVSM) After the recently concluded X country competition

- * I have got through the Karnataka Engineering Entrance test and got admission in Bangalore Engineering College.

**K R Solanki
[(C)1993-97]**

- * I find that I had posted the letter giving you the corrections to the list of senior Rimcollian officers that you published in your Chronicle of May '98....I am sending you another effort for what little it may be worth. I have done it all from memory and will,therefore ,need to be rechecked

Maj Gen S C Sinha,New Delhi
(He is the only one to have responded)

We are most grateful to Maj Gen Sinha for taking all the trouble and giving us an exhaustive list of corrections to the names published in our May issue.We hope to follow up.

-Editor

VISITS

8 June 98	Shishirgagan Singh Steel Authority of India Ltd.[SAIL],New Delhi
8 June 98	D P N Singh IPS(Retd),CRPF,New Delhi.
9 June 98	Sudhir Kr Gupta GE,Dehra Dun
9 June 98	Rajiv K Bansal GE,Dehra Dun
10 June 98	D N Gautam DIG,ITBP,Dehra Dun
10 June 98	Maj Gen C J Chari D6W,ArmyHQ,New Delhi
10 July 98	I S Lau Huxley Gardens,London.
18 July 98	Maj Gen (Retd) G S Wirk Harcharm Farm, New Delhi
23 July 98	A V N Singh Hapur, Ghaziabad
05 Aug 98	Brig H S Sehgal HQ22,Arty Brigade.
05 Aug 98	Col.D S C Verma IMA, Dehra Dun.
08 Aug 98	Vice Adm A R Tandon Naukuchigatal
12 Aug 98	Mr & Mrs H L Kamra Hardwar
17 Aug 98	Maj Gen V Krishna ADGEME, ArmyHQ
20 Aug 98	Prof Kittu Reddy Sri Aurobindo Ashram,Pondicherry
24 Aug 98	Maj Rajinder Singh(Retd) Nimbuwala, Garhi Cantt.
25 Aug 98	Naveen Chibber Great Value, Noida, UP.

OBITUARY

- * With great sorrow and grief we report the passing away of Shri Vikram Mohite (Shivaji 71-75), s/o Col.S R Mohite (Shivaji 38-45) and Maj Gen Ajit Singh Guraya (Roberts 25-29) Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families . We pray to the almighty to give eternal peace to the departed souls

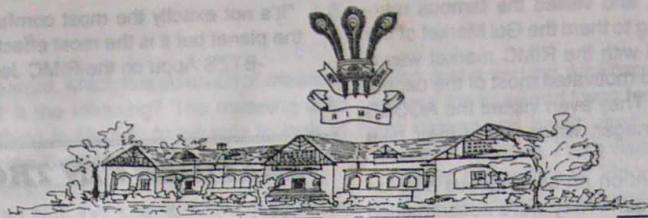
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EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

Much has taken place since we last had the pleasure of bringing you the 'New' Chronicle. We hope you all approve of the new look of the Chronicle which we have now decided to retain.

We have in this edition decided to put in a new section – the High Ideals Section, in which we have included some philosophical ideas of the most unexpected people i.e. the cadets themselves. We also have the nonsense column –not nonsense really, just some light-hearted reading material and a 'facts you could use' column. For those of you who sorely missed the 'Commandant's mail bag' in the last section, it was included as the 'College mail bag' and we intend to continue the column under that name.

In the end we would like to thank you for the marvellous response we got concerning the previous Chronicle and hope to continue with the standards in this issue and the ones to come.

- K R Bharatraj.

MID TERM HIKES ROUND UP

After the cadets finished off their tortuous mid term examination, they went on their mid term hikes from 26th Sept. to 4th of Oct'98. The Basketball team and a few other cadets went to Bangalore to take part in the Military Schools Pentangular Meet.

The Class I cadets continued their traditional hike to Kanesar. They did quite a lot of trekking and also had a good experience of rock climbing at the SFF Academy, Chakrata. This was arranged by Brig K N Mehra. Mr Vishwakarma along with his family accompanied their class. Ashish Kumar(C) also accompanied Class I. These young cadets liked their hike and expect such good hikes in the future too.

Classes IA and IIA went to Ranikhet and Nainital respectively. They enjoyed their stay at the Kumaon Regimental Centre, which also housed fabulous antiques. Lt. Cdr. HS Sandhu and Mr. Dhruva Das accompanied them. They visited various schools and institutions but couldn't make full use of it as it

was the festive season of Dasher and most of the schools and other institutions were closed. The commandant of the KRC, Brig. Rajeshwar Singh and the CO of the Signals unit in Nainital, Col Harnam Singh made this hike a very enjoyable one for the cadets. All the cadets brought beautiful woodwork and candles to remind them of their hike to these places.

