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'The Chronicle offers heartiest greetings to our readers and wishes them a very Happy and Bright NEW YEAR'.
—Editor

It is gratifying to note that with this number the Chronicle enters the ninth year of its publication. Through all these years it has maintained its limited, yet steady circulation and its columns have not only served as a faithful record of the College activities but also as a suitable outlet for our young Cadets to express themselves on a variety of subjects which are mainly of juvenile interest. In fact, it is these youngsters whose corporate life at the College finds a reflection in this newsletter and hence it merits the attention of their parents in general and their predecessors (our Rimcollians, of course) in particular. It is, therefore, hoped that our Cadets would evince keener interest in their College Bulletin and add to its readability and charm.

But however comprehensive a newsletter of such a well-established Public-Cum-Career School as ours might appear to the common readers, it cannot be termed as complete without a due share in it of its Old Boys who adore our Roll of Honour. We crave their indulgence and valued co-operation for the fulfilment of a vaster pattern. We request them the favour of sending us their reminiscences, experiences at R.I.M.C. or something about their careers and achievements.

An institution dies of inanition if it has no models to furnish and no ideals to inspire the youth. Luckily, ours is an institution, which has to its credit a long, reputed standing and a proud record of service to the nation. Besides inculcating in our Cadets a true spirit of loyalty and selfless service, the College, with its motto बल (Strength) and विवेक (Wisdom) imparts them a wholesome education designed for their well-integrated growth in such a way as to make them successful officers of our Armed Forces. We are led forward to the materialization of our aims in an atmosphere which is characterised by a traditional sanctity. Paradoxical as

it might seem, today, when many educational institutions find it difficult to guard themselves against an appalling deterioration of standards and Students' affairs, our cloisters are free from the influx of such pernicious trends and aim at maintaining high academic standards. In our effort to educate, guide, direct and inspire our cadets in a genuinely effective manner, we believe in the concept of 'Love-in-Education' and realize that no method of education in which there is no heart-to-heart communication between the teacher and the taught, which is not based on an abiding love and direct relationship between the Guru and the Shishya for the transmission and propagation of living knowledge, can ever foster in students any valuable qualities or virtues. We, therefore, try to understand our boys from their closest quarters and establish a healthy rapport with them to draw out their individual capabilities to their maximum advantage. Here, it would not be out of place to recall the commemorative words spoken by His Royal Highness, the then Prince of Wales, in his inaugural address, which have built up the traditions, fostered the customs and animated the training of Cadets at this College. "It is the first few blows on the anvil of life that give the human weapon the set and temper which carries it through Life's battles. I trust that those who are responsible for the administration of this College will keep before them not only the great ideals of the Public Schools of England, but will also foster and maintain the fine old Indian spirit of mutual reverence which bound together the Guru and the Shishya."

We hope, we will keep up our standards and attainments. With these words we welcome our Cadets back as well as those who have joined the College this term and wish them all health, happiness and success.

Rimcolliana

Our heartiest congratulations to the following ardent Rimcollians:—

Lt. Gen. G.G. Bewoor, Deputy Chief of the Army staff, on his being awarded Param Vishisht Seva Medal for 'distinguished service of the most exceptional order.'

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Lt.-Gen. P.S. Bhagat, V.C., GOC 11th Corps, on bringing out 'The Defence of India and South East Asia.' We hope, the book will receive wide publicity and will be of immense use to all of us.
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Our congratulations to Ex-Cadet M.P. Wadhwa, Senior Under Officer on Commanding the I.M.A. Passing Out Parade held in December 1968.

Visits

Mr. H. Catchpole, our Ex-Principal visited the College on the 'NEW YEAR'S DAY'. We are thankful to him for his kind visit.

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Our Ex-Cadet R.K. Sahgal, who has settled down at Dehra Dun in business, visited the College.

College News

Cadets C.S. Thapa (Pratap) and K.A.K. Singh (Shivaji) were selected to represent the District at the State Athletics Meet but unluckily they couldn't participate.

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Our Ex-Cadet S.M. Garg was selected to represent the District in Hockey at the Regional Hockey Championship Meet held at Meerut.

Mr. R.C. Sharma and Hav PTI Ayappa, played for the District at the Meet with remarkable skill and brilliance. Our congratulations to them.

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Our congratulations to Section Commander K.S. Jaswal of Ranjit Section on his rotatory appointment as Cadet Captain of the College. We hope he will acquit himself well in this capacity.

Republic Day

The Republic Day Celebrations started at the College at 9 A.M. with the

unfurling of National Flag by the Commandant and the singing of National Anthem by cadets and staff present at the Parade Ground.

