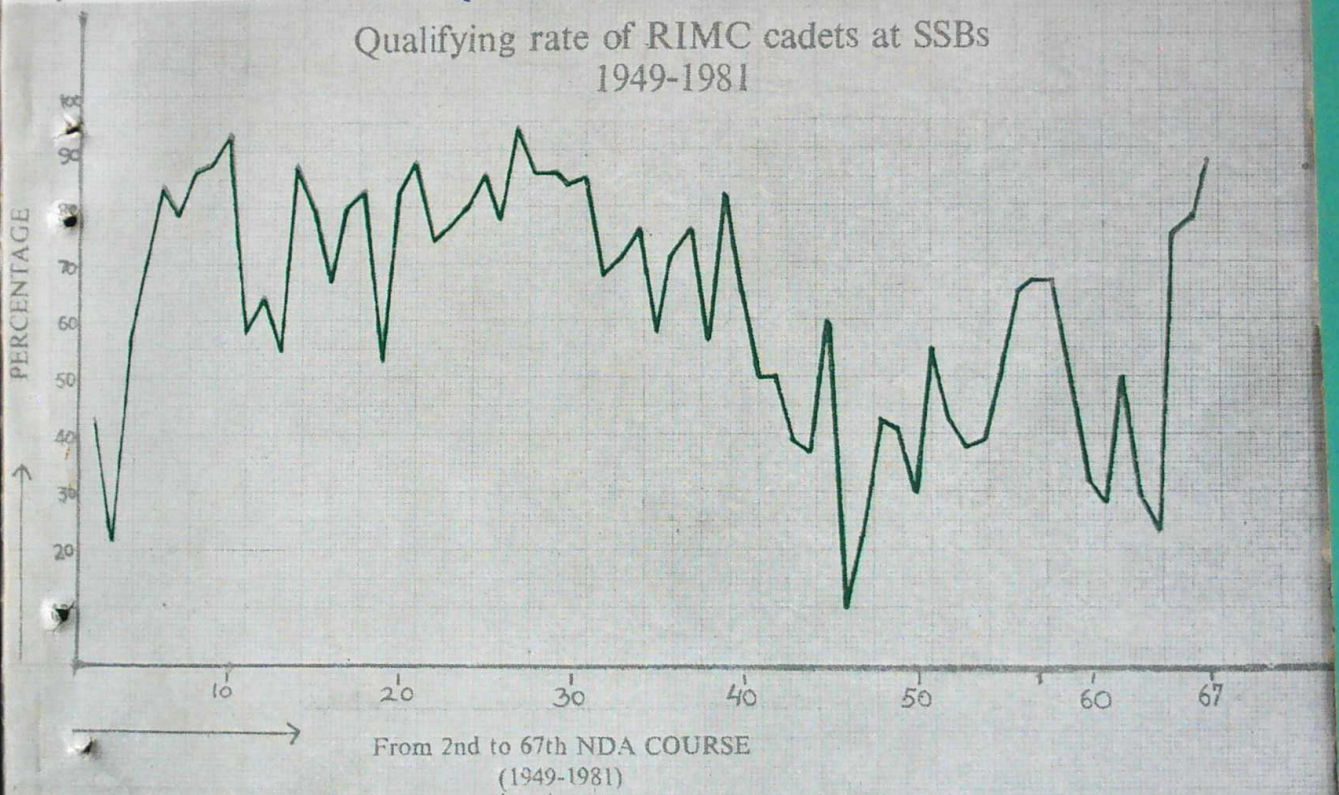




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Qualifying rate of RIMC cadets at SSBs 1949-1981



DIAMOND JUBILEE NUMBER



Editorial

We are disposed to think that there are few classes of men who come through the ordeal of a very trying calling bubbling with success. The illustrious and valiant sons of RIMC constitute this class and deserve acclaim for having done better than their brethren from other walks of life. The institution can be justly proud of its star-studded past. The brave sons of the RIMC have upheld the name of their alma mater and brought fame and glory to the institution. The contribution of the alumni to uphold the honour of this College descends on us with something of the benediction of a fine day. It is always fine weather here in the campus when our Old Boys are around. As the Spring knocks, the floral carpet is laid and the Thimayya Gate is flung open to welcome the Rimcollians who will add a special sparkle to the "diamonds" this year. The atmosphere of brotherhood and unity becomes all the more auspicious by the presence of the COAS in our midst. We in the campus feel privileged to share the pride and coruscating achievements of all our Old Boys who have crowned themselves with Achillean glory. We wish the Rimcollians a pleasant and memorable sojourn in and around the campus.

This Diamond Jubilee Number of the Chronicle is dedicated to a new era which promises to give fresh impetus to the growth and development of the RIMC. We wish all RIMCOLLIANS a very happy Reunion in the Diamond Jubilee Year.



'Jubilee Buds'

News in Brief

Catchpole Donates Rs. 1 Lac

The usefulness of Squash for recreation and health is undoubted. Squash has been a very popular game in the Armed Forces and it is natural that the cadets here should be making a bee-line for it. To overcome the over-crowding of the lone "playable" Squash Court in the campus, efforts were on for quite sometime to construct a new Squash Court. It was his love for this institution of which he was the Principal from Oct 48 to May 53 that impelled Mr H Catchpole to donate a sum of Rs one lac for the construction of a Squash Court. It is gratifying to note that Mr Catchpole living in Pakistan has not forgotten his golden association with the College. The entire College community expresses its deep sense of gratitude to this remarkable teacher who has won the hearts of one and all by this generous gift.

RIMC : India's Cradle of Warriors

The Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehra Dun, whose alumnus record reads like a Who's Who gallery of battle decorated heroes, celebrates its Diamond Jubilee in March 1982.

Boasting of two former Chiefs of Army Staff - the late General K S Thimayya and General GG Bewoor - a former Chief of the Pakistan Air Force, Ali Asghar Khan, and a host of Corps Commanders as its Old Boys, the Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC) completes 60 years of existence on March 13.

The first Indian officer to win the Victoria Cross in 1941 Lt (later Lt Gen) PS Bhagat and the first recipient of the Param Vir Chakra, Major SN Sharma, were both products of this institution.

In a 40 year span, 92 Rimcollians as RIMC Old Boys are called, have been awarded the highest Indian and British honours, probably the maximum for any single institution. Among the honours are one Padma Vibhushan, 14 Param Vishist Seva Medals, three Orders of the British Empire, and on the battlefield 13 Military Crosses, 12 Vir Chakras, four Distinguished Service Orders and a host of lesser medals.

A simple white marble Martyrs Memorial in the shape of a hollow spliced tree trunk, set in the middle of the school amidst a riot of flowers, bears the names of 22 RIMC boys who have died on battlefields all over the world since 1942.

Modelled on Welbeck College, a British public school and a feeder to the Military Academies of the United Kingdom, the RIMC provides military training to boys wanting to join the National Defence Academy. Set in 138 acres of lush tree-lined avenues and overlooked by the Mussoorie hills, the RIMC campus offers unique facilities. An impressive cricket pavilion, more playing fields than there are teams, and ample opportunities to participate in team and individual sports and games are available.

Long before the College opened as a precursor to the pre-commission training establishments in Britain and later in India, it was the Imperial Cadet College founded in 1901 by the then Viceroy, Lord Curzon. Its function was to impart basic military training to young princes of Indian States who were afterwards allowed to wear military badges. The grounds of the College, until World War I were the playground of these princes with their polo ponies and armies of retainers.

Until 1921, the college premises were alternately used as a mechanical transport training school, a hospital and for a brief spell a prisoner of war camp. The need for greater Indianisation of the armed forces after World War I led the then Commander-in-Chief in India, Lord Rawlinson, to propagate the idea of setting up an institution to train young Indians for absorption into the British Military Academies

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of Sandhurst, Cranwell and Woolwich. With the sanction of the Secretary of State for India; the College was inaugurated by Prince Edward of Wales and named after him as the Prince of Wales Imperial Indian Military College, in 1922.

With the opening of the Indian Military Academy in Dehra Dun in 1932, the RIMC became a feeder to this academy and later to the National Defence Academy, at Khadakvasla.

Under the direct administrative control of the Defence Ministry with a Colonel from the Army Education Corps as its head, the RIMC which began with 37 cadets has 220 boys on its rolls today. The Commandant is assisted by an Administrative Officer of the rank of Major, invariably an Old Boy of the College and a staff of civilian teachers. The RIMC maintains a student teacher ratio of 13 to 1. The ages of the cadets range between 11 years and 17 years.

With an estimated expenditure on each cadet of Rs. 100 a day, the cadets have to pay Rs. 3,000 a year while the escalating subsidy of Rs. 7,000 is borne by the Defence Ministry. Tuition fees remain the same as 60 years ago at Rs. 1,500.

Physical fitness is the underlying credo of the curriculum, with special emphasis on drill, obstacle courses, gymnastics and outdoor games. Activity in the classes centres around preparing the boys for the eventual hurdle of the NDA examination and interview.

Courses correspond to the Central Board of Secondary Education though the examination taken by the cadet is conducted by Army Headquarters. The cadet studies till only Class XI, having to pass the College examination before he joins the NDA. Life for Rimcollians in the NDA is therefore an extension of their school existence. From reveille early in the morning until lights out at around 10 p.m., the cadets are kept on the move with drill, classes, tutorials and games.

Extra-curricular activities centre around rifle and sten gun shooting, aero-modelling, mountaineering and adventure courses. Photography, art, carpentry, electronics and a journalists club are some of the other facilities offered. A recent addition to the Boys activities are two traditional Maratha activities—the malkhamb and the lezim - dating back to the time of Shivaji. The former is a strenuous bare-bodied climb up a 16 ft high thick steel pillar using only ones legs for the ascent and descent, while the latter is a gusty Maratha victory dance.

Col Sardana, the RIMC Commandant, an accomplished educationalist and Chinese scholar from Hong Kong University, plans to broaden the all-round base of the RIMC cadets' training.

In the 14 months that he has been Commandant, he has recommended expansion of the College by 500 cadets, staggered over the next 12 years and the addition of Class XII. He is asking for a direct affiliation with the Secondary Board of Education and the introduction of compulsory NCC. Col Sardana has also recommended the earmarking of two vacancies every year for foreign cadets.

For the Diamond Jubilee celebrations between March 11 and March 14 next year the RIMC expects over 500 Old Boys to attend the celebrations which will be enhanced by a torch light tattoo and a display of massed Regimental bands, somewhat akin to the Beating of the Retreat celebrations in Delhi every year. General Rao, Chief of the Army Staff will be the Chief Guest at the 'Cradle of Warriors' an oft-used euphemism for the RIMC.

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"Express an opinion but send advice by freight."

—Charles Clark Mun

Essay Contest

On the behalf of our Old Boy Air Commodore RHD Singh (Retd), the Journalism Club RIMC has pleasure in announcing an Essay Contest on the following subject :-

“Do you believe that during your life, religious teaching at the College has helped you in times of crisis and stress? To what extent compulsory religious parades imbibed the necessary moral values and respect for comrades? If physical training is a necessity to build a healthy body, are religious parades not a necessity for inculcating moral values and respect for Divine Authority?”

- (a) The essay typed in double space on foolscap paper not exceeding 2000 words, should reach the Editor, RIMC Chronicle not later than 13 May 1982.
- (b) All Old Boys, Masters and cadets are allowed to participate.
- (c) Winning entries will be awarded prizes.

The prize money amounting to Rs. 500/- has very kindly been donated by Air Commodore RHD Singh (Retd) our only distinguished Old Boy who entered the Royal Air Force Cadet College Cranwell (UK) in April 1933.

The Latest

The Diamond Jubilee year saw a number of newly introduced activities, the first ever, to be introduced by the Commandant Col KN Sardana. Of these the following deserve a special mention in these columns—

- (a) Inter-Section Gymnastics Competition was introduced to raise the standard of gymnastics at the RIMC. This competition, the first of its kind in the history of the RIMC included the exercises on the parallel bars, vaulting horse, PT display and groundwork.
- (b) Inter-Section Obstacle Race is yet another sports event which was introduced for the first time in the College. The value of this event is undoubted for its utility in toughening the young cadets equipping them to fare well at the SSB tests and preparing them to work together as a team towards the successful completion of a task.
- (c) An investiture ceremony for all Cadet Appointments introduced for the first time in the history of the College, is designed to acknowledge the high responsibility carried by the Cadet Appointments and to bestow upon them formally an office of pride and honour. The ‘Oath’ administered to the Cadet Appointments on 21 Jan 82 by the Commandant read as follows :-

Oath

I.....solemnly affirm that in the discharge of my duties as, I shall conscientiously obey the rules and regulations of the school and orders of those placed above me. I shall always tread the right path myself, not just direct others to do so. I shall be loyal to all that is noble and worthy and will shun fear when truth and right are in danger. I shall sincerely endeavour to be worthy of the office of trust, honour and responsibility bestowed upon me. I shall strive hard to be helpful to all placed in my charge. I will not exploit the weak. I shall be true and just in all my dealings, pure and temperate in all enjoyments. I shall try to achieve the best of which I am capable. All my efforts shall be to bring glory to the school always and every time. I shall stand for the hard right against the easy wrong. I shall impartially minister justice, punish wickedness and vice and strive towards the maintenance of good order, discipline and the supremacy of truth.

To this end may I proceed with strength, courage, patience and humility.

Well done boys

The Commandant, Members of the Staff and rest of the cadets appreciate and thank cadets KK Manglik and Ranpreet Singh, Class V for donating their blood in the MH Dehra Dun. These boys deserve commendation from all for setting a very fine example keeping with the traditions of this very fine institution.

Morning Assembly

Morning Assemblies are not only congregations depicting the oneness of the entire College but also provide the cadets an opportunity to speak on a variety of topics and subjects. The Morning Assembly provides plenty of scope for intellectual stimulation and thinking. In the first Assembly of the term held on 21 Jan 82, the Commandant Col KN Sardana welcomed the cadets back to the College after the Winter Break of forty days. In a simple but auspicious ceremony the Commandant administered the 'Oath' to all the Cadet Appointments—a new introduction, reminding them of their duties. The following cadets were given Medhavi Badges for standing first in their respective classes :-

Cadet Vishal Sharma	(P)	Class	I
„ Mohit Gandhi	(P)	„	IA
„ Sandeep Singh	(S)	„	II
„ R K Nair	(S)	„	IIA
„ R Bhattacharjee	(C)	„	III
„ A Saluja	(S)	„	IIIA
„ Suyash Sharma	(C)	„	IV
„ N Tiwari	(C)	„	IVA

Sports Roundup

The first cricket match of this term was played between the Commandant's XI and the Cadets XI on the afternoon of 23 Jan 82. The match could not be called exciting for it was a wholly one sided affair. The cadets dominated the match throughout and won comfortably by 4 wickets.

A keenly contested Hockey match was played on the greens of the RIMC between the cadets and the Commandant's XI on 9 Feb 82. Though the cadets came out victorious the Masters displayed good technique and scored two goals through Mr L N Thakur and Mr R C Chaturvedi. The lone cadet to perform the hat trick was Cadet A S Bhullar. The score was 3-2.

Regular practices have been on for gymnastics, torchlight exercises and the traditional lezim and 'Malkhamb of the Marathas' in preparation for the Jubilee celebrations.

Visits

Maj Gen SC Sinha—PVSM, DG SFF, visited the College on 26 Feb 82.

Brig N K Talwar, the DDMT (B) visited the College on 5 Feb 82 and was pleased with what he saw. A Special Assembly was organized in his honour. Brig Talwar was presented with a memento to remind him of the College.

The College is privileged to have had another distinguished guest in Mr H Catchpole, a former Principal of this institution who paid us a visit on 11 Feb 82. A keen teacher of English, Mr Catchpole did not miss as usual, an opportunity of giving a test in usage and grammar to the boys of Class III.

Lt Col JB Singh, Maj Kulwant Singh and Capt PS Nagesh visited the College.

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Cultural Roundabout

Practices for the English play to be staged during the Jubilee celebrations have been on for quite some time. The guests are really in for a pleasant surprise.

A movie "A Lovely Way to Die" was screened in the College Convocation Hall on 14 Feb 82.

Inter Section Debate

Inter Section Debate was held on 13 Feb 82. With effect from this term only, we have switched over from the traditional Inter Section Declamation Contest to Inter Section Debating Competition. Our young speakers gave a good account of themselves and made the debate interesting with their good rebuttal and repartee.

The topic for the Junior Section was "The Spirit of Adventure is dead today". The topic for the Senior Section was, "It is a fashion to blame the present generation for the evils of today". In the keenly contested competition Pratap Section won the trophy, closely followed by Ranjit, Chandragupta and Shivaji. In the Senior Section Cadet Umesh Sood (R), Cadet Ranjeet Kumar (R) and Cadet AA Zaki (P) got the first, second and third position respectively. In the Junior section Cadet RK Chaudhry (P) and Cadet D Bhattacharya (C) got the first and second position respectively and the third position was jointly shared by Cadet Salil Mongia (R) and Cadet Chetan Desai (C). Mr Hensman and Mr Naidu from the Doon School and Capt RS Khatri acted as judges. Mrs Amba Sardana gave away the prizes and the trophy to the winners.

A Character Study

Standing above the height of six, a pumpkin head with twinkling eyes, a rotund belly, the 'towering hippo' dressed in immaculate whites could be spotted out from a distance as his smiles would go miles.

SB Thapa jocularly called 'Thaple' by cadets served the RIMC from 1945 to 1980. It is rare to find a more devoted soul who never took a day's leave during the entire tenure of his service, be it casual, medical or earned.



'Thaple' at his best

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Cadets Mess, to him was a temple. He would cheer up everyone with the evergreen grin on his countenance. The cadets never felt hungry in or outside the Mess. Extra puddings, scotch eggs or ice-cream at the dining table, made Thaple extremely popular among the cadets. The heavyweight Thaple weighed four scores and eleven kilos, always ready to become an object of amusement.

Thaple when approached, recalled the names of 14 Administrative Officers who were fed by him as cadets. He did not forget to say that a cadet, now a major, could eat 50 cutlets after hitting 'sixers' on the cricket ground and yet another who ate 'only' 25 'Parathas'. He recalled how a cadet mischievously pressed bananas to prove to Thaple that the banana was bad and needed replacement. The benevolent Thaple taking the cue would ask the cadet to eat the old pressed one if he wanted a new banana. Both the cadet and Thaple obliged each other. Thaple on such occasions came out a winner always. He would sometimes, on seeing a junior being bullied, ask the senior to report to him in PT Kit after dinner-in joke of course.

Thaple in the Mess was professional. He had the heart of a dove and never said 'No' to anyone. Old Boys treated him like a member of the Rimcollian family. Although good old Thaple originally hails from Lebong, Darjeeling District, he has been taken in by the charm of the Doon Valley and has settled down here. He has four daughters and two sons.

Cadet NS Mangat, VA

A Cadet NCO

The Board examinations were just round the corner. The cadets of Class IV A had been allowed leave for their preparation. They stopped troubling their juniors and stopped reading newspapers, weekly magazines and such other stuff that they would not have otherwise shunned. They were never found fooling and loitering about. They burnt the midnight oil (and the midnight candle when the electricity failed them) without paying any heed to the lights out timings. They toiled and toiled till the early hours of the morning. They left no stone unturned for passing these examinations with flying colours as this was the stepping stone to achieve the prestigious rank of a dormitory commander, a Cadet NCO.