Class II went on a monumental hike to Delhi and Agra accompanied by Mr. Virender Sharma, his family and Mr. S A Ansari. They visited all possible monuments including the Taj Mahal. The cadets visited the Air Force Station, Agra and saw parajumping and skydiving. They visited the Bharatpur bird sanctuary and the nearby places of interest. This hike has been a great success thanks to the efforts of the Rimcollians present at Agra led by Air Comde P A Harimohan. A special Rimcollians Dinner was organised at the Air Force Officers Institute and was attended by the following Rimcollians: -

- 1) Air Comde P A Harimohan (P)
- 2) Gp Capt. Venugopal (C)
- 3) Wg Cdr Swaroop (P)
- 4) Capt N Bhowmick (C)
- 5) Maj. Yash Saxena (C)
- 6] Flg Offr SS Chabra (S)
- 7] Flg Offr KK Sukhen (S)
- 8] Flg Offr H Dua (P)
- 9] Capt Anil Singroha (C)

RIMC expresses its gratitude to all the officers and men of 50(I) Para Bde led by Brig P C Bhardwaj, VrC, SC, who took personal interest to ensure that the cadet's visit was enjoyable and fruitful.

Class III went on a hike to Jalandhar and Amritsar. There they visited Wagha Border, Jallianwala Bagh, Golden temple and quite a number of units. Lt Gen. HRS Mann(R) was kind to ensure all the arrangements at Jallandar, Amritsar and Chandi Mandir. They also met Maj. Bashiyam(R) and had dinner with him. They were accompanied by Mr. DN Thapliyal, his family and Mrs. Anita Saini. The cadets never expected such a busy hike and got a chance to go to town only once. This was a very enjoyable and perhaps the most educational trip they ever had with the Engineers showing them BLT's and BMP's.

Class IV went to Pune with Capt. Vikramjit Singh and Ms. Ruchita Kamra. They saw the engineering equipment at the CME and also saw the place of their dreams –NDA. They met Col. DH Parab(S),

former Commandant, and visited the famous markets of Pune. According to them the Gol Market of the NDA when compared with the RIMC market was a super market. This trip motivated most of the cadets to join the Engineers. They even visited the ACC&S and MIRC at Ahmadnagar, which made their hike worth remembering.

Class IVA went on an adventurous hike on their cycles to Chandigarh. They were accompanied by Maj. AJS Virk. They stayed with the 213th Rocket Brigade. They visited various places like Sector 17, Rose Garden, Shanti Kunj- a garden for the freedom fighters, Pinjore gardens, Sukhna Lake and Veer Bhumi-the Western Command War Memorial. The main highlight was the meeting with Col. SM Singh. The hike would be incomplete without mentioning the help of Lt. Gen. HRS Mann who ensured all arrangements at Chandigarh.

Class V went on the best hike -the self-sustained cycling hike accompanied by Hav Jagdish Prasad and the Nursing Asst, Rajendran. The route was -Dakpathar-Yamuna Bridge-Mussoorie via the Kempty Falls. They then headed for Lachhiwala and after a night's camp there they moved to Rishikesh where they stayed at an 'ashram' for two days. Here Bikramjit Singh had a 'great' fall, which he sustained from the top of a moving bus. At Rishikesh cadets saw the Dashera festival which is perhaps celebrated the best here. From there they retraced their way back to Dehradun.

And thus came to an end the much required break for the cadets. We all enjoyed our hikes very much. On behalf of everyone at the RIMC, we would like to express our most sincere thanks to all those who have worked for the success of the hikes.

JV Parthasarathy

THE NONSENSE COLUMN

QUOTE UNQUOTE

- "Gosh! He is so 'long'"
-Ahindro Dey wondering about Capt Vikramjit's height
- "The fairer species of the Homo Sapiens"
-Aditya Joshi in his philosophical speech about women
- "They robbed me off my worldly possessions"
-Mayank Kanungo after a foot of his hair was cut by an order of the Adm. Offr.
- "If that's a foul, I'm Bill Clinton"
-Tanmay Pant during the Football match against the BCS, Shimla
- "It was the flight of the century"
-Bikramjit Singh when he recovered from his injuries after falling from the roof of a moving bus.
- "You uncouth hunger stricken fools from Ethiopia"
-Capt. Munendra to the guys charging at their dessert
- "I'll get you down from 48th Armd to 46th Armd and decommission you even before you are commissioned."
-Capt. Munendra to Arjun Rathore

- "It's not exactly the most comfortable thing on the planet but it is the most effective
-BTZS Appu on the RIMC Jonga

MK & B ZSA

PRESIDENT IN TROUBLE

"Monica" - "O my darling"
Cries President Bill
After notorious doings'
With lies the court he fills.
A passionate person or a maniac?
Is a million-dollar question
And if a passionate person,
Where in lovers does he list in ?