This was followed by the Commandant's address in which he traced the origin and significance of the Republic Day and reminded the cadets of the glorious sacrifices made by our patriotic leaders to win freedom. He held that freedom calls for sacrifice and we should rededicate ourselves to the pledge of making our nation self-sufficient and strong. He said 'Preservation is a harder task than creation' and called upon the cadets to conduct themselves suitably so as to shoulder their responsibilities as potential officers of the Indian Armed Forces.

This year as we celebrate Mahatma Gandhi Centenary, the ideals for which the Father of our Nation lived and died assume a special significance and demand that we draw inspiration and strength from them to shape the India of his dreams. In the evening, the Republic Day Dinner was arranged in the Cadets' Mess and was attended by members of the Staff.

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Our Commandant Col. H.K.L. Johar, AEC, presided over the Annual Sports Meet of the Central School, Hathi-Barkala, Dehra Dun.

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Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. R.N. Jain on his marriage with ARUNA. We wish them a very happy married life and the best of luck.

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Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. L.N. Thakur on his success in Theory at the Hockey Umpires' Examination.

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Our warm congratulations to the following cadets on their Section Appointments. We hope that they will not only contribute their best to their respective Sections, but will also prove a well-knit team in shouldering their responsibilities.

Pratap Section

Cadet Sec. Commander: C.S. Thapa
Cadet NCOS M. Varadraj
P.S. Gurung,
S.S. Singh,
J.S. Mann,
R. Chaudhary
W.C. Negi

Ranjit Section

Cadet Sec. Commander: K.S. Jaswal
Cadet NCOS S.C. Verma, Y.S. Das,

K.C. Cherian
P.S. Negi, H.M. Hariram,
Suman Misra

14. ,, B.N. Majumdar
15. ,, R.K. Manucha

Shivaji Section

Cadet Sec. Commander: K.G. Bewoor
Cadet NCOS M.S. Bedi, L.T. Singh,
D.K. Chaudhary
A.K. Das, D.K. Paul
L.L. Singh.

Chandragupta Section

Cadet Sec. Cmmander: B.K. Sinha
Cadet NCOS P.S. Nagesh, V.B.
Gore, A.K. Sinha
Harmeet Singh,
K.C. Sukumar

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We heartily congratulate the following cadets on their being selected as Captains and vice-captains of the games given below:

Captain

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Cricket | Cadet P.S. Negi |
| 2. Hockey | ,, L.T. Singh |
| 3. Boxing | ,, K.S. Jaswal |
| 4. Basket Ball | ,, C.S. Thapa |
| 5. Table Tennis | ,, C.R.K. Singh |

Vice-Captain

- Cadet K.G. Bewoor
,, D.K. Chaudhary
,, B.K. Sinha
,, K.C. Cherian.
,, S.K. Singh.

N.D.A. Results-41st Course

Our warm Congratulations to the following cadets on their final selection for the 41st course of the National Defence Academy. We wish them all success at N.D.A. and brilliant career thereafter and hope that they will keep up the reputation of their *Alma Mater*.

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| 1. | Cadet J.P. Mondle | |
| | III in Army/Navy | |
| 2. | ,, Satendra Singh | |
| | VII in Army/Navy | |
| 3. | ,, D.C. Kumaria | |
| | XVII in Army/Navy | |
| 4. | ,, Shrikrishna Singh | |
| 5. | ,, P.P. Roy | |
| 6. | ,, P.K. Ganguly | |
| 7. | ,, U.N. Chitnavis | |
| 8. | ,, Vinay Sagar | |
| 9. | ,, A.K. Nayak | |
| 10. | ,, S.P. Ojha | |
| 11. | ,, L. J. Singh | |
| 12. | ,, N.A. Kumar | |
| 13. | ,, S. Bhalla | |

Our New Cadets

We welcome the following cadets, who have joined the college this term and hope that they will soon imbibe in them the best that the institution holds out for them.

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| 1. | K. Gopi Prasad | Pratap | I-A |
| 2. | Rajnish Barua | C. Gupta | I |
| 3. | Dilip Kumar | Shivaji | I |
| 4. | Virender Singh | Ranjit | I |
| 5. | Arun Iswariah | Pratap | I |
| 6. | Rajeev Kumar | Pratap | I |
| 7. | Prem Narain | C. Gupta | I |
| 8. | Bhupinder Singh | Pratap | I |
| 9. | Gajendra Singh | C. Gupta | I |
| 10. | Rana Dutta | Ranjit | I |
| 11. | Dhiraj Mallick | Shivaji | I-A |
| 12. | C.J. Thomas | Shivaji | I |
| 13. | Atul Verma | Ranjit | I |
| 14. | Manjive Singh Sodhi | Pratap | I |
| 15. | Tarun Kanti Guha | Pratap | I |
| 16. | B.S. Ravindra | C. Gupta | I |
| 17. | Pankaj Kumar | C. Gupta | I |