The examinations over, the cadets eagerly wait to know the fruits of their hard labour. The impatiently awaited results were declared at last and all of them got a 1st division. This made the competition even tougher. They then waited for the next CRO which would disclose the results. This important document too was out, many of them found their names in the list of those getting pack drills instead of the list of the Cadet Appointments, and the newly appointed Cadet NCOs were, within no time, in the tailor shop ordering tabs. As usual they had to pull up the lazy tailor. After a few hours most of them went to the tailor shop and howled impatiently, 'Masterji mere tabs ban gaye hain ya nahi.' The tailor replied in his soft tone, "Itni jaldi kam nahi hota hai." The newly appointed NCO returns to his dormitory quite dejected.

But before the NCO could take advantage of his new-found position the AO called all the appointments in the senior ante-room for his customary ML. This ML regarded by the said person as very important was viewed as yet another boring affair by these chosen ones.

Anyway, the AO's lengthy session over the NCO repaired to his den. The glorious one now wanted to assert himself and the most likely prey were his juniors - the one's he commanded directly. They were promptly told to report after dinner. We, the unlucky ones, waited for his highness to make his royal

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appearance. His highness then came out of his lair wearing his uniform with the fresh tabs quite prominent on his shoulders, and strutting like a peacock. Then commenced the usual rigmarole. "Don't try to crook your pop. I have also gone through this stage for four years," he howled at the top of his voice. And then followed rounds, round the square with a few front, back and side rolls thrown in.

We had days of punishment at a stretch with the chosen one always in full josh - as he now found it hard to believe that he was at the giving end instead of the receiving one to which he had grown accustomed.

Slowly as time passed the frequency of punishments decreased and a noticeable change came over the Cadet NCO who grew tired of punishing. The prosecutor turned protector. His desire to win and not force respect finally prevailed and we had a real "thand and khushi" time.

Alas ! good times don't last for ever. The new batch of the chosen ones - the glorious NCOs - came and the circle started all over again.

Cadet Shailender Singh, IIA

Lest We Forget

Have these three -
Bravery, Gentility, Affection.
Hate these three -
Injustice, Pride, Faithlessness.
Value these three -
Intelligence, Ability, Happiness.
Give up these three -
Laziness, Hasty Judgement, Talkativeness.
Fight for these three -
Country, Honour, True Friends.
Control these three -
Temper, Desire, Tongue.
Preserve these three -
Good Books, Good Friends, Good Deeds.
Aspire for these three -
Time, Money, Youth.
Be with these three -
Beauty, Freedom, Broad Mindedness.
Be ready for these three -
Death, Sorrow, Accepting Mistakes.
Do not be hasty in these three -
Marriage, Business, Giving Answers.
Never accept these three -
The Neo-rich, Narrow minded, Ignorant teacher.
Never trust these three -
A Flatterer, Double Crosser, Lover at first sight.
Like these three -
Kindness, Sympathy, Cordiality.

Compiled by—Cadet JS Brar, IIA

A Nightmare I Had

It was already quite late at night when I read the conclusion of the book 'Jaws' by Hank Searl which I had started reading that evening. Each part of the book was so interesting, from introduction to conclusion, that I didn't feel like putting the book down till its end even though I was getting quite scared reading such a book at night when no one else was awake. The book had everything in it like adventure, terror, love and joy, horrifying events as well as pleasing events. When I closed the book and covered myself with the blanket, sleep didn't come at once. I kept thinking of different events when the Great White shark, also known as 'Trouble', attacked different people near the Amity harbour.

I don't know when I went off to sleep but those thoughts didn't leave me. It was then that the nightmare began. I was among those hordes of people who came to the Amity harbour every summer to spend their vacations. My lodgings overlooked the Amity beach. I was spending my vacations lazily; sitting and playing on the beach the whole day, swimming, surfing, water-skiing and fishing. One day I had planned to go rowing out in the sea, and trying some deep sea-scuba diving there, with some of my good friends. We started quite early in the morning and took along with us lots of fresh water and also our 'brunch'. When we were two miles away from the beach out in the sea we stopped rowing and allowed the boat to float by itself.

My friend and I wore our scuba diving kit. One of us on each boat remained on the boat so as to manouver it back to the place from where we dived in. I was prepared to dive. I had an underwater camera hanging from my neck and a harpoon attached to my pressure belt. There were two attached lines of nylon rope. We dived headlong. I swam gorgeously till we were nearly at the sea bottom. I pictured some underwater weeds and species of fish. My companion to whom I was lined too was also having a good time. Suddenly I felt a tinge of fright in my heart. I didn't know why I was sensing danger.

Suddenly something having great velocity passed by me. I recognised it to be a male seal. I couldn't understand what had frightened him. After some time (about 30 seconds or so) I saw a great white form coming towards the direction where the seal had fled. It took me some time to realize what it was.

I suddenly came to me, 'It is a Great White Shark'. I was terrorised. I signalled to my companion who couldn't understand what was that movement. I started swimming hysterically for the weeds. My friend remained engrossed in his photography and didn't realize the gravity of the situation.

I could now see the shark just within a distance of 25 yards. I felt a pull at my belt. This was because the line which was joining me to my friend had ended. The shark was now closing upon us. Water was going in its wide open mouth in torrents and was getting separated by the gills. Through its very strong sensations it had made out that there was a new prey waiting for it.

Along with the torrents of water my friend was being pulled towards the wide open mouth of the shark. It was then when he realised what was happening. But it was too late. Despite his desperate struggle he wasn't able to free himself from the force of the pull. And then I could see his body torn apart and chewed up. What a horrifying scene! It held me transfixed in my position, immobilised due to fear. Then it was me being pulled along the torrents of water. I found myself struggling, but that was no help. I was already in the shark's mouth and I could see the shark's jaws ready to snap at my body.

I shrieked, and then everything was fine. I had woken up. What a horrifying dream it was; What a terrible night-mare! I realised it was good to be alive.

—Cadet Aman Nugyal III A

Tease Your Brains

I am sure that all of you are interested in gardening, be it a flower garden or a vegetable garden or a fruit garden.

The names of some fruits, vegetables and flowers are given below. Their letters are jumbled up. Lets see if you can re-arrange the letters so as to get the correct name of the flower or vegetable.

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| 1. Row les fun | 15. Stepp Dracula |
| 2. We tie hors | 16. A newt morel |
| 3. Mirod lag | 17. By rel brue |
| 4. Tresa | 18. A snug care |
| 5. Ou Drowse | 19. Fe blow razor |
| 6. Hens can bref | 20. Pawse tee |
| 7. Po Drowns | 21. I'll face woru |
| 8. Well you ser | 22. Pears R Bry |
| 9. Pig fur rate | 23. I porcat |
| 10. Starry Brew | 24. At fur jack |
| 11. I'm Jeans | 25. Fry Lang die |
| 12. Sluot | 26. Yasid |
| 13. We paste toot | 27. Bands a bore |
| 14. Tame Gorpean | 28. Mnipp Kerdu |

Cadet KK Bamba, IV

(Answers on the page 15)

Rimcollian Quiz

1. Name the first Commandant of RIMC.
2. Name the first Rimcollian to join RMC, Sandhurst.
3. Name the only Rimcollian who joined RAF Cadets College, Cranwell.
4. Name the Rimcollian who commanded the UN peace-keeping forces in Cyprus.
5. Name three Rimcollians who were GOCs-in-C Army during the 1971 India-Pakistan war.
6. Name the year in which PWMC was renamed as RIMC.
7. Name the Rimcollian who was Railway Minister of India.
8. It joined the RIMC family in 1965 and now it is a home for 54 cadets. What is it ?
9. Name the only Rimcollian to win the Arjuna award.
10. Name the only Rimcollian to win the Param Vir Chakra.
11. Name the only Rimcollian to win the Victoria Cross.
12. Name the Rimcollian, who is the Speaker of Haryana Assembly.
13. Name the first Indian Principal of RIMC.
14. Name the 'private' who served the RIMC for the last 60 years and is still serving the cadets till date.
15. On which day and in which year was the Martyrs' Memorial constructed in RIMC ?
16. Name the last Rimcollian to win the Sword of Honour at IMA.
17. Name the teacher with the longest service and still serving at the RIMC.

Compiled by Sidharth Mishra, IV

(Answers on page 15)

23rd Adventure Course at NIM

To trek for days up to the snow line and not know what is happening to its soil, vegetation, water systems, climate, flora and fauna, to climb rocks and not know what they are made of, to be a man and yet be blind to the importance of mountains in the life of man. These are the unforgivable sins of ignorance of some of the mountain climbers. This was what we kept in our minds when we left for the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM) on the bright summer morning of 7th June 1981. The journey to Uttarkashi was a long and tiring one but the spirit of adventure was dominant. We reached Uttarkashi in the evening. Its a valley with lofty mountains encompassing it and the Bhagirathi flowing by. At the Uttarkashi bus-stand the NIM bus picked us up. NIM is about five kms away from the town on a mountain slope. After a bath and a hearty meal at the institute we hit the bed and were soon snoring. The food and the accommodation were excellent. Next day our course of 42 boys assembled in the hall and were welcomed by Mr SK.Roy our OIC training. We were divided into different patrols, namely Tigers, Lions, Leopards, Panthers and Pumas, and were given a few lectures about mountaineering and its various aspects. The next day we trekked to a place called Tekla about 8 kms from NIM. Here we were introduced to rock-climbing and rappelling. Rappelling is running down a rock-face or cliff with the help of ropes, mittens and carabines. In the evening we were taught all sorts of knots and their applications. The instructors at NIM were experienced and tough. Later in the evening we had our medical check up as the next day we had to leave for a three day trek to a place called Chaurangikhal (7200 ft). At Chaurangikhal we were taught to pitch our tents and we had an inter-patrol tent pitching competition. Here for the first time in our lives we had an opportunity to cook our own food. Next day we went to a beautiful lake. After spending three days at Chaurangikhal we returned to the much needed rest at NIM. The next few days were spent at NIM, attending lectures and seeing mountaineering movies after dinner. There were opportunities to play games like volley-ball, badminton, TT and Carrom. On the 15th we were to leave for a ten day trek to a place Harkidoon (13000 ft). We started early in the morning in two small hill buses and reached Naitwar a place which is about 200 kms from Uttarkashi, tired and exhausted, late in the evening. We stayed in the rest house there. Naitwar is situated in the valley of River Tons. We ate a lot of apples and strawberries. Naitwar is the terminus of hill roads. We had to start our trek from this place onwards. The next day early in the morning at 5 AM we started for a place called Taluka (7400 ft) and managed to reach it by evening. We had an early dinner and hit the bed tired and exhausted. The next day found us in high spirits and ready to move to our next destination Osla (9400 ft) about 15 kms from there. The climb was a tough one but we reached in time for lunch. Osla is on the bank of the Tons which has very rich valleys. In the evening we were given rations (Patrol-wise) for cooking our dinners. We had by now become experts in the art and cooked (over cooked) our meal in two hours. The next day, after an early breakfast, we started for our destination Harkidoon (13000 ft)

We reached Harkidoon at noon. We were delighted on seeing such a beautiful place. Harkidoon is an alpine-valley. On its right is the Swarg Rohini range, a place from where Yudhisthira is said to have gone to Heaven. The Bunder Punch peak is on its left. Here at Harkidoon, we did all sorts of activities like river-crossing, solo expedition, inter-patrol cooking competition and a trek to the snow line (16000 ft). At Harkidoon the famous mountaineer Major Prem Chand joined us. He made us climb huge rocks. He is a tough and daring mountaineer and left us aghast at his rock climbing speed. After spending three days there, we started on our return journey. In and around Harkidoon there were a lot of "Gujars" (people who trade in milk). We had a lot of milk and "Lassi". The return journey was comparatively easier as we had to trek down-hill. We reached Naitwar in three days. We spent a day at Naitwar, recovering from the long trek.

Then once again we got into buses and started for Uttarkashi and reached there at dusk. The next few days were spent in various activities like inter-patrol, volley-ball, obstacles, cross country, diary-writing, and badminton competitions. We also visited the town to see a movie—the Rimcolians eternal weakness! On the 27th of June we had the camp fire, in which the members of the girls' basic and advance courses and our course were present. The chief guest was Capt Mohan Kohli (leader of the 1965 Everest Expedition) accompanied by Col Balwant Sandhu. After the camp fire we had a "grand dinner" The next morning was our graduation ceremony, where Capt Kohli pinned silver ice-axes and lapel badges on our chests. After that we had a tea-party and were soon off for our sweet homes, with sweet, everlasting memories, of the thrilling and memorable days at NIM.

Ex Cadets Anil Katoch & SK Bhatia Class V A

A Beautiful Day

A beautiful day it was,
When I woke under the morning stars,
It was yet too dark to see,
And the Cold winds were tossing
The waves in the sea.

When the sun rose,
As the poem goes,
The sun shone bright,
And filled many a heart with delight.

The wind blew,
And the birds flew,
Out of the house tops.
The farmers came out,
And the weather was good no doubt.

The work began,
And the people sang,
Their regional songs
And a good lot were they.

The time passed on,
And soon the morning had gone.
The noon approached,
And the College guide coached
The boys on,
And soon the beautiful day was gone.

Still I remember the beautiful day,
When I was so happy and so gay.
And it reminded of my good old days,
When I was so happy and so gay.

—Mohit Gandhi, II

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Life at RIMC

Life at RIMC is fine,
And best of all when we dine,
In the Cadets' Mess,
And orders are passed 'talk less.'

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

Life at RIMC is busy,
And time passes fast,
We don't see many a movie,
With an Indian cast.

Life at RIMC is thus great,
And outside the Thimayya Gate,
One feels like a fish,
In a waterless dish.

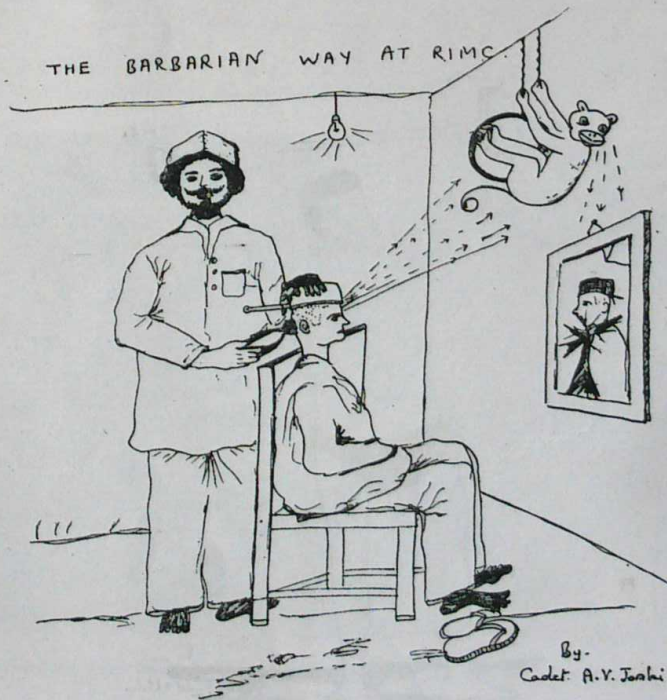
—Mohit Gandhi, II



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Children's Day

As we rose in the morning with our chattering teeth,
I remembered that it was November fourteenth,
The day for which I had anxiously waited,
And my wishes were finally granted.
What is this day, which is this day?
Of course it is Chacha Nehru's birthday.
The great pioneer of the Indian National Movement,
As an individual he was a man of determination,
As a political leader he was a source of inspiration.
He used to say that a nation's pride are its smiling children.
He also used to love forests, wild life and gardens.
For the little children, he was full of love and care,
To find him scolding children was extremely rare.
He used to encourage people to plant trees,
He used to present elephants and other animals to other countries.
Yes, we all know that it is Chacha Nehru's birthday
Oh! But what a pity! It is not a holiday.



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Mountains and Trees

The mountains and the trees
Frown upon man's fears and worries,
And trembling with fear from them we rush.
It's us they rule and crush,
By them we are taken aback.
Oh! Let's rise and awake
And find what they lack,
So that we could send them to their usual rack.
Come lets conquer and vanquish
And then shall they with fear vanish.

—Cadet Asim Mahapatra, IVA

Answers to 'Rimcollian Quiz'

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| 1. Lt Col HL Haughton | 9. Maj RK Manchanda |
| 2. Maj Gen HL Atal | 10. Maj Somnath Sharma |
| 3. Ravinder HD Singh | 11. Late Lt Gen PS Bhagat |
| 4. Late Gen KS Thimayya | 12. Col Rao Ram Singh |
| 5. Lt Gen PS Bhagat, Gen GG Bewoor and
Lt Gen KP Candeth | 13. Shri Din Dayal |
| 6. 1959 | 14. Shri Amichand, popularly known as 'Baba' |
| 7. Shahnawaz Khan | 15. March 1972 (Golden Jubilee) |
| 8. Chandragupta Section | 16. JS Gill |
| | 17. Mr RC Singhal |

Answers to 'Tease Your Brains'

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| 1. Sunflower | 15. Custard-apple |
| 2. White Rose | 16. Water Melon |
| 3. Marigold | 17. Blue Berry |
| 4. Aster | 18. Sugarcane |
| 5. Wood Rose | 19. Zebra Flower |
| 6. French Beans | 20. Sweet Pea |
| 7. Snowdrop | 21. Cauliflower |
| 8. Yellow Rose | 22. Raspberry |
| 9. Grapefruit | 23. Apricot |
| 10. Strawberry | 24. Jackfruit |
| 11. Jasmine | 25. Ladyfinger |
| 12. Lotus | 26. Daisy |
| 13. Sweet Potato | 27. Broad Beans |
| 14. Pomegranate | 28. Red Pumpkin |

Vice-chief Interviewed

Question : What is your full name?

Answer : Adi Meherji Sethna.

Question : Where were you born?

Answer : I was born in Bulsar in Gujarat.

Question : How do you compare RIMC with Sainik Schools and Public Schools?

Answer : I have known this College since 1937 and I have also seen Sainik Schools. The Sainik Schools are moving forward but at present your school is labouring under a large number of disadvantages.

Question : Did you ever try for admission to this institution?

Answer : No, since I am from your rival school-'The Doon School'. But I have come in contact with your school a number of times. I have known your ex-cadets who are good soldiers and I have visited this institution when I was in the IMA.

Question : Have you come across any RIMCOLs amongst your contemporaries and what are your impressions about them?

Answer : In May 1944 I passed out of the IMA. Gen Surendra Singh and I were great friends. We did Staff College together and were instructors together.

The Cadets now are very small in size. Previously, they used to be big and hefty. Though they come in at a much younger age, they still pass out at the same age as they used to do in the forties.

Question : Which was your most interesting posting?

Answer : Being the Commandant of Staff College was my most interesting posting.

Question : What are your Hobbies ?

Answer : My favourite hobbies are Gardening, Reading, Writing, Horse-riding and wine making.