Shameless Monica has sure
Put Bill in trouble
To confess is the cure
But at the very thought does Bill crumble.

Kenneth Starr in action,
Will crush Clinton to a fraction
This is the only attraction,
Which is Uncle Sam's main distraction.

To err is human,
But to forgive is divine
So, forgive Clinton
This decision is mine.

J V Parthasarathy

THE BIHAR CREAMWICH

What is the solution?
For the Laloo Rabri combination,
Specially made for corruption
And to get Bihar on evolution.

Article 356 can do them no bad
As even the police call him -'dad'
The situation is bad
And it makes Vajpayee sad!

The country goes to dogs
Or the country goes to cats,
It's all their doing
Who eat our money like rats.....

Venkat

LIFE - A VIEW

What is life? To many this question would seem to be a foolish one. Some would ask what a question to think about while others would comment that it can not be defined. Well, does life mean only to live? No, then, does it mean to enjoy and forget it? No, certainly not.

Life is not merely living. It is like a journey. Just as you have an aim for a journey, you should have one for living too. Does only enjoying life give

meaning to this word, which has so much of meaning in itself? What is the meaning? The meaning is to achieve something in life and to be able to look at your life with pride. But it is not as easy to achieve as it is to talk about it.

Have an aim. Work for it. Remember there are ups and downs in life just like a business. Be decent in your good times and determined in your bad times. Nothing can let you down if you are determined and work hard for achieving it. Work for long-term success and not the short term one, but always remember that short-term success paves the way for the aim.

Take life as a sport. Play it to win but not by unfair means, and lastly, Never lose hope; "Hope is the rope that swings you through life".

-Anoop Sharma.

BASKETBALL COMPETITIONS

Basketball was the word on everybody's lips after the hikes and the late arrival of the college basketball team only increased the anxiety. The teams were seen practising last minute moves and polishing up their skills. On the 7th morning, in one of the most crucial matches of the competitions, the Chandragupta senior's team met their Ranjit counterparts. The match was cancelled and this proved to be very costly for Ranjit. The next day they met Shivaji, but they lost. Chandragupta juniors had already won all their matches and so had their Rabbits team. Hence, Chandragupta had to win against Pratap, which they did and remained as the cup favourites. On the final day Ranjit and Shivaji both had seniors and juniors matches. If Shivaji won both the matches they would win the cup, but some last minute three-pointers from the Ranjit Juniors sealed their fate and in a keenly contested final Ranjit again won the match owing to some great baskets from the college skipper Raja Wangdi Sherpa.

Thus Chandragupta won the Basketball cup after losing it very narrowly for the last three terms.

The Members of Staff team caused major upsets and equalled the winners on points. Capt. Vikramjit Singh was their star and was ably supported by Major Virk. Incidentally the Staff team which won against Shivaji also fielded a lady teacher!

Joe Verghese

A VACATION IN THE STATES

I was invited by my uncle to spend my summer vacations with him in the States (Texas). After making all the arrangements, my flight was scheduled for the first week of June. It took me 18 hours with a change of flight at Frankfurt to get to Dallas. It took me hardly a day to get used to the local time.

I visited many places, some of which have left a wonderful and everlasting impression on me. It was The Dyers Air Force Base where I saw B-1 Bombers which I had seen only in Books and on Television.

I also met a serving Air Force Colonel who took me around the base and I was fascinated with the different instruments being used as well as the various planes in the base. I also visited the John F Kennedy museum that is The 6th Floor. It was near this place that he had been assassinated. I also saw the window from which the shots were fired. I went to St Petersburg, which is in the state of Florida. It was here that I went to the Universal Studios where they showed us how different movies are made and other behind the screen activities.

Then I went to the Epcot Centre which was an amusement park for the grown ups. It had many buildings that had been donated for various purposes like the next generation computers, interactive games and the mind-boggling mysteries. It was very exciting for me, as I had not seen most of these things before.

I returned to Texas after a few days time. There I visited the Caverns of Sonora where after the seepage of water for many years stalactites and stalagmites had been formed. It is said that the caves had been discovered by accident when a boy fell into a hole on the ground and landed inside the water, which had accumulated after years of seepage.

The things striking most to a person going to the US for the first time are the highways that have four lanes going in each direction. Also, the country is quite clean and not as dirty and polluted as ours. The people are hard working and the whole system is efficient.