Journey from Dehra Dun to Dar-es-Salaam

On 25th November 1968, I left RIMC with a heavy heart and bade good bye ('Kwa heri') in 'Swahili', the local African language, to Cadet Captain Ganguli and some other Cadets who had come to see me off. I reached Kota on 26th morning and stayed there for a day with my parents and left there all my heavy luggage including the beddings. On 27th evening I left Kota by Frontier Mail and arrived at Bombay Central on 28th at 9 A.M. Mr. Balsara, the father of Cadet Khurshed Balsara was at the station to receive us. We expressed our thanks to him for helping us and making our stay at Bombay very comfortable. The same day I called at the East African Airways office near Churchgate and collected my passports and tickets. 28th November happened to be a holiday in Maharashtra due to 'Mahatma Phule Day' and so we decided to take rest and saw a Hindi film 'Sangharsh' in the evening. We thought, it might be our last Hindi picture, but it is not so as most of the cinema halls in East Africa exhibit Hindi films quite often.

Next day, we did our shopping during the day and reported at the East African Airways Office at 1945 hrs. The East African Airways bus started at 2045 hrs and brought us at the Santa Cruz Airport at 2130 hrs. At the airport our tickets were checked and the luggage was weighed. My entire luggage was just 80 kg., the limit for free carriage being 20 kg. per head. After this I went to the Exchange Counter and got £14, the maximum exchange permissible at the rate of £1 for Rs. 18.25. Then we had to go at the Customs where our passports were checked and stamped showing the date of our departure from Santa Cruz Airport, Bombay. After all the above formalities were over, we were allowed to come to the lounge and here we waited in excitement for our flight to be announced.

At 2245 hrs our flight by EC 735 Super Jet VC 10 was announced and we moved to our plane. The passengers entered the aircraft from the rear gate, the front was used for the cargo and the crew. On entering the plane we found that it was very big and contained 120 seats, there being 3 seats on either side of the passage which was right in the middle. The plane was fully air conditioned and seats were comfortable. At 2315 hrs our plane took off from the airport and we

were told to fasten our belts. It was a very smooth take-off and we did not feel any jerk. When the plane came to a height of about 15,000 feet there was a signal in front of every seat just beneath the roof to unfasten the belts and smoke. After this, sweets were distributed followed by a cold drink. At 0100 hrs (Pakistan time 0030 hrs) our plane landed at Karachi Airport. An announcement was made and we were told that the temperature was 75°F., a little cooler than Bombay. We came to the lounge by bus and stayed there for about 45 minutes. Karachi airport lounge is bigger than the Santa Cruz lounge. After another 2¼ hours' flight we came to Aden, the temperature there being 110°F. It was very hot at the lounge, outside a cool breeze was blowing. We had coffee and then left for Nairobi. On the way to Nairobi our breakfast was served. Early morning we reached Nairobi. It was raining there and the temperature was 45°F. After staying there for 2½ hrs we came to Dar-es-Salaam at 1030 hrs (1245 I.S.T.). From Nairobi to Dar we saw the beautiful snow-clad peaks of Mt. Kilimanjaro and here our plane was at a height of 15,000 feet. It was very exciting to fly over the clouds. Thus came to an end our exciting journey from Doon to Dar.

—M.P. Mahrotra

Stop Press

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the Rimcollian Old Boys' Association Newsletter.

Think it over

The universe pays every man in his own coin;
 If you smile, it smiles upon you in return;
 If you frown, you will be frowned at;
 If you sing, you will be invited into gay company;
 If you think, you will be entertained by thinkers;

If you love the world, and earnestly seek for the good therein, you will be surrounded by loving friends, and nature will pour into your lap the treasures of the earth.

—O. S. Marden



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COLLEGE NEWS

Cadet R.S. Kanwar of Shivaji Section represented Orissa State in the National Athletics Championship held at Jullundur in the 80 metres Hurdles. He secured the second position and won a Silver Medal.

Our hearty congratulations to Cadet Kanwar.

The English film 'Hold The Ghost', was screened in the Convocation Hall on 1st February at 1830 hrs.

Hearty congratulations to our Ex-Cadet Anil Bhalla, on his being appointed as the Squadron Cadet Captain at the National Defence Academy, Kharakvasla.

Our congratulations to Section Commander C.S. Thapa of Pratap Section on his being appointed the College Cadet Captain. Cadet Captain K.S. Jaswal did his job well.

We heartily welcome Mr. C.P. Gupta, Master in Maths, to our academic family and wish him a happy stay with us.

Sportsfolio

RIM College vs D.B.S. College—Cricket Fixture—2nd Feb. '69.

Won. Scores—RIMC 104, DBS 91

A very exciting match and close win over D.B.S., mainly due to our skipper P.S. Negi (43 runs) and V. Captain K.G. Bewoor (6 for 35).