Col KN Sardana welcoming Lt Gen AM Sethna, PVSM, AVSM, Vice Chief of Army Staff

Question : What was your participation in the various wars?

Answer : During World War II, I was in Java fighting the Indonesians. In Malaya I faced the terrorists' Organisation. I, however escaped the 1947, 1962 and 1965 wars. In the 1971 war I was in the Eastern Command. My Army Commander and I were shot down in a chopper. I was also involved in some scrapes in Jammu and Kashmir.

Question : Do you have any suggestions for the improvement of this College?

Answer : The Cadets are doing very well in getting in to the NDA. Your College, however, still has the old uniforms. The cadets need new uniforms. The College also needs expansion. There also needs to be a centre for the UPSC Examinations in Dehra Dun.

Question : Do you want to convey any message to the cadets?

Answer : You must all do well-not only in games but in studies also. Education must receive its due weightage. It is more important than anything else.

Interviewed by :

Cadets N Bhaumik
A K Talwar
H Dharmarajan

Sub Area Commander Interviewed

Question : After these few visits to the RIMC, what opinion have you formed of this institution?

Answer : This is a very fine institution with lovely grounds, the boys are very smart and good sportsmen. I have no comments to make on the standard of attainment in academics because I do not deal with it. But, I can say that you are a privileged lot and I am highly impressed by your high standard.



Brig MM Pandit, Commander, Sub Area Dehra Dun in the 'Archives' Section

Question : How do you compare RIMC with the various Sainik and Public Schools?

Answer : I have never visited Sainik Schools. As for Public Schools, there is no aim; the boys are blundering their way through. They lead a free life with no objectives whereas the very fact that you are putting on uniform means that you lead a disciplined life with the aim only to join the Armed Forces. Your school is very popular and what impresses me most is the Old Boys' spirit which does not exist in such a tight bond elsewhere in any other school. This reflects the greatness of your school.

Question : When did you pass out of IMA ? Are you ex-NDA ?

Answer : I passed out of IMA on June 10, 1951. I am from the 7th Course and NDA started from the 10th Course and therefore I am not from the NDA.

Question : Which was your most interesting posting?

Answer : My most interesting posting was as the Commander of 3rd Scouts on the UP Tibet border although I did not like to leave my regiment.

Question : What do you opine about the expansion of this College?

Answer : Looking at the vast ground and area, there should be an expansion since more cadets can be accommodated but it may not be allowed since you are a privileged lot.

Question : What are your hobbies ?

Answer : I mostly read books on Military History but in my young days I had read books by Agatha Christie and Peter Chenney. Of course I have read "Fountainhead" by Ayn Rand and other books also. I also used to play a lot of football. I used to take time off and play on Saturdays and Sundays.

Question : What is your participation in the various wars?

Answer : In 1965, I was a Company Commander in the Srinagar valley chasing out the infiltrators. In 1971, I was AAG in Army Headquarters looking after manpower requirements of the Army.

Question : Did you ever try for admission to this institution?

Answer : No, I had never heard of it until an ex-cadet Babu S Swami joined my College. That was the first time I learnt of this school.

Question : Have you visited this College during your tenure as a cadet in the IMA? What appointments did you hold at IMA?

Answer : No, I had never visited this College as a Cadet in the IMA. As for appointments—I had no appointments. I was a plain GC though they made me a Lance Corporal in my last term. That was perhaps more to keep me out of trouble than in recognition of my talent.

Question : What is the size of your family? (Do you intend sending your son to this College?)

Answer : We are myself, my wife and three sons with two tickets! No, I don't intend sending my son to this College because I don't like regimentation at a young age and they should be allowed to lead their own lives.

Question : Any suggestions for the improvement of this College?

Answer : The Principal of this College should have free hand in choosing the members of the staff. Your discipline is excellent and no one can equal you, of course, the best officers in the Indian Armed Forces are products of your school.

Question : Do you want to convey any message to the cadets?

Answer : Well, soldiering is a clean and neat profession with lot of suffering but in the Services you are a real "Kamyogi". The cadets must follow the Gita's principles and do their duty without expecting any reward and I am sure they will all become brilliant officers of the Indian Armed Forces.

An Interview with Brig NK Talwar

Question : Sir, when and where did you have your first acquaintance with the RIMC ?

Answer : In 1948, I visited Dehra Dun with my parents and as we had heard a lot about RIMC we came to visit the College.

Question : Sir, where did you have your early education ?

Answer : At the Presentation Convent, Rawalpindi, now in Pakistan.

Question : Sir, what made you take up army as a career ?

Answer : A large number of members of my family are in the army and I found my father very dedicated and disciplined. My father was my hero and I wanted to copy my hero.

Question : Sir, please tell something about your experiences of the wars.

Answer : Well, there are so many of them that it becomes difficult to recollect them. I fought a good deal in the 1971 war and took part in the counter insurgency operations in Nagaland and Mizoram.

Question : What do you feel about our standards in the field of sports and academics ?

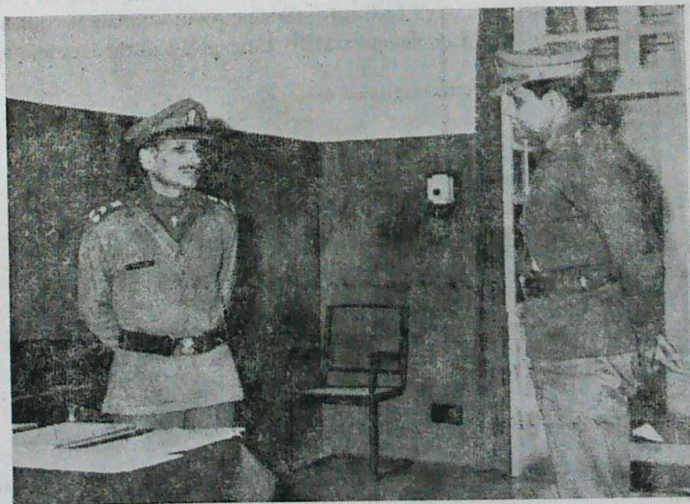
Answer : Your standard in sports is good and you have the finest education.

Question : Amongst all your appointments, which one have you liked the most ?

Answer : I liked my association with the Gurkha boys, the most. There we used to train boys in the age group of 13 to 16 for the army. Playing games and running around with young people was great fun. I also enjoyed my stay abroad doing a course in counter insurgency in North Carolina, USA.

Question : Do you think we are doing better than the other Sainik Schools of the country ?

Answer : According to the reports, they are sending more boys because they are more in number but your percentage is much higher.



Brig NK Talwar, Brigadier (PCT) Army HQ with the Commandant

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- Question : What are your hobbies ?
Answer : During my younger days, I used to collect stamps and did photography; now I play golf regularly.
- Question : What are your favourite games ?
Answer : I play hockey and I got Blues in Hockey and Athletics at the IMA.
- Question : Sir, in which Regiment did you get commissioned from the IMA ?
Answer : I was commissioned into the 3rd Gurkha Rifles. I have also served with the Grenadiers.
- Question : Please tell us something about your family.
Answer : Well, my son is in the 2nd term at the IMA and my wife and daughter are at home.
- Question : Sir, when you entered the Thimayya Gate, what were your impressions ?
Answer : Well, you have the feeling of entering the premier institution of the country and you expect a high standard.
- Question : Which part of RIMC have you liked the most ?
Answer : Frankly speaking, your playgrounds-because apart from making you good sportsmen, they help a lot in character building.
- Question : Could you tell us about your association with some Rimcollians ?
Answer : I was with Maj Gen K Mallick and Lt Gen Chiman Singh.
- Question : Sir, have you any advice to give us ?
Answer : Take pride in wearing the RIMC title. The name of the institution must be kept high at all costs. Keep up the reputation of RIMC.

* 34 Years ago *

Mr H Catchpole who was granted leave pending retirement was re-employed on contract on 1 May and was appointed Principal on 1 Oct, when Lt Col LT Firbank, OBE went to 58 SSB Bareilly as President. So long as Lt Col Firbank was Commandant Mr H Catchpole was the Headmaster.

On 31 Jan, the three Sections were redesignated as

Roberts	Ranjit
Rawlinson	Pratap
Kitchener	Shivaji

Subedar Sant Singh, was posted to the College as RMO on 21 Jan in place of Lt SL Ogdan, MBE. "RIMCOLL" was registered as the College telegraphic address on 10 Jan.

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"It is part of the cure to wish to be cured."

—Seneca

"I'm opposed to millionaires, but it would be dangerous to offer me the position."

—Mark Twain

"A small town is a place where you're no longer a stranger after five minutes, but still a newcomer after 50 years."

—D.L.

The Forgotten Rimcollians

Many of our Old Boys have served the nation with distinction and yet have not caught the eye of the Rimcollians in the Services. They are a formidable lot excelling in their chosen professions. We Salute them for their continued love for the College even though, over-whelmed as we are by the numbers of Rimcollians in the Services, we tend to forget them sometimes. It is good to remind the Old Boys that there are a few, whose names are given below, who have brought fame to the RIMC:

1. Mr DN Tripathi - Managing Director ICI Bombay. Cadet Captain, only Rimcollian to have got 8 distinctions in Senior Cambridge.
2. Mr KS Puri - Finance Secretary, Government of Nagaland.
3. Mr HS Butalia - Commissioner to Nagaland.
4. Mr HS Butalia - Hotel Owner, London.
5. Mr DN Kapoor - State Bank of India, Delhi.
6. Mr RS Rautela - Tea estate Manager.
7. Mr Jagdev Singh - Tea estate Manager.
8. Mr PN Talwar - Managing Director Nilco tiles Bombay.
9. Mr Rao Ram Singh - Speaker Haryana Legislative Assembly.
10. Dr BK Goyal - ENT Specialist, Australia.
11. Dr NM Ghatate - Advocate, Supreme Court.

You Cannot Forget Them

We know the distinguished sons of the RIMC who have been decorated; but we ought to know a few of our officers who have excelled in the field of sports.

1. Maj Gen Kochar - Services Squash.
2. Lt Col Keshav Anand - Services Squash, Tennis.
3. Lt Col Bhim Singh Suhag - Polo, represented India in the same.
4. Lt Col DK Khuller - Mountaineer, Principal HMI Darjeeling.
5. Maj Manchanda - National Squash Champion for 5 years, winner of Arjun Award. Services Squash champion for 6 years.
6. Maj CV Pratap - Services Golf champion.
7. Capt RK Singh - Junior Services Squash Champion.
8. Capt MP Wadhwa - Runner up Junior Services Squash.
9. Capt AK Singh - Round the world Sailing trip.
10. Capt Shamsher Singh - Sky diver of international fame. Presently with French Government.
11. GC Prem Prakash (IMA) - Climbed Trishul.
12. Brig KS Kohli - One of the members of the Boat Expedition through Jhelum.

Our Old Boys Abroad

The Rimcollians outside India have been doing very well. Some of them have hit the headlines in World Press.

Lieutenant General Fazle Haq is Governor of North West Frontier Province in Pakistan and Lieutenant General SM Abbasi is Governor of Sind, Major General Sher Ali is Adjutant General and Major General Wisal Mohammed is Quartermaster General in Pakistan Army. General Gul Hassan rose to be the Army Chief in Pakistan. Air Marshal Asghar Khan and Air Marshal Nur Khan both became Commanders in Chief Pakistan Air Force. Mohammed Mumtaz retired as Major General.

Lest We Forget Them

Below are the names of our Class IV employees whose work cannot be forgotten for they have rendered their services for the last 30 years or more in this institution and are still in service:-

Ser No.	Name	Occupation	Years of service
1.	Shri Bahadur Singh	Water Cart driver	32
2.	„ Prem Singh	Bearer	32
3.	„ Raja Ram	„	33
4.	„ Piyare Lal	„	31
5.	„ Ram Swaroop	„	32
6.	„ Babu Lal	Asstt Groundsman	32
7.	„ Ram Khilawan	Groundsman	32
8.	„ Prem Masih	„	32
9.	„ Badri	„	32
10.	„ Ram Singh	Messenger	31
11.	„ Phool Chand	Watchman	31
12.	„ Padam Singh	Cook	31
13.	„ Bishan Singh	Masalchi	31
14.	„ Chhotey Lal	Washerman	31
15.	„ Shanker Singh	Fatigueman	31
16.	„ Ram Pall	„	30
17.	„ Banwari I	Sweeper	37
18.	„ Malkhan	„	38
19.	„ Ram Rattan	„	34

Rimcolliana

Our congratulations to :-

- Brig M M Rai on his promotion to the rank of Major General.
- Brig K D Issar on award of AVSM.
- Air Commodore N C Suri on award of AVSM.
- Major R K Manchanda for winning the Services Squash Championship for the sixth year in succession.
- Lt Col D K Khullar on his appointment as Principal, HMI Darjeeling.
- Wing Comdr Vinod Patni on his deputation to Iraq.
- Brig M A Zaki, Vr. C. on his selection to attend a Course at the NDC, Delhi.

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MILESTONES

- Expired : Lt Col MN Sardana (Retd) of the hallowed IMS, on 9 Jan 82 of cardiac arrest at New Delhi; an eminent eye surgeon, lived for 82 years. Educated in England and a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, he served with distinction in Malaya; mentioned in despatches; survived by four sons and a daughter. Deeply mourned by his youngest son, our present Commandant.
- Died : Cadet AK Sharma, 14½, on 19 Jan '82; in a train accident. Joined RIMC on 2 Aug 78 and was growing well till misfortune overwhelmed him; stood first in Class II-A and was given double promotion. Deeply mourned by his parents, staff and cadets.
- Killed : Flt Lt MP Singh, 24½, a distinguished Transport Pilot in the Air Force and our Old Boy; in a flying accident near Jammu. He flew for five years; his brothers Lt Col Gur Iqbal Singh, Major Surjit Singh and 2/Lt Harinder Singh, too were cadets at the RIMC. Mourned deeply by his Parents, staff and cadets.
- Expired : Maj Gen PC Banerjee (Retd) 69, on Feb 82 in Military Hospital Dehra Dun of complications after an old operation for prostate. Joined RIMC 19 Jan 1925 and stood First in his batch who entered Sandhurst; belonged to a distinguished family of Allahabad and rose to be the Military Secretary (1961) at Army Headquarters. A fearless soldier on whom fate smiled, he took turns at driving a Sunbeam Talbot and a Rolls as a cadet at Sandhurst; survived by his wife Shirin and two daughters. Deeply mourned by his family, staff, cadets and Old Boys.

Commandant's Mail Bag

ADMIRAL RL PEREIRA PVSM AVSM

NAVAL HEADQUARTERS
NEW DELHI - 110011
15 February 1982

Dear Sardana,

Thank you very much indeed for inviting my wife and I to dinner, on 12th March, and to lunch the next day, on the occasion of Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Unfortunately, I would have retired from the chair on the 1st of March and my wife and I will be in Bangalore thereafter, where we shall be in the throes of settling into a small house which we have just built. It will, therefore, be our misfortune not to be with you.

I would, however, like to take this occasion to offer you our combined good wishes and felicitations on the occasion of your Diamond Jubilee celebrations. I am quite sure that the RIMC will grow from strength to strength and continue to make its marked contribution to the three Services.

With my good wishes.

Sincerely
Sd/ RL Pereira

Brig Nand Lal Kapur

N 29 Green Park Extention,
New Delhi-16.
02 March 82

1. I am looking forward to attend the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of my Old School and will be happy to meet you again. I have informed Commander PB Chowdhari accordingly.
 2. I enclose a photo copy of an extract published in the Statesman in August 1944 (38 years ago !) sent to me by Maj KC Anand one time Adjutant at the RIMC. It was suggested that I send this to you for the Old Boys Snap Book. I was at the RIMC from 1934-1940 (Rawlinson Section).
 3. I am also bringing my wife and daughter to see my Old School.
- With warm regards and good wishes for a very successful Jubilee.

Sd/-

Nand Lal Kapur

(Extract from Statesman August 1944)

Some of the men of the 4th Bn (Outram's) of the 6th Rajputana Rifles back in India after five years over-seas, who were decorated by the C-in-C, Gen Sir Claude Auchinleck, when he reviewed the battalion on Wednesday at the regimental Centre in Delhi. Picture on right is of Maj Nand Lal Kapur of Kapur Lodge, Naini Tal, who received the MC.

Viceroy Welcomes Famous Battalion

The fourth Battalion (Outram's) the Sixth Rajputana Rifles, who have just returned to India after five years over-seas, during which they fought in some of the greatest battles of the war, are probably the only unit in the Indian Army to be welcomed both by the Viceroy and the C-in-C.

On Wednesday they were inspected by General Sir Claude Auchinleck and on Thursday they were visited by the Viceroy, Field Marshal Lord Wavell, who took the salute. The Viceroy complimented the men on the brilliant fighting records and referred to the time when they were under his command in the Middle East. Those were the dark days when they were faced by almost overwhelming odds, but in which they finally gained a great victory - thanks to the Indian soldiers, he said.

The Viceroy presented the DSO to Brig LB Jones, Comdt of the OTS at Bangalore, who commanded the battalion in 1940. His award was for conspicuous gallantry at Sidi Barrani.

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Short Sentences Based on Long Exeperience

The best way to get high blood pressure is to go mountaineering on mole hills.

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The way to judge if a business is progressing is to find out whether the boss gets as many telephone calls as his pretty Secretary.

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S.P. Sharma

c/o Manu Sharma,
Area Sales Officer,
Gwalior-474004
2nd March, 82

Dear Col. Sardana:

My wife and I regret our inability to attend the Jubilee celebrations - a formal reply is addressed to the Adm. officer.

We were indeed keen to participate especially for the old boys whom we owe a deep debt of affection.

Kindly convey on behalf of myself and my wife the following message, with a copy to the President, Old Boys' Association and to all concerned.

In this year of the Diamond Jubilee, I offer my hearty greetings to cadets, staff and the commandants, past and present, responsible for the great heights attained during these sixty years. An institution, like the RIMC, never grows old, in fact, it gains in strength and importance with every passing year. May the College flourish eternally to march triumphantly in the cause of the country's defence and glory.

You must be very busy. We wish you all the success in your valuable efforts.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(S.P. Sharma)

PS : I shall feel grateful if you kindly let me have all the news about the Jubilee through the news letter/chronicle/Magazines.

-thanks-

Short Sentences Based on Long Experience

It's easy to make both ends meet. Just burn the candles at both ends, that's all.

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A yawn is when you open your mouth and wish others would close theirs.

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Whoever gave women the name of fair sex was a poor judge of justice.

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And for a parting shot remember - Forgive your enemies if you can't get back at them any other way.

—Cadet Salil Mongia, III



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

ABBOTTABAD PUBLIC SCHOOL,
ABBOTTABAD, PAKISTAN.
PHONE : 2906
20th Feb 1982

My dear Sardana,

Please convey to the Old Rimcollians my very best wishes for a successful Reunion and my sincerest regrets that I am unable to be present owing to pressure of work.