Thus came to an end my vacation. I returned to India after spending over a month in the US, more confident and wise after learning many new things. I had a good time there and made the most of my trip.

Neil Shringeri

Mr R C SINGHAL

Zealous is a word which most of us may have come across in the dictionary. However it is the word that defines Mr RC Singhal's way of life, who completed 50 years of his teaching career recently.

BSc from Meerut, L.T from Allahabad and a Fulbright scholar from the John Hopkins University of Baltimore, USA, the former Vice Principal of the RIMC, Mr. RC Singhal, beckoned the two of us into the office at the Cambrian Hall where he is currently the Principal.

Able of body and sound of mind, Mr. RC Singhal joined the erstwhile PWMC on the 1st of August 1948. Being amongst the first five masters to replace the English masters, Mr. RC Singhal certainly had a point to prove to others and more importantly, a personal aim to achieve; and achieve he did in his 50-year tenure.

As a young master lovingly known as 'gamma' for his not so robust health; he showed the maturity of the teaching mind very early in his career. This has been largely responsible for the success of Mr. Singhal in handling many responsibilities at the RIMC-teaching of Maths and Physics as also looking after SSB preparations.

Memories of a time when cutting bounds was an adventure, caning—a religion, relegation unheard of and packing cadets off only to be reinstated in a month's time was the order of the day are still vivid in his mind. He can still recall the first day as an amateur finding the beefy and brawny cadets of his class indulging in some hullabaloo in typical RIMC way of the time. He did everything in style, from teaching and playing with the cadets to interacting with the cadet captain who was just 4 years and 2 months younger than him.

"The task of a teacher at RIMC is very different," he says "be it teaching maths and physics to the cadets or roughing it out with them in games or making frequent forays into the dormitories at odd hours." He stuck to this job year after year religiously. The legacy still persists.

He was appointed the Section Master of Pratap Section in 1957 and then went on to become the Vice Principal, the post he held with distinction till his retirement in 1984. He hung up his boots at the RIMC only to take up another big assignment as the principal of the Cambrian Hall where he still continues to be an excellent educational planner and manager.

When probed as to what should be done to improve the teaching standard at the College, he forewarned about what should not be done. In his words, "avoid frequent reshuffling of the staff, for continuity is one of the greatest assets of a school."

As a rather valuable piece of advice to any or all the teachers he says "If you go dressed in an unstately manner or behave in an unworthy fashion or take things to your heart you are liable to draw some untoward comments." When asked what he expects back from the college, Mr. Singhal replied, "RIMC is my blood and heart and all that I desire from it is what one would desire from a family. I desire the love and affection of my students of which I receive plenty and also the tremendous bond which exists between us".

-Mayank and Appu
(an interview with Mr. RC Singhal)

FACTS ABOUT ANIMALS

- * The mammal dolphin has evolved from a quadruped hoofed animal, which has been named 'angulets'. Due to evolution for over thousands of years, many drastic changes have taken place in that animal.
- * Ants tend cows of their own. These Cows are insects called Aphids. These insects have two minute tubes at their posterior end. When these are tickled a type of liquid comes out. This is the milk of the ants on which they feed
- * A caterpillar has as many as 40000 muscles.
- * Pigs suffer from sunburns just as human beings do.

- Pinak Pani Roy

THE OLD BOYS NEWS

1. Lt Dwaipyan Basu(IN)[ex Pratap,86-91] visited College along with his wife on 7th September

2. Our congratulations to Col AK Sen [ex Ranjit, 67-72] at his selection for the Higher Command course.
3. There was a Rimcollian get-together at the 14th Punjab Mess[C/o 99 APO] Maj. Gen. SD Mohanty, Col SS Singh, Col VY Gidh and Maj. YS Meitel attended it.
4. Heartening to know that the following Rimcollians are currently at the national Defence College[NDC,Delhi]
 - a) Brig Samantray(S)
 - b) Brig R Talwar(P)
 - c) Brig D Mukherjee(R)
5. Lt Rohit Garg (IN) [ex Shivaji] visited the college along with his wife on 14th Oct.
6. College would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Rimcollians at Agra, led by Air Comde P A Harimohan for the wonderful time that the cadets had there.
7. The college is currently looking for a new doctor as our present doctor retires this month. This is an invitation for any Rimcollian doctor (Not to be confused with vets) who would like to take up the assignment!!
8. The same goes for Rimcollians wishing to take up teaching at the RIMC. We already have as a model Maj. AS Virk (retd)[ex Ranjit, 76-80] enjoying his assignment here.
9. Ritwik Bhattacharya [ex Ranjit, 92-97] won the junior national title (under-19) held at Delhi recently.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