D.B.S. won the toss and put us to bat. R.I.M.C. had a poor start, but P.S. Negi and Misra raised the score to 69, when P.S. Negi was caught. Then to save the collapse, Mann gave us a very fast fourteen and Thapa was caught at the score of 104 to finish our innings.

For D.B.S., Promod took 6 wickets for 34 runs.

D.B.S. were also not steady. Our V. Captain K.G. Bewoor who missed a hat-trick, claimed wickets in almost every over. Misra also took 2 wickets for 14 runs. P.S. Negi came in to claim the last wicket.

D.B.S. put up a very good fight, and were unlucky to miss their victory by 14 runs. The exciting match came to an end, with the score board showing:

R.I.M.C. = 104 for 10 wks (P.S. Negi 45, S. Misra, J.S. Mann 14).

D.B.S.C. = 91 for 10 wks (K.G. Bewoor 6 or 35).

Dehra Dun Club vs R.I.M.C. Squash Fixture. 31st Jan. 69. Lost 2-4

A very friendly match at Dehra Dun Club on 31st Jan. 69, gave them an easy win over us, with only two players playing against our five.

Cadets put up a good fight, and Cadets Y.S. Das (R) and S.K. Singh (P) need special mention for their creditable game. The Club represented by two, played three sets each. Mr. Ahluwalia and Col. Aggrawal deserve special mention.

Results

1. Cadet NCO M.S. Bedi lost to Col. Aggarwal 0-2
2. „ S.K. Singh won Mr. Ahluwalia 2-0
3. „ NCO K.C. Cherian lost to Mr. Ahluwalia 2-0
4. „ S.K. Singh won Mr. Ahluwalia 2-1
5. „ NCO Y.S. Das lost to Col. Aggarwal 1-2
6. „ Sec. Com. K.G. Bewoor lost to Col. Aggarwal 0-2

— Cadet NCO H.M. Hariram

RIM College vs Shamrock Club.—Cricket Fixture 9th Feb. 69, Result—Tie

Scores:—RIM College 92
Shamrock Club 92

A 'TIE' for the first time for RIMC against the formidable Shamrock Club. A very interesting and exciting match. Shamrock which went in to bat first was not steady in the beginning but soon

pulled the score to 92. Shashi (20) and G. Singh (18), need special mention. Cadets S. Misra (30-4) and R.S. Verma (9-3) did a very good bowling.

RIMC now coming in to bat, were not very steady, but P.S. Negi pulled a fast 23, and then to save a collapse Keshav came in to score a beautiful 23. Then there were 24 runs for our victory when last man came in but Keshav being caught at 23, College score remained at 92 for 10 wks.

Score Board

SHAMROCK CLUB: 92 all out.

(Shashi 20, G. Singh 18, Bhatia 14, S. Misra 30-4, R.S. Verma 9-3)

RIM COLLEGE : 92 all out.

(P.S. Negi 22, K.G. Bewoor 23, K.S. Jaswal 13, H.M. Hariram 13 not out, A. Pal 31-5).

— Cadet NCO M.V. Raj

On Visiting the Salar Jung Museum

The Salar Jung Museum is situated in Hyderabad. It is different from other museums because it is the greatest one man's collection in the world.

This rare collection was started by Salar Jung III, whose real name was Nawab Mir Yousuf Ali Khan. His grandfather Sir Salar Jung I was the Prime Minister of the Nizam. Salar Jung III spent nearly 10 lakh rupees each year on the collection of antiques. Altogether he spent 35 million rupees on this collection.

His collection consists of beautiful objects and art paintings from India, Burma, Japan, Persia and China. Ming vases inlaid with jade and pearls, Chinese bronze and Satsuma vases enhance its beauty. There is a Jaipuri carpet woven with gold and silver threads. It also consists of Nur Jahan's fruit knife and drinking cup, Jehangir's dagger and Tipu Sultan's ivory chairs. It has a big library in which there are books from Deccan, Persian and Mughal Schools.

Salar Jung III knew where he had kept each article and he had a good memory. When a friend of his changed the places of two vases, Salar Jung soon spotted it out.

Salar Jung did not want his collection to be a museum. He bought various things for his own delight.

The Museum is now open to all and let us hope that it will make India famous.

— V.Y. Gidh (III)

The 'Adventure Course' at the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling

True adventure requires a man to face troubles with an indomitable courage. H.M.I. Adventure Courses with their ample scope for activities provide adventures for the young and smart youth of our country. These Courses last for twentyone days and are held twice a year under efficient and selected staff to promote the spirit of adventure in youngsters. Besides inculcating in boys the spirit of exploration, these Courses promote in them qualities of leadership, discipline, team work and fellow-feeling to a great degree.