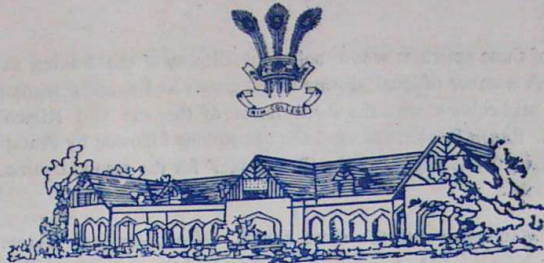
I enclose a recent photograph in case some of the Old Boys might like to see how I have weathered the years.

I had an uneventful journey but the customs at Lahore detained the bottles of rum. I expect to get them back eventually.

We had a heavy fall of snow last night and are now virtually isolated.

Yours sincerely,
H Catchpole

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Outstanding Results at the UPSC Examination

Our results at the UPSC examination for entry to the 68th NDA Course have been brilliant as usual. In the first attempt a total of 18 cadets appeared, out of whom as many as 17 made the grade thereby giving a qualifying rate of 94.4 per cent. Names of successful candidates are as follows:-

1.	1013/P	Cdt	Rakesh Kapoor	10.	1025/S	Cdt	Vivek Airi
2.	1020/P	„	Adosh Kumar	11.	1011/C	„	NS Mangat
3.	1019/R	„	AJ Joseph	12.	1012/C	„	Sharad Vats
4.	1032/R	„	Prem Sagar	13.	1018/C	„	MS Natu
5.	1014/S	„	V Srinivas	14.	1029/C	„	N Tiwari
6.	1015/S	„	KV Kumar	15.	1030/C	„	Ashok Kumar
7.	1017/S	„	Gurinder Singh	16.	1031/C	„	PK Singh
8.	1022/S	„	LR Srivastava	17.	1033/C	„	Ajay Kaila
9.	1024/S	„	AK Aukta				

These results represent the best performance achieved since July 1965 and are an improvement on the previous obelisk set and reported upon in the Chronicle of 15 September 81. The cadets are now busy preparing for the SSB interviews. Ample opportunities are being provided to them to practise traversing the individual obstacles, group tasks. The exultant cadets are being coached intensively in psychological tests, group-discussions, lecturettes and planning exercises. It is hoped that all of them will make it to the NDA.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

The Jubilee celebrations started on 11 Mar and continued till 14 Mar. The youthful Rimcols, old and not so old started pouring in much before the celebrations started. A busy programme consisting of a number of events had been chalked out to mark the 60th anniversary and the 'diamond' celebrations

of the College. The first of these activities was a colourful display of the boxing skill of the finalists representing their sections. A number of local distinguished guests and parents witnessed the event. The College Open Air Theatre still echoes with the shrill notes of the the Old Rimcols cheering up their respective Sections' Boxers. Ranjit Section emerged the champions followed by Pratap, Chandragupta and Shivaji. Cadet Rajeev Negi (P) was adjudged the 'Best Boxer' for the second consecutive year and Cadet Ajay Ramdev (P) the best loser.

The morning of 12 Mar began with the most sacred 'Wreath-Laying' Ceremony. In an atmosphere choked with emotion NS Gill, the senior most old boy laid the wreath on the sacrosanct, all white marble War Memorial. All present saluted the brave sons of the College who became martyrs, as the buglers sounded the Last Post.

The Wreath Laying ceremony was followed by a cricket match between the cadets and the old boys in which the cadets came out victorious and won the Cup.

In the evening we had Lt Gen WAG Pinto PVSM, Army Commander as Chief Guest for the Torch-light tattoo and Gymnastics Display. The College Pavilion was full to the brim with many distinguished guests, Parents and Old Boys elbowing for room. A number of gate-crashers posed a great problem for the hosts. The Band Display, the Torch-light tattoo, parallel bars, ground work, the vaulting horse, Malkhamb of the Marathas and lejim earned frequent applause. Lt Gen WAG Pinto gave away the prizes to the cadets.

The CAOS Gen KV Krishna Rao, PVSM, inspected a smartly turned out Guard of Honour on 13 Mar and delivered the Founder's Day Address to a large gathering of distinguished guests. The Chief had lunch with the Old Boys and cadets. He was liberal in his praise for whatever he saw and we were naturally thrilled by his unqualified commendation of our efforts.

A hockey match, won by the Old Boys by 1-0 margin over the cadets in the afternoon, was followed by a gorgeous play 'Bring me my Bow' and a variety entertainment programme by the Music Club in the evening. The standard of the play and the musical programme was exquisite and earned widespread acclaim. And this marked the end of the celebrations. After the General Body Meeting of the Old Boys, the old boys departed on 14 Mar with a song on their lips and memories of a stupendous Diamond Jubilee celebration.

Morning Assembly

In a special Morning Assembly on 17 Mar, the Commandant Col KN Sardana congratulated the cadets on their excellent performance and the hard work put in by them to make the Jubilee celebrations a grand success.

Sports Roundup

Inter-Section Cricket championship started on 18 Mar. Ranjit and Shivaji shared the 'Cup' and the 'Runners Up' place was shared by Pratap and Chandragupta Sections.

After the Mid-Term examinations, the cadets went on the following 'Treks' :-

- a) Chakrauta-Mussoorie
- b) Dehradun-Mussoorie
- c) Mussoorie-Chamba
- d) Kotdwar-Lansdowne

Sergeant Major Arthur Mc Donagh Chapman's grandson Comes to RIMC looking for his Grandpa's Abode

Mr Ievan Mc Donagh Chapman, grandson of Sergeant Major Chapman, who served in 1905 as PT and Equestrian Instructor with the Imperial Cadet Corps the forerunner of the Prince of Wales Royal Indian Military College, dropped in to see the Commandant on 10 Apr 82 and to see the house his grandfather had once occupied.

He has been requested to write a piece for the Chronicle narrating his journey to India and specially his attempts to locate the RIMC where his grandfather lived. We hope to publish his article in the next issue of the Chronicle.

The Senior Rimcollians are requested to let us have the detailed particulars of Sergeant Major Arthur Mc Donagh Chapman and the period for which he served at the RIMC. Mr Ievan Mc Donagh Chapman's present address is:-

Ievan Mc Donagh Chapman & Julia Benjamin
2 High Street
BALMAIN NSW-2041
Sydney-Australia
Tel-Sydney-822357

Rimcolliana

Our congratulations to:-

- Air Commodore NC Suri on becoming Air Vice Marshal.
- Lt Col IC Malhotra on promotion to the rank of Colonel.
- Lt Col JB Singh on promotion to the rank of Colonel.

Commandant's Mail Bag

From Maj Gen Hira Lal Atal (Retd)

I hope you received my last letter.

Since then my very old friend and Comrade-General Rudra, now 86, has written to say that he expects me to stay with him and in view of an old association and our ages, we may never be together again, I have decided to stay with him during the jubilee and have so written and told Singhal and I can only hope that he understands.

We propose reaching Dehradun by Bus reaching at 4 PM on 11.3.81 and hope a car will meet us there to convey us to General Rudra and remain at our disposal during our stay.

I have a copy of the tentative programme and it states that Old Boys will be met by the COAS at 1035 hrs on 13 Mar. I can only hope that we (old boys) will not be paraded for the purpose? One should most informally.

I hope invitations have gone out to one of the oldest boys Sheikh Hussain now a mendicant (Maulvi of a Masjid); his address is:-

* C/o The Commandant
Armoured Corps Centre & School
Ahmednagar

They located him for me 3 years ago when I visited Ahmednagar. He was one of the first 37.

2. Mrs Ajaib Singh,
W/o Brig Ajaib Singh
C/o Thapar Esq
987 Mahatma Gandhi Road
Lucknow-226002

* Major Happy Dhillon at the School knows him and his location.

I hope the Commandant's Dinner will be at a respectable time on 12 Mar 82 latest 2100 hrs and not midnight !!

I look forward to the visit. With best wishes.

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Col KN Sardana,
Commandant
Tele : 219
3/DJ/Invitations/Arch

18 Feb 82

1. Thank you for your letter of 9 Feb 82.
2. I note that you have decided to stay with Maj Gen Rudra during the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the RIMC. Although I would have very much liked you to give us the honour of accommodating you within the College campus but I cannot come in the way of your age old friendship with Maj Gen Rudra which obliges you to stay with him.
3. The car will meet you at 1600 hrs on 11 March 82 at the Bus Stand. It will be made available for your use whenever you require. It may not be possible to leave the car totally at your disposal because of our very limited transport resources. I hope you will bear with us on this account.
4. The Old Boys will, of course, meet the COAS informally.
5. I apologise for not having sent an invitation card to Sheikh Hussain. I am grateful to you for having reminded me of my duty to one of our oldest boys. An invitation is being sent to him now. Mrs Ajaib Singh is also being invited.
6. I shall, of course, be very happy if the dinner on 12 March 82 is not delayed beyond a sensible hour but one can never be certain about how long will the Rimcollian spirit, fed on good liquor, will postpone the meal time!

Maj Gen Hira Lal Atal, (Retd)
12 Hazrat Mahal Marg
LUCKNOW-226002

Sd/
(K N Sardana)
Colonel

Maj Gen KS Randhawa, VSM
General Officer Commanding

5987/KSR/3

Headquarters
1 Armoured Division
C/o 56 APO
24 Feb 82

1. It has just occurred to me, that the RIMC may not know that one of its oldest students, in fact one of the earliest lot lives in Ahmednagar City. While I was posted as Chief Instructor at the Armoured Corps School, this venerable old gentleman whose full name I forget met me on a number of occasions and is popularly known as Hussain Baba. He has resigned himself to a saintly life but came and met Maj Gen Tara Singh Bæl (Retd) at my house on two or three occasions, as he was a contemporary in the RIMC of Gen Bal. He has also met Colonel AS Shergill (Retd). I do not know his exact address, but I had got him over on these two occasions through the Peon of the Chief Instructor/Dy Comdt ACC&S from Ahmednagar City

2. He is a very polished gentleman who having served in the State Forces, I think Gwalior, does occasionally come out to socially meet old friends and one was surprised to see him dressed up appropriately for the occasion. Since the organisation of the RIMC Re-Union is under your auspices I thought I would mention this to you for whatever it be worth. I might like to add that it may only be possible for him to come if the RIMC were to consider catering for his return passage by train. I am sure that this could be organised, if you did desire it, by Maj Gen BS Irani, Commandant, ACC&S. On the odd chance that the RIMC may wish to invite him, I am sending a copy of this to Commandant ACC&S.

To
Maj Gen Virendra Singh (Retd)
Sultan Singh Buildings
Kashmere Gate,
New Delhi-110006

Copy to:-

- *1. Maj Gen BS Irani
Commandant
ACC&S, Ahmednagar
2. The Principal, RIMC
Dehra Dun (UP)

*You may very kindly wish to ascertain the whereabouts of this gentleman in case there is a request from the RIMC.

Col KN Sardana,
Commandant
Tele : 219
3/DJ/Invitations/Arch

4 Mar 82

1. Kindly refer to your DO letter No. 5987/KSR/3 dated 24 Feb 82 addressed to Maj Gen Virendra Singh and copy to Maj Gen Irani and this College.

2. Maj Gen Hira Lal Atal had written to me about one Mr Sheikh Hussain, an Old Boy of this College living at Ahmednagar and had asked me to extend an invitation to him C/O Major Happy Dhillon of AC Centre and School. Accordingly an invitation was extended to him during the 2nd week of Feb 82. I hope it has been delivered to him. I wonder if he is the person you have referred to in your DO letter.

3. In case Mr Sheikh Hussain comes to attend the Diamond Jubilee function I shall make a request to the President Rimcollion Old Boys Association to make necessary arrangements for his return journey to Ahmednagar as desired by you.

Maj Gen KS Randhawa, AVSM
GOC
1 Armoured Division
C/o 56 APO

Copy to:-

Maj Gen Virendra Singh,
3 Sultan Singh Buildings
Kashmere Gate, Delhi
110006

Maj Gen BS Irani
Commandant-

ACC & School, Ahmednagar-with a request to kindly ascertain from Maj Happy Dhillon of his School if the invitation has since been delivered by him to Mr Sheikh Hussain.

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Maj Gen K S Randhawa, AVSM
General Officer Commanding
5987/KSR/1

Headquarters
1 Armoured Division
C/o 56 APO
08 Mar 82

Dear Col Sardana

1. Please refer to your letter No 3/DJ/ invitations/Arch of 04 Mar 82.
2. You must have by now heard from Maj Gen BS Irani that Mr Sheikh Hussain has passed away.
3. It is a pity. However, atleast his contemporaries will know.

With regards
Yours Sincerely

Sd/

K S Randhawa

Maj Gen B S Irani
Commandant
4487/PF/1

Headquarters
Armoured Corps Centre and School
Ahmadnagr-414002
08 Mar 82

My Dear Colonel,

1. Please refer to your DO letter No 3/DJ/Invitations/Arch dated 04 Mar 82.
2. Baba Hussain (Mr Sheikh Hussain) has expired. I have sent details to Maj Gen Virendra Singh.

With best wishes & kind regards
Yours Sincerely
Sd/
BS Irani

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Copy of a letter dated 18 Mar 82 from Maj Gen K Bhagwati Singh, IA., (Retd) addressed to Col KN Sardana, Commandant, RIMC Dehra Dun.

My dear Colonel Sardana,

After the hectic celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee and Reunion of my Alma Mater and the 'Rimcollians' for three days, I have arrived here intact in one piece.

At the outset, let me state, Sardana, that I have no hesitation in telling you—the celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee and Re-union were the best I have ever attended at the 'Rimcoll'.

The standard of everything I saw, whether it was the standard of the turn-out and Drill of the Cadets, or their Art and Craft work, or the food, the games and sports including Boxing, the Torch Light Tattoo or the maintenance of the College grounds and the Buildings, far surpassed that of the celebrations of our Golden Jubilee. Even the attendance was much bigger than ever before.

The credit for all this, of course, goes to you and all the excellent team of staff and cadets that you command—as well as to the committee of the 'Rimcollian' Old Boys Association. Please accept my warmest greetings and felicitations for the superb show put up by the RIMC and convey them to all the members of your team. The success of the celebration goes to prove the excellent standard and popularity of the RIMC, as an institution which has been built up over the years by efficient and devoted Commandants/Principals, Staff and Students we have had in the past, like yourself and your present team.

Well done, and keep striving hard so that the standard of celebrations of our "Platinum" Jubilee, 15 years hence is even better! In case, I do not survive till then, I hope you would be good enough to keep this my letter in our College Archives to be read out at the time of our "P.J." with the following additional remark that even though, I very much wanted to be with them at the "Platinum Jubilee", the call from the Almighty being of a more urgent nature, I had to leave earlier and thus was deprived of the pleasure of being with them all, at the time of our "Platinum Jubilee" and that I wish them happy celebrations with lots and lots of SCOTCH EGGS & BOOZE !!

I have two suggestions to make for giving a better appearance to our grounds. The first one is a planned intensive plantation of trees and shrubbery throughout the College grounds. Many of the trees planted 60 years ago are in a bad shape and spoil the beauty of our grounds. They should be removed, trimmed or cultured, as the case may be, or new ones planted. A thick belt of fast growing tall trees should be planted between the cricket pavilion and the College compound wall so as to form a thick screen between our College grounds and the new buildings which have come in old tea garden area. This

screen when fully grown will immensely improve the look of the place. Our grounds are now looking a little bare than before and if the planned plantation is carried out they will improve tremendously in a few years.

The second point is-painting of the roofs of the bungalows and other College buildings 'BRIGHT RED' at the RIMC. They used to be most of them all red in the days gone by and this Bright Red Colour with a lush green background looked very attractive. If you could get these things done-say over a period, you would be doing a further great service to the RIMC !

Incidentally on the 14th March, at the 4 Kumaon Farewell Dinner-party for Gen Sinha, (UP Area Comdr), I happened to mention about the tree plantation at the RIMC to him. He told me that the Forest Dept gives plants/saplings free of charge to anyone wanting to grow trees. He therefore, instructed the Sub Area Commander, Brig Nandan (I think he is), to help you achieve this. Would you please contact him before he forgets all about it.

Closing with my warmest thanks for making my stay at the Rimcoll so memorable and enjoyable.

With best wishes to you and the College. May the RIMC continue growing from strength to strength under your able leadership.

Yours very sincerely,
Sd/- Bhagwati Singh

Colonel KN Sardana,
Commandant
RIMC DEHRA DUN

Copy to:-

Lt Gen Surendra Singh, President, Rimcollian Old Boys Association, New Delhi. - with my grateful thanks to you, the Committee and the Old Boys (including me !) for their valuable contribution in making the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the RIMC and 'Old Boys' Functions so very delightful and memorable. Well done. Long live the RIMCOLLIANS.

Sd/- Bhagwati Singh

Maj Gen Rajendra Prakash, VSM
GOC

5135/1/RP

Headquarters
14 Infantry Division
C/o 56 APO
19 Mar 82

My dear Colonel Sardana,

1. Thank you very much for your DO letter No 3/DJ/Archives of 17 Mar 82.
2. I am glad that my Division was of some help to you, in your difficult task of looking after the vast concourse of lively Rimcollians, gathered in your institution. I think you did an excellent job of organising the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, despite all your constraints.
3. Please accept my thanks for the handsome wall-plate- which you have presented; it will find a place in our gallery of mementos. Also thank you for the well got-up and interesting Souvenir and RIMC Journal.

With best wishes and thanks for your hospitality during the celebrations.

Yours Sincerely,
Sd/- Rajendra Prakash

S P GOYAL, I.R.S.
Tele : 31600

A-19 Canal Colony
AMRITSAR
17th March, 1982

Dear Col Sardana,

1. From the Times of India of 13th instant I learnt that the RIMC is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee. I write to wish the RIMC every success on this occasion. I also wish the RIMC the best of everything in future.

2. I recall with nostalgia the time I spent at RIMC from 1950 to 1954. May I take this opportunity to inquire what are the modalities for admission at present. I would like to put my son who has just completed 11 years, into the RIMC.

With the best regards,

Yours Sincerely
Sd/ S P Goyal

Brigadier N K Talwar
Brig (PCT)
Tele : 371652

Sainik Prashikshan Nideshalaya
General Staff Shakha
Thal Sena Mukhyalaya
Military Training Directorate
General Staff Branch
Army Headquarters
DHQ PO New Delhi-110001
15 Mar 82

79513/NKT/GS/Brig (PCT)

My Dear Krishna,

1. Please refer to your Demi official letter No. 155/10/A dated 06 Mar 82.

2. Thanks a lot for the photographs, these will certainly remind me of my very fruitful and interesting visit to RIMC, even after I have retired. Sorry for the delay in writing to you, I was sick for about a week and did not attend office at all. It is for this reason, I could not send you my Greetings on the "Jubilee Celebrations" of the College.

Kindest Regards

Yours sincerely,
NK Talwar

Lt. Gen WAG Pinto, PVSM

605/WAGP/AC/1-G

Headquarters
Central Command
LUCKNOW-226002
15 Mar 82

My dear Sardana,

1. Thank you for inviting me to attend your Diamond Jubilee Celebrations at the RIMC.
2. Though I was able to attend only two events it was quite obvious that you and your staff had put in a lot of effort to make the celebrations a grand success. I was also thoroughly impressed by the standard of training that is being imparted at the RIMC.
3. I send you and your staff my compliments for the achievement and best wishes for the future.