- * Teachers Day was celebrated with excitement and enthusiasm this time. There was the inauguration of the Inter Section variety entertainment competition to mark the occasion. While Pratap Section presented a serious play, Chandragupta and Ranjit put up plays that were very humorous. Shivaji put up an excellent show on the prospects of RIMC becoming a co-educational institution in the coming century. Pratap emerged victorious in the competition. This was followed by a presentation of gifts to the members of the staff. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest, Mr. RC Singhal highlighted the role of teachers in the upbringing of young children. Thereafter there was a dinner in honour of the current and old masters. This is a welcome trend that has now entered its second year. This is one of the ways by which the College keeps alive the Guru-Chela relationship. After the success of the teachers day celebrations, the staff is going to put up a Children's Day special show on the 14th of November.
- * Classes V and VA appeared for the UPSC Exam on the 18th of Sept, at Bareilly.
- * All Classes, except IIIA and VA, left for their respective hikes on 26th/27th of Sept. Classes IIIA and VA stayed for the much-required preparation for the forthcoming Boards.
- * College squash team left for Delhi on the 29th of Sept. They put up an average performance at the Nationals. In the U-14 category, Ankit Uniyal reached the pre quarter finals. S Singh reached

the pre quarterfinals in the U-16 and U-19 categories. G Yadav and D Yadav lost in the early rounds in the U-19 and the U-16 categories.

- * Class III A went to Roorkee on the 3rd of Oct to witness a demo at BEG centre.
- * Nine cadets of class V went to Cheshire Home on 10 Oct. to help the inmates.
- * On the 7th of Oct. there was an "On the Spot Painting Competition" organised by the Col Brown Cambridge School, Dehradun. In the juniors section Arindam Goswami got the 2nd prize and Kranti Kumar got the Consolation prize. In the seniors section Partha Baruah got the 3rd prize
- * Staff members along with their families went on a picnic to the Asan Barrage on the 11th of October.
- * Inter Section Athletics started on the 22nd of Oct it was won by Ranjit section followed by Chandragupta, Shivaji and Pratap. (Detailed report in the next issue.)
- * The Kathmandu trip has been cancelled as the host school in Nepal had their Dussera vacation during that time.
- * BTZS Appu's performance at the Welham Boy's debate Competition won him the most promising debater award.
- * The Comdt visited the APS Dagshai, Lawrence school Sanawar and BCS Shimla during the college hikes.
- * The college mourned the sudden death of Mr. SC Sharma, father of Cdt Anoop Sharma(P)[Asst editor of the Chronicle].

COLLEGE MAILBAG

My son Surya Mahendra Singh Chaudhari (Rimcollian) after leaving RIMC studied at St John's Varanasi and St. Mary Meerut. Thereafter he did his MBBS from KMC Manipal and then joined the Indian Navy. He is presently posted as the Surgeon Lt. aboard the INS Kattaboman. He married a class fellow who is also posted as the surgeon aboard the INS Kattaboman.

-Narendra Singh Chaudhary

I couldn't join the NDA due to a medical problem. So I tried my hand at the IIT, Delhi. I graduated from IIT Delhi with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1998. I am presently in the Post-Graduate Diploma in Management Programme at IIM, Ahmedabad.

-Parul Joy Saini

I am grateful for the collegè Chronicle that came as a very pleasant surprise. I have written to the editor applying for life membership.

-Aman Nugyal

It was wonderful to read all the news and refreshing changes. I would like to add on

- * Cross Country: It was always an endeavour to make out a route like what you have selected
- * The write-up on the first-termers was excellent .It was great to see RIMC on the internet.
- * I see the name of Maj Virk (Retd.) as a member of staff !! How did you manage that ?
- * The Services Medical Board for the army boys in M.H Dehradun is an excellent move.
- * Sending Observers for RIMC Entrance Exam : that was a great move, especially with Bihar.

-Col. DH Parab(Ex Comdt)

- * Wishing you and the staff and all cadets a very Happy Diwali. May the festival of light keep your happiness with the same brightness and bring all the joys into your lives.