With its motto— "May you climb from peak to peak" H.M.I. aims at enabling its trainees to achieve greater heights in life. Trainees strive here for success in full-blooded activities of a true sportsman. The atmosphere of H.M.I. may seem uncordial to a beginner but soon after settling down here and mixing with Instructors, they learn the sense of cooperation and fraternity and find them an enjoyable company. H.M.I. has a good hostel accommodation and a well equipped museum.

Mountaineering provides both for a man's physical fitness and mental alertness. Physically a mountaineer has to bear hardships, perils and privations and mentally he develops in him a sense of fearlessness and fortitude. Even an average boy can develop these qualities by attending the Course.

During the first half of the Course, special stress is laid on physical exercises, obstacles, debates and cross-country. The trainees soon get acclimatized to these and do well later.

Rock climbing and rapling are liked by most of the trainees because these are interesting and require nothing more than a little concentration. Expeditions start after a week. For instance the expedition to Tiger Hill is taken to judge the sense of co-operation, the hardihood to face difficulties and the sustained efforts of the trainees. Carrying rucksack seems a little burdensome to those who have never had such an experience, but to us it was an easy task. Roads are steep and narrow and call for strong determination. On such occasions one is struck by the tremendous patrolling capacity of some boys. Competitions like tent-pitching, cooking, tent-striking need a good deal of team spirit but singing, merrimaking and a healthy sense of humour keep the spark of joy alive and one hardly feels tired on his way. The second expedition, that is, Singhala is rather tough but the exhaustion of the descent is, to a great degree, lessened by swimming in the river Ranjit. Here the bivocs which were a bit loose seemed to

be blown off but soon nature sympathised with us by restoring calmness in weather.

Kalimpong hike was another enjoyable experience but it was a little tough. To be back to H.M.I. involved a test of our self-reliance and our sociable attitude to local people, cooking our own food, pitching our own bivocs, staying alone at night and adapting ourselves to our natural surroundings. The little leisure that we get can be utilised for indoor games, hobbies, listening to the radio, and at other times some training films. Hobbies and indoor games are encouraged by competitions. There is hardly any scope for boredom. Expedition for Sandukpur was awaiting to entertain us with the cold wind, steep hills, but the most exciting is the Graduation Ceremony, on the 16th June.

Adventure Courses are really a boon to the young who are to build up our nation. They should be known to every youngsters of our country and more and more boys should be encouraged to take such courses. The Institute itself has a big campus and its mountaineering courses constitute a strong fascination for the young. The Staff and the Instructors are very helpful and humorous to boys at their leisure. Sherpa instructors are also very hard-working and make us feel very homely in their midst. Our youngsters must avail themselves of such excellent facilities for mountaineering.

HM Hariram (VB)

OUT AT SEA

Possessing an inexhaustible zest for adventure, I would like to narrate to you how I took to seafaring and became an able seaman.

The day of my twenty sixth birthday had dawned and I had come to a decision to take up an adventurous career. I had in turn been a prospector, gold digger, and a tramp, business secretary and finally a soldier. What finally remained to round off my life with a romantic air was the life of a seaman. Also that my doctor had advised me to go out to sea.

Wearing my best suit and socks I tramped up Leadenhall street the next day. It was the next day in the dingy offices of Mr. Barlow & Sons that my prospects brightened.

The old man with the gold rimmed spectacles was addressing me, "We are in need of a sailor, Mr.....er," he said. "Smith", I prompted.

He continued "You will find 'Good Hope' a very nice ship. She's indeed a charming affair."

"Very well sir, I accept." The words came spontaneously out of my mouth, and I have lived long enough to regret it.

"I must remind you, sir, that no affaire d'amour with any of the passengers will be encouraged. You will be a sailor and will not receive any special favours."

I acknowledged and after signing a few papers I went away full of hope.

The next week found me busily packing up my few personal belongings. At last the day arrived and I embarked upon the ship. True to her owner's word she was indeed a charming affair but only for passengers. As I approached the sailor's quarters the springy linoleum under my feet gradually decreased in quality and quantity until it finally vanished and it was replaced by the tramped up steel. The cool breeze which the designers had directed right into the passenger's stateroom subsided and it was replaced by the smell of oil and fuels.

The chill and quiet of the passengers, quarters was replaced by the clanging and whirring of the machine. In short, it was not exactly a sailors paradise.

The ship 'Good Hope' too was not very successful. On launching she developed holes and sunk a small tug. On her maiden voyage she lost a propeller off Newfoundland and had to be tugged along by scores of rescue ships for the rest of her voyage. During the war she was fitted with torpedoes and was made a British warship. She was one of the first ships to arrive at the scene of battle only to catch a torpedo and smack it into the face. She barely staggered to her home port and was patched up. The rest of the war passed for her except for the mistaken sinking of one of the biggest British warships by her.