Yours Sincerely

Sd/ WAG Pinto

Major YC Gupta

24241/Pers/01

Army Cadet College Wing
Indian Military Academy
Dehra Dun-248004
16 Mar 82

Dear Colonel,

1. My family and I had the honour and proud privilege of attending the College Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.
2. The clock work precision and excellent standard displayed by the Cadets on all functions leaves no doubt in mind that the College today is at a much higher pedestal of glory than when I left in 1966.
3. I would like to convey to you and your members of the staff my deep sense of appreciation for attaining these high standards. The famous maxim 'OLD IS GOLD' is appropriate for the College.
4. I hope and pray to god that the College will continue to flourish and prosper under your guidance. With warm regards and best wishes to Mrs Sardana and you.

Yours Sincerely

Sd/- YC Gupta

Mohini Bhagat
Telephone 674828

A-23, West End
New Delhi-110021
17 March

Dear Col Sardana,

This is just to thank you very much indeed for all you did for me at Dehra Dun. I really enjoyed every minute of it.

It was so good meeting your lovely wife. She was most kind and considerate. I do hope we meet when you visit Delhi.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
Mohini Bhagat

N S Gill

* * * * *
"Pritam House"
MAJITHA
Distt AMRITSAR
17-3-82

My dear Sardana,

Accept my congratulations on the success of the recent Rimcollian Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Generals Surendra Singh, Virendra Singh and yourself, along with your colleagues did a good job of making this historic occasion a memorable one indeed in the lives of all attending Rimcollians. The whole atmosphere was one of delight, comradeship and grace. And I was much impressed by the performance of the cadets in all their activities. You can imagine what delight this has given to all old Boys witnessing their Alma Mater going from strength to strength.

And thanks to your better half and yourself for looking after my wife and myself so well. And accept our very very best wishes.

Yours
N S Gill

P.S. When the next issue of the Rimcollian comes out, I would be happy to record my impressions of this memorable occasion. By the way I got my brochure and memento in the bus. So dont worry about sending me one as I had asked your better half. And we are sorry that at the last moment due to the earlier departure of the Delhi buses we could not properly say good bye to both of you.

Phone : 2014 & 2587
Grams : "SAIKOR"
Cdr M L Makkar
Principal.

VIZIANAGARAM

D.O. No. 008/P
Sainik School Korukonda
P. O. : Korukonda-531 214
Distt. : Vizianagaram (A.P.)
17 Mar 82

My Dear Colonel,

By the time I received your invitation the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations were over & I am sure they would have gone as smooth. Having heard about your reputation as a skilful organiser, it would have been a great honour to witness your function.

With regards

Yours sincerely,
Sd/- M L Makkar

Lt Gen Mohindar Singh, AVSM
Director of Military Training

Military Training Directorate
General Staff Branch
Army Headquarters
DHQ PO New Delhi-110011
19 Mar 82

4005/DMT/DO

My Dear Sardana,

1. Thank you very much for your DO letter No 3/DJ/Archives dated 14 Mar and for sending me the Chronicle, the Magazine, the Profile and a copy of the Sainik Samachar.
2. I am happy to learn from the guests who attended the Diamond Jubilee that everything went off extremely well. Please accept my heartiest congratulations.

With my best wishes.

Yours sincerely
Sd/- Mohinder Singh

D11/123, Kaka Nagar
New Delhi
20. 3. 82

Dear Col & Mrs Sardana,

This is just to thank you both, for your kind hospitality during the recent Diamond Jubilee celebrations. I enjoyed every minute of my stay at the RIMC.

I must congratulate you and your team for coping so well with such a huge influx of visitors, especially as quite a few did not obey instructions given on the official invitation.

Though you must be relieved that its all over, I hope you all enjoyed the occasion as much as we did.

With kindest regards
Yours sincerely,
Mariam Jaswant Singh

Gen G G Bewoor

47, Koregaon Park
Poona 411 001
19 Mar 82

My dear Sardana,

1. A successful, effective and an enjoyable Diamond Jubilee of the College, for which credit goes to you and your colleagues and cadets and of course, the staff there I take pleasure in sending my felicitations to you all for the job well done and well accomplished. I am conscious of the hard work put in by you, Sen and the teachers and I also appreciate the strain you all were under to ensure that everything ran smoothly. If anything did not go according to schedule and as planned, then that was minor and can happen in the best of circumstances and if anyone did complain, created harassment or made rude remarks, do not mind it nor remember it, except where there is room for improvement then let the lesson be remembered and taken care of for the future.
2. I would, therefore, ask that you and your charming wife accept my thanks for your hospitality and kindness and please convey my appreciation and thanks to all the Staff, especially Singhal, Bisht, Sharma, Kumar and Sen. All the very best of wishes to you and more glory to the RIMC. God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,
Gopal G BewoorGeneral K. V Krishna Rao, PVSM
Chief of the Army Staff
Tele : 371632

1164/KVKR/GEN

Army Headquarters
DHQ PO New Delhi-110011

14 Mar 82.

My dear Sardana,

1. This is to thank you once again for all that you did to make my visit to the RIMC, Dehradun, so very useful and enjoyable. The high standard of all the functions, both official and social, truly reflected the detailed thought and planning that had gone in organising them, and was a credit both to you and the College. All in all, the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the RIMC have gone off extremely well.
2. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many old and distinguished Rimcollians and their families. It was heartening to see the young cadets following the footsteps of their illustrious predecessors.
3. I also take this opportunity to thank you very much indeed for your warm hospitality and the lovely souvenirs presented to us. Needless to say, these will continue to remind us of this very happy occasion. May I wish you, and through you, the staff and cadets, continued success and glory in the years to come.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/- K. V Krishna Rao

Lt Col S P Sinha
GSO 1 (Trg)

12154/SPS

National Defence Academy
PO : NDA Khadakwasla
Pune-411 023
22 Mar 82

My dear Sardana,

1. We had a wonderful get-together during the Golden Jubilee celebrations of our school. I enjoyed every minute of it. I wish to express my grateful thanks to you and all the staff of the school for making the celebrations a grand success.
2. It was also very heartening to see the all-round progress the school is making.
3. You may be interested to know that our ex-boys at the NDA are doing well-particularly the 62nd Course.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely
S P Sinha

Lt Col M A Gurbaxani
AMS
13633/MAG/MS1

Headquarters Central Command
Lucknow-2
23 Mar 82

My dear Col Sardana,

1. Thank you for your DO letter No 3/DJ/Vol IV/Archives of 21 Mar 82.
2. The Diamond Jubilee souvenir and magazine have been delivered to the Army Cdr.
3. Thank you very much for the memento you have sent me. We are indeed grateful to you for this kind gesture. I cannot say I have done anything out of the way, because I take it as my duty as a Rim-collian to do whatever I can for the RIMC.
4. I too feel myself fortunate to have known you and to have been of some help. I think any one in my position would have done similarly.
5. Thank you once again.

With warm regards and best wishes

Yours sincerely
Sd/- M A Gurbaxani

Lieutenant General M Thomas, AVSM, VSM
 Commandant
 050871-A/GJC/G

Indian Military Academy
 Dehra Dun
 25 Mar 82

My dear Sardana,

1. Please refer to your DO letter No 3/DJ/Archives, dated 17 Mar 82.

2. You have been very generous in expressing your appreciation of whatever little assistance the IMA could provide to the RIMC on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of the College. It was indeed a pleasure to be able to do whatever we could for an institution which has, through 60 years of its history provided the Armed Forces in India with first grade officers. My only regret is that we could not do more than we actually did.

3. May I also take this opportunity of thanking you, the staff and cadets of the RIMC for the magnificent hospitality that was extended to ex-Rimcollians of the Academy and specially to non-Rimcollians. It was very gladdening to meet under one roof the assembled galaxy of so many senior officers, past and present, all alumni of this very fine College.

With regards,

As ever

Sd/- M Thomas

HOTEL
 MADHUBAN

97, Rajpur Road, Dehra Dun
 Gram : 'Madhuban' Phones : 24094-97

My dear Col KN Sardana,

We have heard the echo of "LONG LIVE RIMC" on the National and International Horizon. I, personally will well appreciate the efforts put forth for such a magnificent show exhibited by the future Generals under your able guidance. I, on behalf of my Staff and on my own behalf congratulate you and your staff for accomplishing such ideal standards.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely

Sd/- S.P. KOCHHAR

From Maj Gen Mohinder Singh Chopra (Retd), Former Ambassador, Ex-Colonel Commandant Gorkha Rifles (Frontier Force)

My wife and I wish to thank you and your staff most sincerely for the excellent arrangements made on the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations at the RIMC.

It was a most pleasant get-together and we enjoyed it very much.

I was much impressed with the high standard of PT display and torch-light tatoon, having little experience on this subject, I am very happy to see that the old traditions and high standards have been maintained.

With best wishes.

Sd/- M S Chopra

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From Mr SP Sharma

Wish you all a happy Diamond Jubilee with fond remembrances. (From retired Principal RIMC Mr S P Sharma.)

From Maj Gen Madhav

Heartiest felicitations on occasion of Diamond Jubilee.

From Prof Passi

Wishing the function every success.

Greetings from Mr Rajiv, Simla

Wishing the function every success.

From Col Jaikrishna, New Delhi

Heartiest greetings and good wishes on occasion of Diamond Jubilee. Regret unable to join celebrations due to inescapable commitments.

Copy of letter No DI/197 dt 6 Mar from Mr PS Rahim, New Delhi

My dear Sardana,

Thank you so much for your letter inviting me to attend the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the College. I was very keen to attend the Diamond Jubilee, and was looking forward to meeting old friends. The weather has been very uncertain and the doctor has advised me not to visit Dehra Dun, at present. As you know, I have not been keeping well and it will not be possible for me to attend the various functions, arranged on this occasion. I therefore regret that it will not be possible for me to attend the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. I shall however, look you up when I visit Dehra Dun, during the summers.

From Brig R Tekaranjan, (Retd)

Dear Col Sardana,

Thank you for your letter 3/DJ/Archives of 23 Feb 82 forwarded to me by the Hony Secy, Old Boys Association. I'm not able to attend the Diamond Jubilee celebrations as there is some absolutely

unavoidable important work which has to be attended to, just during the reunion dates. I had thought to be at Dehra Dun as long back as Sep/Oct last year, & till a couple of days ago I was sure to be there.

I wish the RIMC all success at the celebrations. It will be missed by me. All good wishes and regards.

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From Mrs Late Maj Gen P C Banerjee

Dear Col Sardana,

Thank you very much indeed for your kind letter of sympathy and condolence. I very much appreciated your coming and the prayers for my husband.

Please convey my thanks also to the members of staff and the cadets.

I also take this opportunity and wish the RIMC all the very best on occasion of its Diamond Jubilee that my husband had looked forward to attend.

From Lt Col JB Singh

"Wishing the Function every success"

From Mr Arjun Israni, USA.

We received your letter while we were in New Delhi in Dec 81. Thank you very much for your response. Unfortunately our trip was very hectic and we could not come over to Dehra Dun.

My wife Joan and our two children loved India. We only visited Delhi and Bombay. We also visited Tokyo, Japan and Bangkok, Thailand. The trip was mentally and emotionally satisfying and physically exhausting.

I would welcome to hear from any Rimcollians. We live in a suburb of Seattle (Boeing town) and are on the Pacific Coast about 150 miles south of Vancouver, B. C. in Canada. Seattle is a beautiful city-lots of water (lakes, etc), surrounded by mountains on the west side. A friend of ours here says it reminds him of Kotgarh (in Simla Hills).

I did my engineering in India and worked in the Indian Railways for a while in 1969. I moved to the U.S. did my Masters in Management and have worked for several firms in the US. Currently I am Vice Principal, General Manager of Data I/O in Seattle and absolutely love to be here.

We would also like to hear from you and the school and like to have you visit us in the US.

Thanks indeed for your letter.

(Addsd to Col KN Sardana)

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Lieutenant General M Thomas, AVSM, VSM
Commandant
051407/G
My dear KN,

Indian Military Academy
Dehra Dun
30 Apr 82

1. Please refer to your DO letter No 305/3/DEC 81/CE dated 31 Mar 82.
2. It is extremely gratifying to learn that 17 out of 18 cadets of the College have qualified in the UPSC Examination for admission to 68th NDA Course. This near total result speaks volumes for the

quality of education imparted by you and your staff to the cadets and the keen interest taken by all of you in making them qualify for the NDA. Please accept my sincere congratulations which may also kindly be conveyed to all members of your staff.

3. I am quite certain that the results of your cadets in the SSB interviews will be equally good.

Warm regards,
As ever
Mathew

Thought for the Month

*"Calm is not life's crown, tho' Calm is well.
'Tis all perhaps that man requires,
But 'tis not what our youth desires."*

—Mathew Arnold

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Editors Note

The chirping of birds is on the wane as the spring season draws to a close. Intermittent rains have delayed the summer. The mango groves of the campus do not let out that characteristic smell.

As we near the end of the term, the examination fever has set in. The whole atmosphere is laden with 'high seriousness'. Amidst this uneasiness, the occasional note of the nightingale does break the silence to cheer up the boys. Soon after the examination the cadets will be going on a long long summer vacation. We wish all the cadets the best of luck including the ones who have left for the SSBs and a very pleasant journey homewards.

Sports Roundup

Hockey matches were played by both the juniors and the seniors on the RIMC grounds against the Doon School boys. Juniors displayed a complete masery over the game and defeated their opponents by four goals to nil. The senior string of RIMC however had to fight all the way to clinch a narrow 2-1 victory. The presence of a large number of Doon School Masters enlivened the tempo of the matches.

Inter Section Basket-ball Competition

It was a big day for the Ranjitians when they emerged champions for the third consecutive year in the Inter Section Basket Ball Competition on 17 Apr 82. Chandragupta stood second followed by Shivaji and Pratap. Over-all results are as under:-

Section	Played	Won	Lost	Position	Points
Pratap	3	-	3	IV	2
Ranjit	3	3	-	I	5
Shivaji	3	1	2	III	3
Chandragupta	3	2	1	II	4

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A Basketball match was played between the cadets and the members of the staff on 19 Apr 82. The Masters displayed superiority of technique and won the match by a narrow margin. The score was 68-62. Cadets Chackalackal and Joseph were the top scorers for the boys. The Staff team consisted of Col KN Sardana, Maj HS Sen, Capt RS Khatri, Mr CA Joseph, Nb/Sub TP Singh, and Hav/AEC VP Singh.

The highlight of the game was Col KN Sardana's entry. The 'Old man' seemed to belie the nick name. A few perfect baskets made the spectators believe that the Colonel had been playing Basketball also, in addition to all the other games, when he was not the 'Old man' !! With the Commandant patronising the game, Basketball for some time in oblivion, received a shot in the arm.

Inter Section PT Competition

The Inter Section PT Competition was held on 22 Apr and 23 Apr. A number of items viz 'sit-ups' and 'standing broad jumps' were newly introduced. Physical Proficiency Tests were included to acquaint the cadets with the future requirement of the services and to build up the confidence in themselves. The results were as follows:-

Sections	Juniors	Seniors	Overall Position	Points
Pratap	II	II	I	8
Ranjit	IV	IV	IV	2
Shivaji	I	III	II	6
Chandragupta	III	I	III	4

Cadet Vivek Airi (C) was adjudged the 'Best Leader' among the seniors. Cadets KV Kumar (S) and KD Mittal (P) shared the place among the juniors.

Ievan McDonagh Chapman Interviewed

- Q. - Sir, Could you please tell us your full name ?
A. - My full name is Ievan McDonagh Chapman.
- Q. - Where do you reside and what is your profession ?
A. - I stay at Sydney, Australia and I am a draughtsman.
- Q. - How do you describe your association with this College ?
A. - My grandfather Sergeant Major Arthur McDonagh Chapman was the PT and Equestrian Instructor with the Imperial Cadet Corps here on the same place where your College is located at present. He stayed in the house near the gate. His son (my father) stayed here for a very long time.
- Q. - When did your grandfather leave this place ?
A. - My grandfather left the British Army and we moved out of this place.
- Q. - How deep is your interest in this College and what is the purpose of your visit to this College ?
A. - I got very much interested in this place, when at my Aunt's house in England, I got a few of the old photographs of the house my grandpa once occupied along with a couple of other photographs. Primarily my search for that particular house was motivated by the feeling for my

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father. I wished that my father's ashes (he expired recently) be scattered in the compound of this house. So I flew to Delhi and came to Dehra Dun and on locating the house, I scattered the ashes this morning. My father had lived here for 22 years.

Q. - How did you find this place with just a photograph showing you the way ?

A. - Well, that's a big story. On reaching Dehra Dun I hired an auto-rickshaw and went from place to place showing people the photographs of the house and the address of the "ICC Lines" and asking for the location of the house. I even went to the IMA and met Lt Gen and Mrs Thomas. But to my utter dismay, I found that nobody knew the place. I have been here for good two days now. Every morning from my hotel, religiously, I would take a rickshaw and go out frantically looking for the house. Fortunately this morning I asked the driver to turn towards your Thimayya Gate. While the driver was stopped for questioning by the sentry at the gate, I found slight resemblance of the house near your gate with the picture that I had. I got out of the auto-rickshaw to have a close look at the house. I compared the house and the backdrop of Mussoorie hills with the photograph and while I happily shouted 'Eureka' on my discovery, the Captain (the present occupant of the house) was peeping out of the window amazed and not knowing what was happening outside. All the people gathered there and joined me and my girl friend, Julia on our happiness. The driver was very exuberant on my discovery as that would mean an extra five rupee note for him.

Q. - Now that you have been here what do you feel about the College?

A. - I find it a very good and peaceful place.

Q. - Do you plan to have further contacts with our College?

A. - Yes I do; I am going to come back again in November.

Q. - What are your hobbies?

A. - I like sailing. With a friend of mine I sailed 800 miles in 4 weeks along the Australian Coast

Q. - Please tell us something about yourself.

A. - I am 34 years old. I was born in London in 1948. I stayed there till I was 25. I then moved to Sydney, Australia where I am working as a draughtsman.

Cultural Roundabout

Baisakhi Celebrations

In a simple function at the College Gurdwara the cadets celebrated 'Baisakhi' alongwith the Sikh cadets of the College on 13 Apr 82 Hymns were sung by the boys of the Music Club, and speeches in English and Hindi were delivered by cadets JS Kaiton and S Mishra. Capt Manmohan Singh enlightened the gathering on the idea of 'Sikhism' and explained the true spirit behind this festival. Prasad was generously distributed at the end of the function. The Sikh cadets of the College were later allowed to visit the Gurdwara near the Race Course in the Town.

Inter-class Elocution Contest

After a lapse of nearly six years, the Elocution Contest was revived to give a fillip to the cadets' oratorical talents. This competition which came out to be a roaring success, gave opportunities to many new

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talented young boys to 'speak out' and it proved to be a very effective means of discovering the potential elocutionists. A wide range of subjects was selected covering the Old Masters down to the modern poets. Cadets S Mongia of class III was adjudged the best speaker followed by Cadet Mohit Gandhi IIA. On the basis of the aggregate marks, the first place was bagged by the participants of the class III.