(An inaugural e-mail message)

-Lt.Gen. NS Malik President, ROBA

- * The swords and the lost souls: I have at last sent Gen. Malik the money(Rs. 1,39,825.00) for the mini swords. I attach the list of addresses of the Wavell Section Rimcollians we have traced so far and most of them have made generous donations. It would be splendid if I could have some photographs in due course, say a close up of the sword showing the engraving on the blade and the hilt. Also a photo of the first recipient plus the terms for the award. I could then circulate the pictures to the Donors.
(The Sword would be awarded to the cadet adjudged the best for 'Integrity and Character' in every graduating course)

-Nigel Ross Magenty London

VISITS

DATE	NAME OF VISITOR
04 th Sep 98	Col Harinder Singh Bhandal Col Edn HQ 2 Corps.
04 th Sep 98	Lt Col(Dr) SS Parmar So-1 Edn HQ 14 Inf Div
18 th Sep 98	Col Rakesh Sharma CO 9 JAK LI
19 th Sep 98	Brig Dipak Mukherjee NDC, Delhi.
22 nd Sep 98	Col SS Jog Col GS HQ 26 Inf Div
23 rd Sep 98	Mr. PK Palit Managing Trustee, KC Mahindra Education Trust Mumbai.
23 rd Sep 98	Capt SS Pundir 3/11 GR
04 th Oct 98	Maj Gen Surendra Shah, Vrc, VSM Offg DGMT, Army HQ.



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EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

Are you surprised to see the third issue of the Chronicle? Well, this is another first. We are attempting to make the Chronicle a monthly affair rather than a twice-a-term feature. Again in this issue we have a horde of topics and events which took place in the last month.

To start off with is the intersection Athletics meet which was followed by the intersection Squash competitions, and to complete a good month's work the college athletics team participated in the district athletics meet. On the co-curricular front it was the staff's turn to make the headlines, when they staged a play on the 14th of Nov on the occasion of the Children's day. For those who want to know what the buzz is in the college nowadays we have the monthly news in brief.

We intend to increase the frequency of the Chronicle from once every two months to once a month in the next term what with the easy access we have to the computer lab nowadays.

K R Bharatraj

INTERSECTION ATHLETICS - 1998

Higher! Faster! Farther! Well this did not happen in the intersection athletics competition. However we did see some new stars aspiring for the Blues and Half Blues. The general standard of the athletics competitions was not really up to our expectations this term. The Section positions were as follows

Ranjit-1st-163 pts

Chandragupta-2nd-87 pts

Shivaji-3rd- 55 pts

Pratap-4th- 39 pts

Gaurav Pratap Singh(R) of class III won the Maj.

Gen. Mohinder Singh Chopra trophy and medal for being the best athlete in "C" Div, while Brig K L Atal Cup for the best athlete in "B" Div went to Koroulemba (S). Last but not the least the R C Singhal Cup for the best athlete in "A" Div went to Bhawani Singh(R). Well Ranjit seems to be producing many a good athlete.

The Maj. Gen. Hiralal Atal running trophy for the overall Athletics championship went to Ranjit Section. Lt. Gen. M A Gurbaxani, AVSM, the commandant of the IMA was the chief guest on the final day. Following events made this year's meet an exciting one.

- The Class IV employees 400m run.
- The tug-of-war between the Rimcos and the Rimcollians (Cadets victorious of course!)
- The tug-of-war between the cadets and the members of the staff in which the Staff won, as usual.
- Lifafa's timely intervention during the tug-of-war between the cadets and staff.
- The musical chairs for ladies wherein Mrs. Virk was the winner.

The final day saw a bit of drizzle but it did not dampen the spirits of the Rimcos and the Rimcollians. The function on the whole was a success. The athletes coming 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their respective events represented the college in the district athletics. The 3 day drama was given a finishing touch by the March Past which was also of a high standard. The results of the march past were as follows:

IV- Shivaji

III- Pratap

II - Ranjit

I - Chandragupta

The day ended with three-cheers for RIMC. We hope to have better standards of Athletics next year.

J Venkat.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

The 54th Amateur District Athletics meet was held from 7th Nov to 8th Nov'98. There was a record

participation of 1500 athletes from 51 different schools. It was held at the Doon School.

RIMC took part in the B and C divisions. We also took part in the shot put and the javelin events in the men's division where CHM Jagdish Prasad bagged gold and a silver medal respectively.

Some feats worth mentioning are:

- > GMS Khatri who found it difficult to clear a height of 4ft 6 inches during the practices cleared 5ft 2 inches and took the gold medal for the B division high jump.
- > Amod Dixit won a bronze in the C division javelin throw when he threw the javelin to a distance of 44m. Incidentally he could manage a throw of only 37m in the inter-division competitions. He didn't quite decide to call it a day and his appetite for medals helped him to hurl the discus to a distance of 27m and take the silver in the C division discus throw.
- > It was just another day at work for SC Ray who cleared a height of 5ft 2inches to take the silver in the C division high jump.
- > Chourajit Singh did us proud when he clocked 24.5 secs in the 200mts Heats, though it must be considered as one of the mysteries of the meet as to why he didn't qualify for the finals. Nevertheless, he went on to clock 11.7secs in the 100mts dash and take the bronze.
- > Koroulemba looked completely at home as he clocked 57.5secs in the 400mts Heats, though his performance in the Finals was not so spectacular.
- > The B Division relay (4X100mts) team took the 3rd position as they put up an excellent show on the last day.
- > The C division relay team who had the best timing in the Heats to their name would have taken the gold had it not been for some traffic problems during the second baton exchange which left us to take the second position.
- > Cross-country was held on the 8th of Nov in which 16 cadets took part. It was a tough race with some thorough-breds from Sports College running with us. Yet GP Singh took 6th position and we had 4 of the first 10 positions, and from 11 onwards they came in a group right upto 20 and beyond.
- > We were categorised under Men for the March Past trophy, which the RIMC took in emphatic style with an excellently synchronised effort on the final day.