After this she was labelled 'junk' and shoved in the ship yard's shed. It was after the war that fresh paint was applied to her and she was completely renovated and used as a passenger ship.

In spite of all this I was very happy. The ship started the same day. My exhilaration was short-lived. The next day I was seasick. There is always something vaguely uncertain about seasickness and though I can recollect its impact on me, I find it difficult to describe it. I was nursing myself in my hard bunk when I was hauled out of my bed. I had my chores of the day to do.

I dimly recollect to have been busy knotting some ropes, or at least trying to do so. I remember nothing else except that a big bucket of icy water was poured upon me and I was in the ship's hospital. I was a patient and now enjoyed the luxury of leisure.

Every morning punctually at six he would wake me and say 'Your bath awaits', as though

it was some important delegation. He would then lead me to my bath, mix water with a skinny hand. He would put a thermometer in it and scanned it anxiously (later on I found out that it had not worked for several years).

Yet all this led to my quick recovery but soon my fitness proved a disadvantage to me as I had to start off my routine much too soon (I may say so in that state of mind).

For the first couple of days I used to set myself to my work with unflagging zeal and perseverance but when my toil failed to catch the notice of the Captain I relapsed into dullness. But as life wore the same dull drab of monotonous routine I got exhausted.

Sometimes I thought that it was a wonder that the ship moved at all. The ship too, almost like a living being, used to get some sort of fits and used to change her direction or completely stop. Sometimes she would start moving round

corner and in the other drinks were being served. In the centre dancing was going on. We were at a loss as to whom to dance with but we soon found out that on payment of a very moderate sum we could dance with a few girls for half an hour. We did so.

The music ended in a burst of applause in which the dancing girls ran round the hall to be admired. This behaviour was shocking to me and so I quickly hastened out of the club. Finally we returned to the ship.

The return journey to London was quite uneventful except for a couple of letters I received. On getting the first letter I was highly excited as I opened it. It read as follows:—

THE EVER CLEAN LAUNDRY

"Dear Sir,

This is to inform you that you have not yet collected your clothes nor cleared our outstanding

Food for Thought

The greater our innocence the greater our strength and the swifter our victory.

—Mahatma Gandhi

in circles and zigzags. It was on one cold morning that we got up and found that the ship had moved in some unusual manner. In what manner we never knew, but we found that it had moved forty five miles in the opposite direction.

We arrived at Durban after being out of firm ground for six weeks. As I came of a poor family I had no "Chow", but Trail, a sailor I knew well, offered to take me around the city. "I've got plenty of cash", he said.

That night we disembarked the ship and went to a club. As soon as we entered three girls came up to us and told us that they liked us. Trail waved them aside, "We came to hear the music", he said. We found it really very enchanting. A big band was playing in one

bill of 6s.8d. If within three weeks from this day you do not collect your clothes, they will be sold to defray the washing charges.'

That and businesslike illegible signatures. Soon I received the second letter. Imagining that it was from the same Laundry I threw it into the Mediterranean Sea (later I found that it was from my brother inquiring about my health and saying that he was enclosing £50 for me).

We reached London and after collecting my pay packet I moved out of the wharf. The first person I met was the doctor who had recommended the trip, "Hello!" he said, "When are you going?"

—C. Venkataramany (IV)



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VISITS

Brigadier BF Gonsalves, DDMT (A) was on an official visit to the College on 25th February. He spent the whole day with us, saw classes in progress, went round the cadets' dormitories and Hospital, had lunch with the cadets and discussed problems relating to the progress of the College.

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Ex-Cadet R. K. Sinha, Squadron Leader, IAF, paid a visit to the College. He met the Commandant and Masters, and took lunch with the cadets in the Mess.

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RIMCOLLIANA

Preparations are in progress for the Old Boys' Rimcollian Reunion to be held here on the eve of 47th anniversary of the College Founder's Day on 13th March. We look forward to the occasion when more and more Rimcollians arrive to attend the function and imbue their young counterparts with the esprit de corps that binds them so remarkably together.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Cadets S.N. Shahi and Neeraj Kumar represented the College at the Inter-School Hindi Debate organised by the Rotary Club of Dehra Dun at St. Thomas School and annexed the championship Trophy for securing the over-all first position. Our congratulations to both the cadets.

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The English film—"The Golden Ear-Rings" was screened in the Convocation Hall on Saturday at 1830 hours.

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Cadets S.R. Jaswal and A.K. Das represented the College at the Inter-School English Debate held at St. Thomas under the aegis of Dehra Dun Rotary Club and secured the third position.

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Mr. R.N. Jain, Master in Physics, who has been recently married, gave a nice tea-party to the members of the Staff at his residence. Lots of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jain.