Rimcolliana

Our heartiest congratulations to Col AK Mehta on his promotion to the rank of Brigadier.

Commandant's Mail Bag

Copy of a letter from Brig Virinder Uberoy, Commandant the Dogra Regimental Centre, Faizabad (UP)

Brig V Uberoy thanks the Commandant, Staff and Cadets of the Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehra Dun for their kind invitation to Ceremonial festivities programmed to mark the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the College on 12 and 13 Mar 82 but regrets his inability to attend due to exigencies of service.

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Copy of a letter from Maj Gen RMH Vickers, MVO, OBE The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Camberley, Surrey, GUI5, 4PQ GPO : Camberley.

Major General RMH Vickers thanks The Commandant, Staff and Cadets of The Rashtriya Indian Military College Dehra Dun for their kind invitation to the ceremonial festivities to mark the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the College but regrets that he will be unable to attend as the invitation was received, sadly, on 8th March 1982 but sends all best wishes for successful and enjoyable festivities.

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Copy of a letter from Maj Krishna Prasad, Leader of the, "Srinagar to SriLanka Powered Hang Gliding Expedition", P B No. 211, Pune-411 001.

1. I have the pleasure of informing you that I have planned an ambitious expedition from Srinagar to Srilanka in powered hang gliders in Apr-May 82, under the aegis of the newly formed Army Adventure Foundation. This expedition covering about 5300 kms will be the longest expedition of its kind in the world apart from the fact that it would be a pioneering effort in the said novel aerosport in our country.
2. It is indeed a matter of pride to your famous institution that two out of four pilots of the team are Rimcollians.
3. Flying Officer Sunil Bhatia of 26 Sqn AF and 2/Lt Mayank Malik of 95 Mtn Regt were from Chandragupta and Ranjit Sections respectively (Jan 70 to Dec 73). These officers are valuable members

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of my team and they were with me in every stage of the Expedition and in the indigenous fabrication of the first "Sky Scooter" of our country which I flew in May last year at Pune.

4. Another Rimcollian, who is not in the Services but has selflessly toiled for this cause is Mr Ranbir Singh Yadav of Ranjit Section (Jan 73-Dec 74.) This young man deserves equal compliments.

5. I solicit your best wishes and earnest prayers for the success of this daring venture so that your Old Boys win fresh laurels for this premier institution.

6. I convey the heartfelt Greeting of all the members of the Expedition Team to you for your Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

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Copy of a letter from Brig Jasbir Singh, DIGAR, HQ Mizoram Range, Assam Rifles C/o 99 APO.

1. Please accept my heartiest congratulations on the Diamond Jubilee of our Alma Mater. It is a pity that exigencies of service compel me to stay away—I would have loved to join in the merry-making, the festivities and the fervent Reunions that must have taken place. I have not attended any Reunion since 1954 exigencies of service always intruding.

2. Please convey my heartiest congratulations, beacoup felicitations and all good wishes to the Staff and the Cadets. By the time this reaches you, the old boys would have departed to their haunts. My very special regards and good wishes to Mr Singhal, the only Master left from the old days to whom I owe so very much. Also to the Cl 3 and 4 staff—wonder if any of the old timers is still around?

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Copy of a letter from Maj Gen M S Chopra, E-2 Defence Colony New Delhi-110-024.

My wife and I wish to thank you and your staff most sincerely for the excellent arrangements made on the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations at the R.I.M.C.

It was the most pleasant get-together and we enjoyed it very much.

I was much impressed with the high standard of P.T. display and torch-light tatoo, having little experience on this subject. I am very happy to see that the Old traditions and high standards have been maintained.

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Copy of a letter from Maj Gen AG Minwalla AVSM.

It was indeed very gracious of you to have invited my wife and me to the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the College and extended us utmost courtesy. What I Saw, we were delighted and assured to note that the children, academically and extra-curricular wise, are in safe hands. I would like to extend my deep appreciation to the staff under you and the boys who took part in the function. I am indeed grateful to you for having looked after us so well.

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Copy of a letter from Col Ranjit Singh, SM, Garhwal Rifles Regimental Centre Landsdowne.

1. Please accept my heartiest congratulations for the excellent manner in which each function during the Diamond Jubilee was organised. A grand success indeed !
2. The most striking feature, of course, was your speech worded in remarkable precision. The concept was set forth so brilliantly and convincingly that it evoked the most lively echo in the hearts of the spell-bound audience. The extent of its efficacy was instantly evident in that the COAS who had different views about RIMC was not only convinced of the existence of this fine institution but expressed his desire to expand it. This again has been your masterly contrived manoeuvre for which you will have a special place in the history of the RIMC.
3. I am sure your exertion and dedication will be appropriately recognised.
4. I stand grateful to you again for according me this excellent opportunity to attend a function of such a high class proportions where every moment was so enjoyable and educative.

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Copy of a letter from Lt Col NR Purandare, CME Pune-411 031

This is to thank you profusely for the manner in which we were looked after by the RIMC during Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. My further congratulations for the excellent Jubilee Speech made by you. It brought out all the salient aspects of the Institution in the right perspective.

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Copy of a letter from Brig JS Chandel, JLW, Infantry School Belgaum-590 009

This is to thank you most profusely for having arranged the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the RIMC in a most befitting manner. I can imagine the amount of administrative headaches that you must have had to make our stay most enjoyable and comfortable. My heartiest congratulations and good wishes to you for having accomplished this task most admirably well.

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Copy of a letter from Brig MM Pandit, Commander, HQ Dehradun Sub Area.

1. Please refer to your DO letter No 305/3/Dec 81/CE dated 30 Mar 82.
2. The brilliant performance of your cadets has indeed added to the stature of your renowned institution. Please accept our heartiest congratulations and convey the same to your staff and the boys concerned. I am sure the RIMC will continue to flourish under your capable stewardship.

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Copy of a letter from Mr Kailash Nath Pal, Meadowlake Apts No H-7, 2317-58th Avenue East FIFE, WA 98424, USA.

1. It was with great joy and nostalgia I read in the overseas editions of The Hindustan Times and Statesman about the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of my old College. I feel myself especially fortunate that I was part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations in 1953. Thimayya was one of the many generals present as a guest but no less famous personality there was Col PS Bhagat too.
2. It was during one of those breakfasts during the three day celebrations, Gen Brar was presiding over the centre table when he suddenly asked the cadets whether we ever were served scotch eggs in the breakfast. We had never seen a scotch egg much less tasted one and that is what the General was told. To everyone's surprise he immediately summoned the Mess Jemadar and passed him an order that from then onwards scotch eggs were to be served regularly once a week in the breakfast.
3. The Mess Jemadar mumbled something about the breakfast supplies he drew from the Army supply store were not adequate for scotch eggs but then an order is an order specially when it comes from a General who also happened to be the Quarter Master General of the Indian Army. I only hope that the order is being faithfully followed to this day.
4. I wonder who amongst the then staff members could still be in active service even today. The only one I can think of is Mr Bisht. His father too served RIMC faithfully.
5. One thing in the news article which filled me with apprehension was the news that the College is going to increase its roll from 200 to 500 in the next five years. I am afraid that the College will definitely lose its special character. I only hope I would be proven wrong.

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Copy of a letter from Mr JK. Sen Gupta, 18 Budha Deb Bose Road, Ashrampara, Siliguri.

This letter is to thank you and Mrs Sardana, for a very wonderful holiday that my wife and I had at the RIMC, during the recent Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

It was really a very warm and evocative experience for which we are very grateful to all those who were present in the College. It was also a rare privilege for me to have met at least three of my old Masters before they too leave the College.

With our Best regards.

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OBITUARY

The College family deeply mourns the sad demise of Shri Kedar Nath Sharma 86, father of Mr RC Sharma, on 24 Apr 82. We express our heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

Thought for the Month

"Bad manners probably do more to poison the stream of the general life than all the crimes in the calender."

—A.G. Gardiner

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Editorial

Though late in arriving, Monsoon showed its generosity in abundance to make the sprawling greens greener and thus impart to the whole campus a beautiful and immaculate look. However, we do wish the rains had not been as incessant as they were, because, our bridge on Thimmaya road could not withstand its fury and succumbed to the violent onslaught.

The College re-opened on the 31st of July after nearly two and a half months of long and refreshing vacation.

It is a matter of great pride to welcome Col OP Chaudhry, VSM in the exalted office of the Commandant. Col Chaudhry is not new to the job nor, for that matter, to the place. He has come to us from IMA where he held the appointment of Head of Academic Department. Prior to that he had been Principal of two Sainik Schools. His vast and varied experience is bound to improve the standard of the College.

We welcome the new cadets to the RIMC. The whole campus is pulsating with the exuberant romplings of the young colts donning snow whites. The youngsters are justly proud of their admission to this prestigious institution which has produced a galaxy of renowned soldiers and administrators.

The long spell of holidays is over and we now step into a new term of hard work and toil. Let us therefore set ourselves to the task before us with renewed vigour and energy.

Campus News

Farewell to Col KN Sardana

The College bade farewell to Col KN Sardana who went on promotion to Central Command on 24 July. We wish him all luck in his new appointment as Brig (Edn) and do hope he will keep in touch with us.

Welcome to Col OP Chaudhry, VSM

Col OP Chaudhry, VSM, took over as the Commandant on 20 July 82. In the Morning Assembly held on 2nd August, the Vice Principal, Mr RC Singhal, welcomed the new Commandant and hoped that the College would gain from his rich experiences.

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Col OP Chaudhry, VSM, in his speech hoped and prayed that he would be able to uphold the glorious traditions of the great institution. He asked everyone to co-operate and join hands with him in attempts to achieve still higher peaks of fame and glory. On the 5th August the members of the staff welcomed Col and Mrs OP Chaudhry, at a get-together in the evening. He was dined in the Cadets mess on 6th August. In a well delivered speech, the Cadet Captain, Atul Rawat, welcomed the new Commandant and hoped that he would have a fruitful tenure at the RIMC. He assured the new Commandant that the cadets would leave no stone unturned in their efforts to attain perfection. Col Chaudhry thanked the College for the warm welcome given to him and hoped that he would be able to live up to the expectations of one and all. He reckoned his task a formidable one and urged all to work hard. He cautioned us not to sit back on past laurels but to strive hard and achieve even greater success in every field.

The College Re-opens

The College re-opened on the 31st of July after the summer vacation. The new boys, however, are still arriving in small batches.

The Bridge on Thimmaya Road

The old bridge on the nullah, between the Thimmaya Gate and War Memorial, which had been a silent witness over the years to the growth and glory of the RIMC crumbled on 7th August. The aging bridge, though sturdy enough to bear the manly strides of many a renowned warrior could not withstand the Monsoon and gave in to the fury of incessant downpour. We are now forced to use the 'back door.' We do hope that the bridge will soon be repaired and the inconvenience caused to the visitors and the College community, removed.

Sports Round Up

Football Match

There was a friendly football match between the College XI and the members of the staff. The youngsters proved to be too agile and "Joshy" and had no difficulty in winning the match by 4 goals to 1. Cadet CS Dewgun scored all the goals from the Cadets' side and Mr M B Thapa, an old football veteran, was the lone scorer of the solitary goal from the other side.

Inter Section Cross Country Race

Weeks of hard practice culminated in a good cross country race in which every Section put in its very best. The whole College participated in the event with great enthusiasm on 22 August. Shivaji Section stood first followed by Pratap, Chandragupta and Ranjit Sections.

Mountaineering we go

True to form, Rimcollians went climbing mountains and brought glories to the College. Four of our cadets, Suyash Sharma, DK Chughha, Yash Saxena and Sanjay Verma attended the 44th Adventure Mountaineering Course at HMI Darjeeling. Kudos to Cadet Suyash Sharma for standing first in the course. Our congratulations to Cadets Chughha and Verma for scoring 'A' grading.

Another Rimcollian (an old boy) 2/Lt Prem Prakash scaled Kamet alongwith the IMA team. His experiences will be published in the annual Magazine.

Cultural Roundabout

This month saw Rakshabandhan, Janmasthmi and Independence Day.

Janmasthmi Celebrations

On 12 August we gathered in the College temple for Puja and "Prashaad". Cadets Atul Rawat and Suyash Sharma spoke about the significance of Janmasthmi. In his discourse to the gathering, Mr. U.N. Singh highlighted the teachings of Gita.

Independence Day Celebrations

The College celebrated the 36th Independence Day on 15th August. Mrs Damyanti Chaudhry distributed sweets to the class IV employees and their children.

Later Mr Gyan and the cadets of the music hobby entertained us with music and songs. Cadets Suyash Sharma and S Mongia spoke on the significance of the Independence Day. The Commandant in his address to the cadets said that we must remember the supreme sacrifices of our leaders for winning the Independence. He urged us all to be good citizens and to do our respective duties in making the nation prosperous. A tasty cup of ice cream after the function and Chola Bhaturas during lunch brought gaiety to the celebrations.

Vanamahotsava

We took up the project of beautifying the campus with full gusto and planted scores of saplings all over the College. A few years hence RIMC will hopefully look even greener.

Inter Section Quiz Competition

Inter Section Quiz Competition for the seniors was held on 19th August. Chandragupta Section came first followed by Shivaji, Pratap and Ranjit Sections.

On the Victory Stand

Of the 18 cadets who appeared for the SSB, 17 were selected. So far the following have joined NDA :—

Cadets Rakesh Kapoor, N Tiwari, KV Kumar, Gurinder Singh, Manoj S Natu, Adosh Kumar, V Srinivas, R Rajain, AJ Joseph, PK Singh, A Kaila, NS Mangat and R Bhatia.

Cadets Rakesh Kapoor and N Tiwari were placed 4th and 5th respectively in the All India Merit List for entry to the 68th NDA Course.

Keep it up Boys

The SSE (Class X) results showed 100% pass percentage. Out of 15 cadets who appeared in the examination, 11 got 1st division and the others were placed in the 2nd division. Our congratulations to Cadet Suyash Sharma for standing first in the examination. We hope the same result is achieved in the UPSC examination for the 70th NDA Course.

Kurukshetra University Recognises SSCE (Class XI)

The Kurukshetra University has recognised the SSCE (Class XI) conducted for RIMC by the

Army Headquarters. A copy of their letter is reproduced below :

Copy of Registrar, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra letter No. ACM-II/53/82/3712, dated 29 July 82.

I am to inform you that in anticipation of the approval of Equivalence Committee/Academic Council of this University, the SSC (Class XI) conducted by the Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehra Dun, has been recognised by this University as equivalent to its Pre-University (Science-non-medical) examination.

UPSC Results

We are happy to declare that out of 20 cadets who appeared for the NDA entrance examination conducted by the UPSC, 16 have passed. We wish them all luck at the SSB.

Morning Assembly

In the first assembly of the term held on 02 August the Commandant gave away certificates to the cadets who attended the 42nd course at HMI, Darjeeling. They were Cadets H Dharmarajan, KK Manglik, K Dixit, Atul Rawat and S Aggarwal.

Later the cadet appointments were sworn in by the Commandant.

Staff Notes

We started the term with a handicap. Two members of our family, Capt RC Laddha and Mr GS Bisht were admitted to the hospital. We wish them speedy recovery. We welcome Mr BD Gaur who will be teaching Hindi till such time as Mr GS Bisht recovers.

Rimcolliana

The following Rimcollians are attending the 38th Staff College Course at DSSC Wellington :-

- Maj KS Rao, SM, Engrs.
- Maj NS Brar, Arty
- Maj HS Sehgal, Arty
- Maj O Sarkar, 68 Armd Regt

IAF

- Sqn Ldr SK Sharma
- Flt Lt RS Das

IN

- Lt Cdr R Talwar
- Lt Cdr KK Panda

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—Lt Cdr LNM Krishnan

The following Rimcollians are on the Staff at DSSC Wellington :-

—Lt Col HM Khanna, 8 GR (since left on posting as GSO-I HQ 19 Inf Div)

—Cdr AJB Singh, IN

—Lt Col JK Chadda, Kumaon

—Wg Cdr TJ Master, IAF

—Lt Col AK Bhaumik, Madras

—Cdr BK Mohanti, IN

—Lt Col Subhah Khullar, Para

—Lt Col C Narain, Engrs

Our congratulations to the following :-

—Maj Gen TS Verma—On taking over as Commandant, OTS, Madras

—Col MM Lakhera— On his promotion to the rank of Brig

—Lt Col JB Singh, VSM—On his promotion to the rank of Colonel

—Maj Anil Chawla—On being awarded VSM

—2/Lt Prem Prakash—On scaling Mt Kamet

The following old boys visited us :

—Col NS Malik

—Lt Col UC Thakur



(We are introducing this column. Readers are welcome to send original jokes, cartoons or anything humorous.—Ed.)

In its campaign to recruit paratroopers, the local recruiting office put up a poster at one of the busiest thoroughfares of Calcutta. It read, "Young Men, come join the Paras. It is less dangerous to jump from the sky than to cross the road." Someone scribbled the following below it, "I would have gladly joined, but the recruiting office is on the other side of the road".

Cadets J Saikia
Class IV

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—One junior cadet to another, "To that Cadet NCO, life is a mirror and he's always looking for a crack in it"

—One first termter talking to another about a senior cadet, "He looks for faults as if they were buried treasure".

Cadet Sandeep Singh
Class III

Ravi — "I got into an argument with Kaushal and could have licked him with one hand".

Nitin— "Then, what happened?"

Ravi— "I could'nt get him to fight with one hand "

Cadet JS Brar
Class III

"What do you think about that first termter"?

"He's very clever, at the first sign of trouble he thinks with his legs".

Cadet VJ Singh
Class IVA

—Teacher to a lazy student, "I would like to compliment you on your work - when are you going to start it?"

—Teacher to a dull student, "You must be having a sixth sense - there is no evidence of the other five."

—One teacher to another, "That cadets' a miracle worker, its a miracle when he works."

Cadet S Sreekanth
Class IV

—Once a writer and a moron were thrown together in a party.

Moron— "When will your works be published ?

Writer— "Perhaps posthumously"

Moron— "Thats' good, and sooner the better".

—Harish— "Kadam has found a foolproof way of saving money".

Rupesh— "How?"

Harish— "He borrows money and forgets whom he borrowed it from".

Cadet JS Uppal
Class IV A

A road safety sign read : "SCHOOL AHEAD—DRIVE SLOW DON'T KILL A CHILD."
Beneath was a childish scrawl : "Wait for a teacher."

—Cadet Salil Mongia
Class III A

The father saw his son sitting on top of another in the children's park.

"Why are you pinning Sudhir to the ground like that?" Anil's father demanded.

"He hit me first."

"How many times have I told you to count upto one hundred before you lose your temper?"

"I am doing just that," replied, "but I am sitting on him so he'll be here when I finish counting."

—Cadet Aman Nugyal
Class IV

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—And then there was the cadet who had to go to the MH for a blood test, so he stayed up all night *studying* for it.

—And then there was another cadet who was such a big nuisance that when he got admitted to the MH, he got GET-WELL-SOON cards from all the *nurses*.

Cadet Hukam Singh
Class III

Neeraj arrived home one day with his clothes in tatters.

"Fighting again!" said his mother angrily. "Didn't I tell you that when you get angry you should count upto one hundred before doing anything?"