We came 2nd in both the B and C divisions missing both the Trophies by a whisker. However it was a sterling performance by an inspired RIMC Athletics team, each member of which bettered his previous best. As a curious coincidence Mr. RC Singhal was the chief guest for the opening ceremony and the Commandant, Col Arun Mangain was the chief guest for the closing ceremony.

And so we returned from an eventful and beneficial experience emerging the overall runners-up in the 54th District Athletics Meet. The Athletics team would like to thank our coach, Mr. Dilip Singh and our manager and OIC, Capt Vikramjeet Singh for the guidance and inspiration which they gave us both during practices and on the final day. This helped us improve ourselves and achieve the very best we could on the final day.

Anoop Sharma

J Venkat

CHILDREN'S DAY (14TH NOVEMBER) 1998

There are a number of events that surround the unique history of RIMC. The play staged by the members of staff (both academic and administrative) was one of them.

The cadets of RIMC had perhaps never experienced a better 'nightmare' about the rich, unexplored and unexploited talent of our staff.

The chief guest of the ceremony was Maj. Gen. DK Chawla who was accompanied by his wife. Rumour had it that Mr Paul Samy was to be the Master of Ceremony. The rumour came true as he parted the curtains, came on stage and said, " Good evening, I'm Paul" and did an extremely good job.

The play, which posed itself to be above 'Godzilla' in the cadet's ratings, was indeed well costumed, cast and staged. As it started, the colossal effort put in by members of staff began to show. All the teachers sank into their roles very nicely.

'Sadachar ka tabeez' was a satire on the lifestyle of cadets at the RIMC. The play also had the message that the cadets themselves are the best instruments to bring about an environment of brotherhood in the College. The play started with Capt Vikramjit on stage looking like his usual massive self, dressed as if he were a conscript from the French Foreign Legion.

Mr PK Sharma was so naturally playing the Maharaja that it didn't seem he ever taught Biology. From growling like a ferocious predator to a sensible king on the stage he was never a bore.

Our Vice-Principal has rarely put his skills on display but they surfaced in a big way as he put in a performance that surpassed all expectations. The Commandant and the Adm Officer launched a calculated and planned assault on the cadet's secret strongholds giving vivid and descriptive details about the functioning of the North Block and the South Block. We were to explore yet another hidden talent in Mr. Thapliyal. Better known as 'Dharma' in his college days, he played his youthful best and had an edge over the others. Capt. Mongia never looked even a wee bit rusty even though he had come out of a bit of a lull in his acting career. Dialogues like 'OM phatt' became trademarks of his role as a

sadhu.

This play involved all the members of staff who were very well woven together by the directorial skills of Mr. Vishwakarma who did an Alfred Hitchcock-Subhash Ghai appearance on the stage. With Mr. Ansari's impeccable style, Mr. Bhatia's studied silence, Maj. Virk's crude Punjabi, the grace of the lady teachers and the flawless punishment skills (rolling and haunching) of the teachers led by Mr. Chauhan, the play was a hit. A special mention of Capt. Munendra Gupta who chipped in with a few memorable dialogues.

Although some of the performances might have gone unnoticed yet we must make a special mention of Mrs. Mamgain, Mrs. Vohra, Mr. R C Chaturvedi, Miss Neelima, Miss Ruchita, Mrs Saini and all those in the back stage.

In all this we must not forget the fine performance of Mr. Virender Sharma and Mr.S K Tyagi who were at their logical best.

BTZS Appu & Mayank Kanungo

HEAVENLY BODIES - METEORS....

The night was silent
The skies clear
Trained eyes could see
But not hear.

Seeing the meteors in the atmosphere
Nearby minds were filled with fear,
Scientist assured they would steer,
Very much, of us clear.

Meteors came in every size and shape,
We couldn't use even the measuring tape,
Even the maths teacher couldn't 'integrate!!'