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A tea-party cum Social get-together was arranged by the Staff Club on 5th in the Staff Room to accord warm felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Jain on their recent marriage. A present was also made to the couple by the club on this occasion.

Sportsfolio

Inter-Section Squad Drill Competition, 1969

The Inter-Section Squad Drill Competition was held at the College Parade Ground on 26th February at 1500 hrs. Maj K. Gulab Singh and Capt Hoonda kindly acted as judges of the Competition. We are grateful to them.

Each of the four Sections was represented at the Competition by one squad of 31 Cadets including the Leaders. The performance of Cadets was uniformly creditable and it reflected the sincere pains taken by them to acquit themselves so well. Keenly contested as it was, the Competition was equally remarkable this year for its being thoughtfully planned so as to avoid unnecessary repetition. The standard of Cadets' drill and their turnout was of a high standard and it took relatively lesser time for the entire programme to be over.

Following are the results of the competition:

1. Ranjit	175 points	First
2. Chandragupta	170	Second
3. Pratap	158	Third
4. Shivaji	156	Fourth

Ranjit Section annexed the Drill Championship Cup. Our congratulation to Ranjit.

RIMC vs Aryans. Cricket Fixture. 16.2.69. Result—Lost

Scores: RIMC 71 All out
Aryans 78 All out

It was the first defeat of the term at the hands of Aryans. Even though our bowlers S. Misra and K.G. Bewoor throughout were responsible in finishing Aryans at the score of only 78, our batsmen failed to come up to this score. Bhattacharya who scored a beautiful 23 was not out, and R. Dutta made an easy 22.

S. Misra took 5 wickets for 32 and K.G. Bewoor 5 for 38. Our batting was not steady and RIMC had a total collapse after the second wicket had fallen. Only Misra (18) and K.S. Jaswal (13) could reach a double figure. For Aryans, Rawat who claimed 5 for 21 and Inderjeet 4 for 32, bowled very well.

Cadet S. Misra and K.G. Bewoor need special mention. RIMC finished at the score of 71, 7 short of victory.

Scoreboard

RIMC—71 for 10. (K.S. Jaswal=13, S. Misra=18, K.S. Rawat=5-21, Inderjeet 4-32).

Aryans—78 for 10. (Bhattacharya=23 not out, S. Misra 5-32, R. Dutta=22, K.G. Bewoor=5-38).

Quiz Competition (Seniors)

(Saturday, 15th Feb.)

Under the auspices of the Current Affairs Association, the Seniors' Quiz Competition was held in the Convocation Hall. Two teams namely 'A' and 'B' which comprised ten cadets each from classes VA and VB, and IV and IVA respectively took part in the competition, which was conducted by Cadet Captain C.S. Thapa.

Mr. R.C. Singhal and Mr. R.C. Sharma were the judges and Mr. G.S. Pandey the Time Keeper. We are thankful to them.

Questions were drawn from various departments of human knowledge such as Sciences, Humanities, Languages, Literatures and Current Affairs and they ranged from the approximate weight of human brain to the river in Greek mythology which produces complete forgetfulness of the past. Besides being highly interesting and intriguing the questions demanded an exceptional awareness of the world around us. Some questions were of course very technical and

involved a great degree of precision which was beyond the scope of such a quiz. Team 'B' which was evenly matched with team 'A' in the beginning, soon stole march over the latter and stood out victorious with a fair lead of 3 points.

The following cadets participated in the competition :—

President : C. S. Thapa

Team 'A'	Team 'B'
A.K. Das (leader)	A.K. Singh (leader)
Y.S. Das	P.K. Madhav
K.G. Bewoor	B.R. Bhatia
R. Yasuthasen	S.K. Singh
D.S. Deswal	R.A. George
L.T. Singh	N. Ravindran
P.S. Nagesh	Vaskar Dhar
J.S. Mann	I.B. Singh
B.K. Sinha	Sukinder Singh
D.K. Paul	Y.R. Naphade

The Queen of Hills—A Bird's Eye View

"Ah! then if mine had been the painters hand; to express them I saw!!"

—William Wordsworth

The beauty of lush-green forests and deep valleys of the Ghats overwhelms everyone. The distant mountains look yellowish blue. No wonder the Nilgiris Hills are known as the Blue Mountains. Water-falls on the distant mountains look like stationary blocks of pure white stones. Innumerable grey monkeys who frisk about the desolate highway flee back to their lofty abodes as any vehicle passes by.

It was on our way to Ootacamund that we reached Conoor at the height of 6500 ft. Conoor has a temperate climate, comparable with that of England.

Conoor's, Pasteur Institute, Sims Park, and Silk Farm are places of attraction. Yet another is 'Lamb's Rock' on the outskirts of the town. Lamb's Rock is a dark rock jutting out from the side of the mountain with a steep slope of several thousand feet down the valley below. From the iron-railing on the edge of the rock one can clearly view Methupalayam, and Coimbatore, thirty and fifty miles away respectively.