"Yes, I know," said Neeraj, "but the other boy's mother told him to count fifty."

—Cadet Aman Nugyal
Class IV

In school what the teachers say goes. Of course they keep hoping it will stay.

—Cadet Salil Mongia
Class III A

Commandant's Mail Bag

Letters of congratulations and good wishes to Col OP Chaudhry VSM on his taking over as the Commandant of the College, received from Maj Gen Virendra Singh (Retd); Maj Gen RM Rau, PVSM, (Retd); Maj Gen SC Sinha AVSM; Lt Gen KP Candeth, PVSM (Retd); Maj Gen AG Minwalla, AVSM; Maj Gen Rajendra Prakash, VSM; Gen GG Bewoor, PVSM, (Retd); Maj Gen Hira Lal Atal (Retd); Brig MM Pandit; Maj Gen AM Joglekar; Maj Gen DN Chibber; Maj Gen TS Verma; Maj Gen MS Chopra, (Retd); Lt Gen M Thomas, AVSM, VSM; Lt Col (Dr) GPS Waraich; Brig DK Chawla; Mr Din Dayal; Col HKL Johar (Retd); Maj Gen VN Sharma, AVSM; Mr H Catchpole; Mr EJ Watson; Brig NK Talwar; Maj Gen Gurinder Singh are gratefully acknowledged.

(The names appear in the order of the dates on which their letters were received by us.—Ed)

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Thought for the Month

Maturity begins when we're content to feel right about something without feeling the necessity to prove someone else wrong.

Sydney Harris

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Shri Ami Chand, our dear old "Baba" as he is popularly known is a small haggard man with a white pagri on his head and can be seen bending over the sewing machine, day in and day out.

This great soul is an experienced man who has seen many ups and downs in his life. He has devoted the best part of his life working for the cadets of RIMC.

"Baba" was born in the early twentieth century. At that time "Bharat" was not what it is today. Baba, in his younger days, tried to educate himself, but being in penury was not able to do so. That didn't discourage him and he started learning tailoring and embroidery. A kind Sikh gentleman, whom he still remembers with reverence, got him employed here. "Baba", old as he is, still remembers Col H L Haughton, the ex-Commandant of the College who had been pleased with "Baba's" unmatched skill at stitching clothes. He is still full of praise for the Colonel. He also remembers the then AO, a Muslim gentleman, Sardar Khan. At that time the strength of the College was about forty.

"Baba" still admires the behaviour and character of the then cadets who were very simple and gentle. With nostalgia Baba recollects having sewn the clothes of 'Thimayya' and 'Bhagar'. He was full of emotion when he said "Thimayya Baba, jab bhi yahan aate the to wo mujhey avashya milte the".

He says that RIMC used to be the district champions in boxing and athletics. The Rimcols had also won fame all over India.

"Baba" is the old man Mozz who has seen everything and forgets nothing. He remembers the President's visit during the Golden Jubilee celebration of the College. He is very happy about the success of the Diamond Jubilee. He enjoyed the preparations and the great rush. Those days were the busiest for him. Many Brigadiers and Colonels came to meet him. He was astonished when he realized how big they had grown and holding such high positions. It seemed that only yesterday they were standing in front of him as first termers. He blessed them from the bottom of his heart and will continue doing so till his last breath.

Baba now on the wiser side of seventy is still fit as a fiddle and proudly claims to be the best in his profession.

We hope that this great soul who has worked so much for the RIMC, will live long and his name cherished by the members of RIMC family.

Cadets S S Negi, and R S Atwal,
Class I A

Mathematical Quiz

1. There is a three digit square number. The number is a square both ways. What is the number ? What is its root ?
2. There are seven brothers. Each of them is one year elder to the other. If the sum of their ages is 70 years, what are the ages of the eldest and the youngest brother ?
3. Once I went to a dairy farm. A friend of mine who was very quick at calculations also came along. There were some cows and hens on the farm. My friend said, "If the total number of legs of cows are counted they are ten less than the number of total hens here. If the number of legs of hens are counted they are twenty more than the number of total cows' legs." What was the total number of hens and cows ?

(Answers on page 3)

Cdt B Ajay Kumar
Class IV

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My Friend

I am blessed with a friend,
Who helps me on every bend;

He is nice to all,
And is also best of all;

Over petty matters he doesn' cry,
The reason I know not why.

To talk to him is a real pleasure,
To own him a veritable treasure.

All this has earned him fame,
Rupesh is his name.

Cdt Vikramjit Singh
Class IV A



Inter Section Swimming Competition

A Summer sans swimming pool is no Summer at all. After over a year of inactivity, the College indoor swimming pool was the scene of the Inter Section Swimming Competition.

Waterpolo has been introduced at the College for the first time and Chandragupta Section claimed the honour of winning the Inter Section Water Polo Trophy, presented by Shri MRC Nayar in loving memory of his son late Sub Lt R Ram Krishnan, IN, ex-cadet of the College. Chandragupta was followed by Ranjit, Pratap and Shivaji Sections.

The Inter Section Swimming Competition was won by the Shivaji Section followed by Chandragupta, Ranjit and Pratap Sections.

A word of praise here for Cadet V Mohindra who did exceedingly well in the competition. He has been awarded the College Blues in Swimming.

The Commandant gave away the prizes and Certificates to the winners, the Inter Section Swimming Trophy to the Shivaji Section and the Water Polo Trophy to the Chandragupta Section.

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- Answers to Mathematical Quiz
1. 961, 31.
 2. 7 and 13 years.
 3. 86 hens and 19 cows.

My Experiences On Coming First In The Cross Country Race

Cross country race is one of the major games of the Armed Forces. Its importance cannot be underrated because it builds up stamina and enables one to play all games well.

As usual, this year too we had this competition in August. On a nice Sunday morning with no hint of clouds, we gathered in front of the Pavilion. The weather Gods seemed to be happy for a change and held back the rain. Before the race began, we were very excited. Before the start we all lined up. Eagerness writ large on our faces, the morale was high. I too joined-in with a beating heart and in an excited state of mind. We were briefed about the 8.5 Km long route and various check points enroute. The final whistle was blown and we were flagged off for the Cross Country Race.

I believe in taking the lead from the very beginning and I followed my belief; but was joined soon by the Cadet Captain Atul Rawat, who is a good runner and everyone expected him to come first. Taking long and fast steps both of us were running ahead of every one. However, Rawat slowed down after some time and I took the advantage. None the less he kept following me and wasn't far behind. The distance between us kept increasing as we neared the finishing point. I was cheered up by some Rimcollian GC's under training at the IMA and the cadets standing at the various checkpoints.

In the last 2 Km stretch I felt dead tired, my legs seemed to be made of lead and my hands threatened to fall off any moment. I was running like a zombie, every step was falling automatically. I looked back and discovered that I was leading Rawat by almost 100 meters. My spirits rose and inspite of my tiredness I ran even faster.

When I reached the College Campus I was cheered by the cadets. I sprinted the last 200 metres of the race and came first clocking 35 min 18 sec. A dream had come true. Everyone was congratulating me and I was feeling so thrilled that I did not feel like taking the cold drinks offered as refreshments.

I feel that if one wants to become a good runner, one must practise hard and always run more than the distance of the actual route. One should take fast and long strides and lead from the very beginning because later it is difficult to take lead. Above all, one must have lots and lots of JOSH.

Cdt Suresh Yadav,
Class IV A

The Last Sentence

On 1 Sep 1939 Germany declared war on Poland. On 3 Sep Britain and France declared war on Germany. This marked the beginning of the World War II. The battle of Stalingrad was fought in 1942. The English fought the Japanese in South East Asia.

I was busy scanning the confidential files when a message came to me on the wireless set. It said that my Company was to move to the front. I gave marching orders to my soldiers and they were ready in no time. We reached our destination which was close to a Burmese village.

With the help of a map I was able to guide my men. When we reached the hills we found our allies waiting for us. I reported to Colonel Smith and told him that my Company had arrived safely. The CO took me to the briefing room and explained to me the mission. We were assigned the task of blowing a bridge on a nearby river.

We started off on our mission. It was tough crawling through the thick Burmese jungles with lot of wild life around. We reached a safe spot and through the binoculars I could see the bridge clearly. It was heavily guarded. Sentries were all alert. But I knew I had to complete the task as a lot depended on my success.

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We proceeded cautiously when suddenly Jagjit Singh raised an alarm. It was too late when we realized that we had run into an ambush. The fire seemed to be coming from all sides at the same time. We were taken aback. I knew it was the end. Hastily I formed the men into a body and charged towards the nearby hillock. Though I received a bullet in my thigh, I did not stop. I detected a lone Japanese machine gunner and taking a comfortable position aimed at him. I could not afford to miss as I would be giving away my position with the first shot. I got a neat one on his forehead and then started moving cautiously towards a rock. I did not realize that I could be beaten in my game because I was outmanoeuvred and over-powered in no time by the Japs. Even though I was completely helpless, I did not give up my struggle. One of the Japs took out his dagger and struck me. A shriek escaped my throat.....

Sorry friends it was not the Jap's dagger that struck me but Vikram's forefinger poking my ribs to wake me up. When I woke the last sentence I heard was that on 14 Aug 1945 World War II came to an end.

Cdt H S Sandhu
Class IV A



Inter Section Hindi Debate Competition

The Inter Section Hindi Debate Competition was held in the Convocation Hall on 28 Aug 82. Cadet T Kashyap was adjudged the best and Cadet JS Brar the second best speaker in juniors. Among the seniors, Cadets MK Gupta and S Mishra were adjudged the best and second best speakers respectively. Ranjit Section bagged the trophy and was followed by Shivaji, Chandragupta and Pratap Sections. Mrs Damyanti Chaudhry gave away the prizes to the best speakers and the trophy to the Ranjit Section.

Movies at I.M.A.

An average boy is a Movie addict. A holiday, an outpass and lo you find him making a bee line for the nearest Movie hall !

Thanks to the concerted efforts of our Commandant, Col OP Chaudhry, VSM, we are now going regularly to IMA for movies. The College went for 'Shrdhanjali', 'Abdullah', 'The Blind Rage' and 'Takkar' on 29 August, 4, 8 and 12 September respectively.

Krishna Lila at Doon School

Some cadets went to the the Doon School to see the dance drama on Lord Krishna's life. It was a novel experience and the cadets enjoyed the dances. The dance drama refreshingly captured the many sided grandeur of Lord Krishna's life and lent it a contemporary significance.

The PT Kit Phobia

"P.T. Kit, two minutes," a voice broke the quiet of the dormitory. My heart sank. I knew the voice so well. It was the small time man who thought he was big, the strangest of the strange species, the Cadet NCO. The tone of his voice indicated that he was returning after being scolded or punished by a teacher. The memories of earlier punishments were quite fresh—and believe me they weren't pleasant ones.

I started changing fast into the required clothes. I looked around and found the others doing the same. None dared talk, because that would mean losing time and every second was precious. Some straight goers and fast changers had already started falling in. But I was busy searching for my white socks. I remembered having kept them in my drawer but they were nowhere to be seen. Though it was a cold day you could practically see droplets of sweat on my forehead. I begged my neighbour to lend me a pair; he did so very reluctantly, after a lot of cribbing, grumbling and cursing. Comradeship, friendship, coursemate spirit and the whole lot, I observed, disappeared at the first hint of trouble.

The report had been given and I knew I was heading for more trouble. Better late than never, so I too hurried to the spot with half my buttons open and sought permission to join in. His excellency looked down at me from his high position atop the three steps. He gave a crooked smile and was obviously planning some new punishment for me. Before he could ask me to join in, we saw the Duty Officer coming our way. The Cadet NCO's heart sank and our spirits rose.

"What's going on?" the duty officer asked softly.

"N...n...nothing sir," stammered the Cadet NCO.

"But I do see some cadets here; what are they doing?"

"Sr...S...Sir, we are, Sir talking Sir, with one another Sir," mumbled His Highness.

"I liked that! PT Kit and group discussion don't really mix, do they? Not at 10 O'clock at night in any case. Haven't they got any exams tomorrow?" the officer enquired of our worthy overlord.

"Y...yes...Sir," our 'friend' was sweating, he knew he was in trouble.

"Then break them off and let them study. Don't behave like a dog in the manger; and you come along with me."

We thanked our stars, and blessed the duty officer in our hearts. We rushed off before someone else spotted us, because, a cadet in PT Kit is the most juicy target and is too big a temptation.

What happened later I don't know, but that night we were left untouched. The next day we "PT Kit, one minute 40 seconds", Oh no! There he goes again. Such joys ARE short lived. Help! Will the duty officer or any teacher please step in.

Cdt Hukam Singh,
Class II



SMILE



Instructor to an absent minded student, "I Don't want you to be physically in the class and mentally elsewhere." Cadet, "Right Sir. Tomorrow onwards may I be mentally in the class and physically elsewhere?"

Cdt Gagan Rathi,
Class II

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Dallu came home one day with his clothes in tatters. "Fighting again?" asked his mother angrily.

"I have been fighting with Sumer," Dallu confessed.

"You musn't fight. Good boys never do. Tomorrow take these sweets and make it up with Sumer," his mother advised him.

Dallu complied. The next evening he returned with one black eye and his clothes in tatters.

"Heavens!" exclaimed his mother. "Who did that?"

"Sumer did," replied Dallu, "he wants more sweets."

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The English teacher had called some cadets to his house. He offered some 'Samosas' to Sandhu.

"Oh Great! I just love Samosas!" Sandhu exclaimed. "They're damn tasty. Thank you sir."

True to form the teacher could not resist the temptation of correcting the youngster.

"It is wrong to say 'love' Samosas, and you used 'just' and 'great' incorrectly in that sentence. Don't say 'damn', use 'very' instead," corrected the teacher.

Sandhu obediently complied, "I like Samosas. They are very tasty."

"Thats better," said the teacher.

"But," protested Sandhu "it sounds as if I was talking about rice and dal instead of Samosas."

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While a teacher was teaching a class, the Commandant walked in. Five minutes later the breakfast bell rang and he saw the cadets drop their books and rush off for breakfast.

"Do all the boys drop their books and pens the moment the bell rings?" the Commandant asked.

"No, not all," said the teacher grimly. "The more orderly ones put away their books and pens before the bell rings."

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A man who had been expecting some guests was called away for some urgent work. He did not want to appear rude, nor did he want the guests to go back. So he wrote—BACK IN 30 MINUTES ALREADY BEEN GONE TWENTY.

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"It's a very competitive world and it's not easy getting ahead," a businessman was talking to a young friend. "As a lad I started at the bottom. I worked and struggled, climbing the ladder of life, hand over hand, rung by rung."

"And now?" asked the youngster.

"And now," replied the businessman, "I am really good at climbing ladders."

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The teacher called the boy and said, "You are the best looking cadet we've got." The cadet felt flattered and looked pleased.

"You are always smartly turned out," the teacher continued, "you have a nice voice and you create a good impression on outsiders."

"Thank you Sir," the cadet said. "Your compliments are flattering."

"Enjoy them to the fullest," replied the teacher, "because now we are going to discuss your spelling, punctuation and home work."

Compiled by
Cdt B Ajay Kumar
Class IV

Studies, Cause of Worries

Everyone turns away from studies
As they are often the cause of worries;

Geography doesn't agree earth is round,
To such teachings one is bound.

Little interesting subject is Chemistry,
Trying to solve every mystery.

Frightful subject is Trigonometry
Bound to fuse one's battery.

History teaches how victory was achieved,
And how the loser was deceived.

English helps one to develop teaching and speaking ability,
Though on the whole reducing ones mental capability.

Thus studies are looked upon as a curse
Which make one's condition really worse.

Cadet Mahadev G
Class IV A

Staff Notes

The College bade farewell to Hav VP Singh and welcomed Hav JK Adhikari our Biology teachers.

We congratulate Mr RC Sharma on his son's commission into the Regiment of Artillery. We wish 2/Lt Sanjiv Sharma a bright and prosperous career in the Army.

Rimcolliana

Our congratulations to Maj Gen and Mrs Mohinder Singh Chopra who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on 12 September 82. We wish them many more years of a happy married life.

Why Study

The more you know,
The more you can forget.
The more you study
The more you know
So the more you study
The more you forget
So why study and forget ?

Cadet Inderjit Singh
Class II A

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हेड कैडेट क्या बना
मरा घमण्ड में जाता है
रीव दौब से करता बात
झूठी शान दिखाता है
टीचर की छुट्टी पर
आप टीचर बन जाता है
जरा सा कुछ कह दे
तो आँखें दिखाता वह
कैडेट कैप्टन को मक्खन लगा
वह हमको सजा दिलाता है।
आज नहीं तो कल
करना होगा हमको इसका प्रतिकार
नहीं सहेंगे नहीं सहेंगे
अन्यायी हेड कैडेट का अत्याचार

बीरकुमार सुरेश यादव
कक्षा चार (अ)

Obituary

With profound grief we mourn the sad demise of Shri MP Malhotra who left for his Heavenly abode on 27 Aug 82.

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

Late Shri MP Malhotra taught Mathematics to the cadets. He joined the RIMC on 28 Aug 1958, and was the Section Master of Chandragupta Section from 9 Dec 72 to 5 Dec 75.



Thought for the Month

To be interested in the changing seasons is a happier state of mind than to be hopelessly in love with spring.
— George Santayana

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We notice the weather turning chilly and the sun becoming a welcome guest. The RIMC, continues to live its frenzied pace unaffected; it has a beat and vitality that can sometimes be exhausting but never dull or boring.

This month witnessed the Inter-Section Football matches and the colourful annual athletics meet. Our cadets did extremely well in the All India Hindi debate and did the College proud by bagging the first position.

The mid-term exams came and went and so did the monthly tests. Refreshing hikes followed the gruelling examinations. The cadets went trekking on wheels and have returned feeling refreshed; ready to take up their responsibilities with renewed vigour and 'JOSH'.

Campus News

Visitors from Delhi

The Director of Military Training, Lt Gen Mohinder Singh, AVSM, and the Director of Army Education, Maj Gen DN Chibber, visited the College on 15th Oct 82. A special Assembly was held in their honour. Welcoming the distinguished visitors, the Commandant, Col OP Chaudhry, VSM, said that the DMT had a fine and distinguished career which included holding of various important posts like Deputy Commandant of the Indian Military Academy, Dehra Dun and Commandant of Defence Services Staff College, Wellington. He then presented a memento to the DMT. Addressing the gathering of staff and students, the DMT said that he was happy to be in their midst. The DMT proved to be a very good orator and put everyone at ease with his informal and almost conversational speech. Advocating

the total abolition of corporal punishment and ragging, he said that it was not necessary to break a person in order to mould him. Later some cadets interviewed the DMT; the same is reproduced below.

DMT Interviewed

Cadets :— Sir, You were commissioned into the Madras Regiment from IMA. Did you opt for it or was it given to you?

DMT :— I didn't opt for the Madras Regiment. In fact, my first choice was Infantry but I was offered the Armoured Corps. In those days, everyone wanted to join the Armoured Corps and here I was just the opposite. I even went to the Deputy Commandant of the IMA and had an interview with him and finally I was put into the Madras Regiment. But give me back my days as a cadet and I will again opt for the Madras Regiment.