INSAT 2B called INSAT 1B near and asked him
— Change orbit if life is dear
1B ran helter skelter
But couldn't find any shelter.

Meteors came and went away,
Watched by people here and there,
Morning came, cadets rose,
After watching the meteors so close.

And it came to a close
The short but sweet meteor dose.

Neil Shringeri

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

- > RIMC has finally decided to go swadeshi and henceforth all Thursdays have been proclaimed as Hindi Days. Some, however, say that it is an attempt to appease Mr. Vishwakarma.
- > Gurudwara function was organised on the 4th of November on the occasion of Guru Nanak's Birthday.
- > Lt Cdr HS Sandhu left us on the 21st of Nov. to join his new assignment at Vishakapatnam. We wish him and Mrs. Sandhu a bright and fruitful stay at their new posting.
- > Col VK Singh, our doctor retired on the 12th of Nov. We wish him the very best of luck.
- > Terminal exams for the college commenced on the 16th of Nov. However, Sumit Kumar and the entire Class V are excused and will take their exam in the next term.
- > Quiz competitions were concluded on the 28th of October; the positions are as follows:- Chandragupta, Shivaji, Ranjit & Pratap in that order.
- > 28th was a busy day as the Squash competitions concluded. The final positions were:- Chandragupta, Ranjit, Pratap & Shivaji in that sequence.
- > The Tennis and Chess Opens were conducted by Mr RC Chaturvedi and Mr CS Vishwakarma respectively. Both these competitions evoked a lot of response from the cadets and the members of the staff. The Tennis tournament was won by Mr Chaturvedi and Cadet Jagdish Samant while the Chess Opens title went to Mr. Vishwakarma without much opposition.
- > Capt. Vikramjit Singh has been appointed as the DS (Co-ord) in the Academic Block.
- > The college co operative society is now fully functional. It was revived in 1997; it now has deposits of Rs 2,45,000 and has already granted loans to various employees of the college to the tune of Rs 11,30,000. Applications pending with the committee for grant of loans amount to Rs 4,80,000. The Society gives loans at an interest of 18% p.a. The idea of this was primarily mooted to help college employees get out of the clutches of the middlemen and money lenders. The office bearers of the committee are:
Secretary- Mr CL Pandita, Librarian
President – Shri Daya Ram (Dorm Bearer)
Vice President- Shri A S Ale (LDC)
- > The college now has two Internet connections. We are also planning to have our own webpage. The webpage address is www.karseva.org/rimcollian.
- > Even as the term is drawing to a close and the teeth chattering winters drawing closer, the coat parkhas are yet to see the light of the day.

- Wg Cdr. AG Thadani (Ex Pratap) has decided to institute scholarships at the RIMC in memory of his late aunt Mrs Ganga Lalwani. He has set up a corpus of Rs 1,00,000/- the interest on which shall be given as scholarship to deserving cadets. Earlier, in 1997, Lt Gen MA Gurbaxani had also donated a similar amount for grant of scholarship. That scholarship also bears the name of Mrs Ganga Lalwani.

OLD BOYS NEWS

- It is heartening to note that four of our Old Boys have been selected to undergo the next NDC course at Delhi. They are: Brig K S Rao (Ex Pratap), Brig B S Pawar (Ex Pratap), Brig J U Mathai (Ex Shivaji) and Brig S S Dhillon (Ex Shivaji). Our heartiest congratulations to all of them.
- Major Steve Ismail (Ex Pratap) is in Yangon doing a language course in Burmese at the Yangon University of Foreign Languages, Yangon, Myanmar. He has written a beautiful article on the subject which will be published in the College Magazine in March 1999.

THE COLLEGE MAIL BAG

1: My compliments to the Editorial team. The Chronicle is very well laid out and gives the reader a lucid account of all that is happening in school.

Frankly, reading it after so many years was very nostalgic.

Col. YS Rawat
IMA, Dehradun.

THE COLLEGE MAGAZINE, 1999

The college magazine for the year 1999 will be published in Feb. next year.

Like every year we would like to get a lot of advertisements from various firms and corporate houses. We would also request all old boys to help us get advertisements. The rates are: -

Full Page (back outside): Rs 3000.

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Full Page: Rs 1500.

Half Page: Rs 1000.

Quarter page: Rs 500.

-Editor

OBITUARY

It was with deep sorrow that we learnt about the passing away of Cdr P K Ganguli (Ex Ranjit & Chandragupta, 1964-68). He died in the cyclonic storm off the Gujarat coast in June 1998. He leaves behind his wife (Angel) and a young son.

On behalf of everyone at the College, we express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and pray to the Almighty for eternal peace to the departed soul.

- Editor

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