Cadets :— Wouldn't you have said the same thing if you got any other regiment?

DMT :— I'm not sure whether I would, because these 34 years that I have been with the Regiment, have been very satisfying.

Cadets :— You must have met many Rimcollian Officers. What do you find in them that distinguishes them from the rest?

DMT :— The Rimcollian Officers are very dignified, cultured, they are very well behaved and have a moral character.

Cadets :— Why did you take up soldiering as a career?

DMT :— My first love was to become a teacher-a professor. I wanted to join the Oxford University but I couldn't do so. At that time I was a student in Lahore. Later, I was also toying with the idea of joining the A.E.C. Then, I suddenly changed my mind and joined the IMA as a direct entry. The sort of life soldiering is, is a very clean one. It is a better profession and there is a lot of comradeship between the Army, the Navy and the Air Force.

Cadets :— But why did you join the Army and not the Navy or the Air Force?

DMT :— I didn't try for it as I hadn't even thought about it.

Cadets :— How many wars have you fought? Could you narrate any interesting experiences?

DMT :— Well, I didn't fight many wars. I can't remember anything interesting unless you ask me the type of incidents.

Cadets :— Sir, for what were you awarded the AVSM?

DMT :— For my service while Commanding a Brigade.

Cadets :— Sir, We are told that a battalion of the Madras Regiment saw action in Congo as a part of the UN Peace Force. Did you accompany it?

DMT :— I was in that battalion at that time. It was the 4th Battalion and I wanted to go to Congo alongwith it. But at that time as I was doing my Brigade Commanders' Course, my Brigade Commander didn't allow me to go there.

Cadets :— Sir, we are also told that you raised a Madras Battalion. Was it easy?

DMT :- I raised not one but two; the 6th and 25th Battalions of the Madras Regiment. It was a very interesting and challenging job. One came across many people from different battalions of the Regiment.

Cadets :- Do you find the job of the DMT challenging?

DMT :- Yes, the job of the DMT is very challenging and interesting.

Cadets :- As the Deputy Commandant, IMA and Commandant, Staff College, you must have come across many Rincollian Gentlemen Cadets and student officers. How would you compare them with the rest?

DMT :- They have a dignified and cultured behaviour. The feeling of brotherhood and comradeship exists in them.

Cadets :- Are any of your sons in the Armed Forces?

DMT :- I have one son but he isn't in the Armed Forces. But once when he was young enough to do so, he had mentioned to me about his joining the Armed Forces. I then told him if he wanted to join the Armed Forces, he could. The cost of his education at the NDA would be free for me. But later on he might feel that because his parents didn't want to pay for his studies, they put him in the NDA. I left the choice with him and he finally decided to continue with his studies.

Cadets :- As the Deputy Commandant, IMA and Commandant, Staff College which job did you find more challenging?

DMT :- I'll have to answer this question in another way. As the Deputy Commandant, IMA, I was a Brigadier and as the Commandant Staff College, I was a Lt Gen. As I was holding these positions on different ranks, the duties assigned to me were different. But I can say that both the job^s were very challenging and interesting.

Cadets :- The total strength of the College is being increased to 500. What are your views on this?

DMT :- The total strength of the College is being increased because we want more boys to get the facilities given here and join the Armed Forces. As it is, there are too many facilities given here and comparatively the number of boys is less. The large area of the campus will permit us to build more buildings and thereby make arrangements for increasing the strength. One might feel that the individual attention paid to every cadet will be less if the strength is increased, but this won't be so as the ratio between the cadets and the teachers will be the same then also. As I said earlier, we want more boys to avail of these opportunities given here and join the Armed Forces as we need more officers here, and all the three Chiefs of Staff agree with me on this.

Cadets :- Sir, what are your hobbies?

DMT :- Well, most of my time is spent in reading and playing golf. When I was younger, I used to do a lot of photography and shooting.

Cadets :- Thank you, Sir.

Interviewed by,

Cadet Ranjeet Kumar, Class V

Cadet Karan K Bamba, Class IV-A

Cadet Jaideep P. Saikia, Class IV

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Inter Section Football Tournament

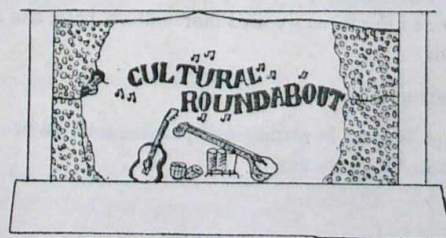
Weeks of hard practice culminated in the Inter Section football matches. The cadets displayed their skill and stamina in trying to put the ball into the opponent's goal. The spectators while cheering their respective teams tried to out shout their opponents. Shivaji Section won the football trophy and was followed by Ranjit, Pratap and Chandragupta Sections.

Inter Section Athletics

The College athletics meet, held every year, is a much awaited and a delightfully colourful event. This year too the cadets strained themselves to the limit to try and bring glories to their respective small Sections. A new record was set by Cadet SSK. Singh of Chandragupta Section in the Javelin throw. He broke the previous record by about 11 feet.

The Inter Section Athletics meet was held from 15 to 18 October 82. Lt Gen Mathew Thomas PVSM, VSM was the Chief guest on the final day of the Meet. Many other dignitaries graced the occasion with their auspicious presence. The Old Boys too turned up in strength-the Gentlemen Cadets from IMA forming the bulk.

Chandragupta Section won the Inter Section Athletics Championship followed by Ranjit, Pratap and Shivaji Sections. Cadets SS Negi, WJK Singh and HS Sandhu were adjudged the best athletes in the 'A', 'B' and 'C' divisions respectively. Cadet HS Sandhu was declared the best athlete for the year 1982 and won the coveted Hir Lal Atal trophy. Mrs Thomas gave away the prizes to the winners.



All India English Debate at Doon School

Cadets Ranjit Kumar and Umesh Sood represented the College in the Chakravorty Memorial Inter School English Debate held at the Doon School on 5 Oct and won the fourth place for the RIMC.

All India Hindi Debate

The All India Inter-School Hindi Debate was held at the RIMC on 9 Oct. Many schools-including some from other parts of the country viz Sainik School, Chittorgarh, Sainik School, Tilaiya took part. Cadets S Mishra, Class IV A and JS Brar, Class III spoke extremely well and were adjudged the best and second best speakers respectively. Cadet Suyash Sharma, who was on the rebuttal panel, also did a good job. The whole team rose to the occasion and brought glory to the College by securing first place. However, since we did not compete for the Shield, it was given away by the Chief Guest Brig DK Chawla, to Sainik School, Tilaiya who stood second.

On the Spot Painting Competition

Two other cadets too have done us proud by bringing laurels to the College. In the On-the-Spot Painting Competition organised by the Lion's Club, Dehra Dun on 17 Oct, Cadets JS Bisht and B Ajay Kumar won the first prize in Group 'C' and 'D' respectively. Well done boys, keep it up!

Teachers Godly Creatures

The most dignified person is the teacher;
Of goodness, truth and love he is a preacher.

He guides us in every path of life
And takes many pains to teach us to strive.
Simultaneously he is a parent and a friend.

To him every student is the same.
Irrespective of being healthy or lame.

He is an example of goodness to the students
And advises them to be prudent.

He is always at the students side
And is like a good guide.

He sows the seed of love and affection
And advises the students to attain perfection.

He is above selfish motives and greed.
Helping others in each and every need;

The teacher is God's own messenger,
In journey of life he guides every passenger.

We love our teachers,
For they are Godly creatures.

Cdt VJ Singh
Class IV A

Padam Singh

We are back again with yet another important person, Padam Singh Kera our 54 years old head cook who looks more or less like Dara Singh with his muscular physique and enormous moustache. He can be easily spotted by his large booming voice. He is really the most important person, as, without him we would all starve.

This man joined the College in 1948 as a helper cook. He cooks many delicious dishes and specialises in Chinese dishes. Lt Col L T Firbank, the then Commandant was very pleased with him as Padam was the type of cook he wanted.

This connoisseur of food was asked to demonstrate the preparation of various Indian and foreign dishes at the Golf Club by the then President of the Club Brig Mathur. Our renowned Rimcollian General KS Thimayya himself was also very pleased with his cooking. Padam is a good cook and it comes as no surprise that he was adjudged the best cook and given a special certificate by the 3/9 GTC Officers Mess.

This cheerful and jovial head cook was (and is) a favourite of one and all. Rimcollians eagerly wait to enjoy dishes prepared with such love and skill by Padam Singh and his team.

He participated in both the Golden and the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. Young Rimcollians made it a point to come and share a joke or incident with Padam Singh and in the process got an extra helping of food. When in the company of Rimcols he feels young and happy. He is very happy that the Diamond Jubilee was a grand success. On ordinary days he enjoys preparing 'scotch eggs,' and 'bhaturas'-our favourites. With twinkling eyes and a bemused smile he watches cadets 'glut' bhaturas by the dozen on Saturdays. He has stopped feeling surprised at a Cadet's enormous appetite for chhola bhaturas.'

Padam Singh has come up the hard way. He managed to pass primary school but could not continue his studies due to some problems. Much as he wanted to he was not able to join the army. He joined the College as a helper cook and has worked his way to this position of head cook.

He supports a large family of eight children. Two of them are employed and others are studying in various classes. One of them is doing B.Sc.

In spite of having faced many hardships he retains his jovial and cheerful countenance. He enjoys the company of cadets -old and new-and always looks forward to meeting them. We too love him for what he is and wish him a happy and long life.

Cadets—SS Negi I-A
RS Atwal I-A
R Pathania I-A
M Jaganath I



SMILE



A cadet wrote 'I have went home' in a piece of composition. The teacher was annoyed and told him to write the sentence 'I have gone home' five hundred times. The cadet obeyed and went to the Staff Room along with the imposition. Since the teacher was not there, he decided to wait. An hour passed and as there was no sign of the teacher, he got impatient and left the imposition on the table with the following note, "Sir, I waited for you after writing 'I have gone home' five hundred times. Since you were not present, I am leaving this and have went home."

Cadet S Bharadwaj, Class I

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At a party thrown in honour of a visiting VIP, one youngster asked him as to what was the best piece of advice he ever had. The VIP thought for a moment then replied, "The best piece of advice that I ever received was to marry the girl I did."

"And, Sir, who gave you that advice?"
The VIP snapped, "She did."

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A Havildar who had just lost his stripes grumbled that his Commanding Officer was a man of few words. "The CO called me and said, 'Come in Havildar, sit down Naik, get up Lance Naik, carry on Sepoy.'"

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His class teacher is thinking of giving him extra marks, because, his snoring keeps the rest of the cadets awake.

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Anil fell in love with a woman on second sight-the first time he did not know that she was rich.

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Rajesh, "In that movie, the hunter finally shot the elephant in his pyjamas."
Shashi, "Why, that's silly what would an elephant be doing in pyjamas?"

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A hefty man brought a youth to a doctor and said, "Doctor, fix up my son-in-law, I shot him in the leg."

"You shouldn't shoot your son-in-law," the doctor said.

"Well doctor," replied the man, "he wasn't my son-in-law when I shot him."

Compiled by Cadet Shailender Singh:
Class III

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THE BULLY

There was a boy, a big fat fool,
Who blundered and tried his hand at school
Being refused admission by one master,
He sent him home with a leg in plaster.

Then he approached the Principal
Who, as fate decreed became a cripple.
By now our friend had earned a name
Of making stubborn people tame.

Seeing their very lices in danger,
Teachers accepted this uncouth stranger.
This horrible chap never came to class
And as a result never could pass.

In class he was a horrible sort
Who beat up smaller boys for sport.
If ever there was a bully it was he
An objectionable boy was fat Billy.

One day after they were told to disperse
He heard a lot of anxious whispers:
He tried to learn what the secret was,
By straining his ears and stretching his paws.

The morrow was a bad day for the fiend,
His dictatorship came to an untimely end,
A big strong boy had joined the school
A boy much stronger than our fat fool.

Billy tried to avoid the nice new chap
By bowing his head and lowering his cap,
Secrets last not for all eternity,
And such was the case with Billy's sidentity.

One day the new cornet came upto him,
And politely said his names was Jim.
Making the second blunder of his life
Our fool drew out an ugly knife.

It had an old and rusty blade,
A handle of cheap green jade.
Yet it was not enough to thwart
Big Jim who lunged and caught-

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Billy by his grubby white shirt,
And flung him roughly in the dirt.
As bullies do in vain he pleaded,
But alas his words went unheeded.

He got a sock on the jaw
Which returned him to the dusky floor,
Where he lay in silent repose
Till he was dragged away by the toes.

This is counsel to all bullies man
And what I say I really mean,
If ever you happen to pick up a fight
Do so with someone of equal might.

Cadet SM Ismail,
Class IV



Cadet J. Saikia
Class IV

Rimcolliana

The following old Boys visited us :-

Gen G G Bewoor, PVSM, Padam Bhushan (Retd)
Sqn Ldr A G Bewoor, IAF
Cdr V Mohindra, IN

Our heartiest congratulations to Brig P D Sherlekar on being selected to attend the NDC,
New Delhi.

Commandant's Mail Bag

Mr. S.P. Sharma ex-Principal, wrote to the Commandant congratulating him on taking over as Commandant, RIMC.



Thought for the Month

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

Norman Vincent Peale

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Writeth

Winter is here to stay, so warm clothes are out and the College wears a colourful look. We hosted the District Athletics Meet which turned out to be a colourful event. Talking of Sports, the Asiad fever no less affected us here. A few lucky ones went to Delhi to witness some events while the others crowded around the TV whenever they could. After the Asiad fever, examination fever gripped the College. The examinations brought the winter break and the cadets, only too eager to go home, were buoyant and bustling with jubilation. As ever, the last few days were quite hectic and there was no time to rest. As the near by Indian Military Academy celebrated the Golden Jubilee, the boys here were boarding the buses and trains for the journey homeward.

Brilliant Performance at the NDA Entrance Examination

It is quite tempting to indulge in a bit of self aggrandizement on past glories, but it is equally irresistible if we do mention a wonderful feat achieved by our cadets in many years.

In recently published results of the examinations for the entry to the 69th NDA Course, the first three positions have been bagged by our boys - no small achievement. Cadet H Dharamarajan topped the All India Merit list. Cadets Karan Dixit and AA Zaki have been placed second and third respectively alongwith H Dharamarajan. Cadets Atul Rawat, SK Prasad and DK Madan secured eighth, sixteenth and seventeenth positions.

These cadets deserve our acclamation for their excellent performance; they have done proud and brought laurels to the institution. This brilliant showing at the examinations has proved that the RIMC is once again in its top state and form and its mood at its peak. Well done boys and keep it up.

Campus News

—After good about five months' closure, the Thimayya Gate is flung open once again to the visitors as the culvert joining the gate and the main office is repaired.

—Major HS Sen the Administrative Officer took a small contingent of the RIMC Cadets to participate in the Asiad events; yes it was a visual participation of course.

—A farewell dinner was organised for the passing out cadets on 09 Dec 82 in the Cadets' Mess. Giving away the mementos Mr RC Singhal Officiating Commandant gave the advice to cadets to work hard at the NDA and bring glory to the institution.

—Morning Assembly, last of the term was organised on 10 Dec 82.



The College pavilion wore a festive look when we hosted the District Athletics Meet for the year. Despite the thin attendance the participants and the spectators were in high spirits. Two records were set in the meet. Cadet SSK Singh did us proud by breaking the Javelin throw record by about 11 feet. The colourful march past in both the opening and the closing ceremony brought gaiety to the occasion.

Inter Section Squad Drill Competition

Complete term's practice ended in a reverberating Inter Section Squad Drill competition. Cadets marched briskly, passed through the on looking judge invitees from outside units; in a keenly contested competition, Chandragupta Section bagged the trophy followed by Shivaji, Pratap and Ranjit Sections. Cadet H Dharamarajan was adjudged the best Squad Commander.

Inter Section Squash Competition

Squash continues to be a favourite game of the cadets and they can be seen playing late in the evenings and at nights especially on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Inter Section Squash matches were held from 14 Nov. Chandragupta Section proved their worth by securing the top place; Pratap were the runners up followed by Shivaji and Ranjit. Cadet Adhiraj Yadav was adjudged the best Squash Player.

Obstacle Race Competition

The last event of the August term calendar to be organised was the Inter Section Obstacle Race Competition. The Race turned out to be very popular as usual. This was evinced by the fact that a few of the cadets broke their limbs much before the actual competition while during practices and had to be content being spectators only. Chandraguptians were once again the proud victors followed by Shivaji, Ranjit and Pratap Sections. Cadet Manoj Kumar (S) and Cadet JB Thapa (P) secured 1st and 2nd places respectively.



Guru Nanak's 514th Birth Anniversary was celebrated in the College Gurdwara on 01 Nov 82. Cadets Mohit Gandhi and Jitender Singh spoke about the Guru and his teachings. Later Mr RC Singhal delivered a speech highlighting the ideals of the Guru. Bhajans were followed by liberal helping of the Kadha Prasad.

Debate at DPS

Cadets S Mishra and JS Brar represented the College in the Inter School Hindi Debate Competition held at the Delhi Public School on 02 Nov. In spite of heavy participation and stiff competition we bagged the third place. A word of praise specially for Cadet JS Brar who won the 4th position.

Diwali Celebrations

The festival of lights was celebrated with great enthusiasm by all in the College. The whole campus was lit and it brightened the surroundings. The Diwali eve was marked by a marvellous cultural programme. The colourful Bhangra dance, was a special attraction in the college Convocation Hall.

Quiz Competition at Welhams

The RIMC boys put up a good performance in the Inter School Wild Life Quiz Competition held at the Welham Girls School on 08 Nov 82. Our boys secured the third place.



SMILE



Overheard one school boy to another "I have done my good deed for the day."

"And what is it?"

"I saw Mr Sundaram going for the 11 O' clock train and he was afraid he would miss it. So I let the bull-dog loose and he reached in time."

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A widow, owner of a shop was generally accompanied by a youth carrying the cash box for her. It was usually heavy.

"You must be doing well" he said to the widow one day.

"Yeah. Business is good," she replied. She did not disclose that besides the moderate receipts the box contained lead bars and stones to make the box appear heavy. The canny youngman discovered this only after he married the widow.

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The owner called his manager and thrust a letter full of mistakes under his nose.

"Look at all those mistakes. Didn't I tell you to engage a secretary on the basis of her grammar?"

The manager appeared dumbfounded and managed to stammer—"Grammar sir? I thought you said glamour."

Dear Work of a Dear Maid

On the way to my school
Stands a girl with a handloom.
Though she weaves nice
And attractive cloth,
She is always seen in her shabby attire.

In her rags she is like a moon
In the dark cloud;
Which tries to hide her sleeping charm
Which has no bounds.

But why doesn't she look attractive ?
Oh ! perhaps the dress she wears is not woven by her.
But why so, please ?
Because it is too dear for her,
To wear her own work.

—Sanjiva, Class II

Rimcolliana

A number of distinguished old Boys who came in connection with the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the IMA visited the College.



Thought for the Month

“Did you ever know of anyone who remarked that ugliness, like beauty, is only skin deep.”
—Walter Parkes

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