Ooty is the brief name for Ootacamund, which is about 12 miles away from Conoor. The Botanical Gardens of Ooty are famous throughout South India. They consist of specimens of rare plants, trees and shrubs. Each of the plant as well

as tree is tagged with its name, year of its plantation and such other details about it. The oldest shrub, about a foot high, was planted in 1864. At the end of the garden is the Raj Bhavan. As one goes higher up one comes across the protected settlement of Jodas. This backward tribe was the native inhabitants of Nilgiris centuries ago. These houses remind us of the Igloos of the Eskimos.

Hiking to Lovdale is a pleasure. The valley and the glades of this area are very beautiful. On the way is Lovdale Public School, which has fine avenues, gardens and a picturesque layout.

Returning from the hills makes everyone sad and gloomy. Everyone wishes for a long stay there. Even today whenever I look back at my first visit to these beauty spots, a thrill of joy seizes me and makes me almost self-oblivious. The very recollection of those places of ravishing soothes my heart and makes me yearn for beauty them once again.

Cadet HM Hariram

Strange but True—during 1968

In Michigan District a 28-year old woman, who was shot in the leg by her husband while they argued on Christmas Day refused to lodge a formal complaint to the police. She said, "I shot him a couple of years ago and now we are even."

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The London Bridge began sinking into the river by 1/8th of an inch per year. Engineers said it wouldn't last more than 40 years, so it was put to sale. An American bought it, and he now proposes to dismantle it, ship it and rebuild it in America.

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A computer was fed with the details of a man and a woman. It decided that they would be an ideal couple and so they were married.

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A London surgeon divorced his wife because she was very 'house-proud'. She would ask him to sit on the floor while watching the television lest her chair-cushions crumbled. While undressing he would use the bathroom as the bedroom curtains were always kept open to preserve the folds. He wasn't allowed to take off his coat in the living-room because it would cause

dust. He would hand over the paypacket to her and she would allow him only £ 5 a week.

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In Miami a person kissed a girl while driving his car and this resulted in an accident. The girl claimed £ 2,000 for a broken arm and dental damage. The court decided she should get £ 400 only.

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An Animal Protection Society ordered limitation of work for horses, mules and donkeys to 8½ hours a day with 2½ hours off for lunch. It also said that they should get rest on holidays.

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In Missouri a woman died leaving property worth 3 lakh rupees to her 10-month old dog after whose death it will go to the Human Society of Missouri. While four first cousins of the lady are fighting in court for their share, the dog is enjoying life and is being looked after by the Human Society.

Ex-Cadet Satendra Singh (NDA)

Thrilling Experiences of a Mountaineering Course at HMI

In hill-girt and mist covered Jawahar Parvat in Darjeeling stands the scattered buildings of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute which was founded in 1954 by the Late Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru. It has highly qualified staff like Lt. Col. Kumar, Mr. Tenzing, and Mr. Nawang Gombu (only man to climb Everest twice) as the Principal, Director of Field Instructor and Deputy Director of Field Instructor respectively. The HMI holds two regular courses, Advanced course mainly for men and Basic course for both men as well as women each of 35 days duration. Besides these two courses the HMI holds a regular Adventure course, basically modelled on the Outward Bound principles so well received abroad. The duration of this Adventure Course is 21 days during which one is ought to learn a lot of adventurous things. The heavily subsidized course only costs Rs. 100 per head, which includes fine boarding and lodging for 21 days.

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This was the 9th course which we were going to attend. We arrived late at night and were taken straight into the lovely hostel where we had to board.

Next morning all fortyone of us introduced ourselves to each other and soon were divided into four different patrols each under a Patrol Instructor. The four patrol instructors, young men of unquestionable sinew and sobriety were mainly from the forces, had to help us in all difficulties and award marks on our performance.

The next day our adventure began early at 4.30 a.m. with a crisp reveille. Then compulsory cold water showers and P.T. in the brick and black pullovers with HMI lettered across the chests. After breakfast the long period of theory classes began. Map-reading, survival, first-aid, basic Geology, knots and numerous others which all sound very easy and simple but requires a great deal of concentration and also a lot of practice to be put. All this is the very necessary indoor part of the "great outdoor" scene.

In the afternoon starts the obstacles course to be crossed (the usual climb over high walls and ropes, chinning the beam, squiggle through suspended tyres routine) and more theory classes. And so through the crammed day to bed. To the tune of the Last Post.

The principle behind all such courses is universal—self-confidence, team spirit, courage and determination and stability through difficulties with a minimum spicing of danger. The main exercise which sums up this principle is Rock Climbing with all the adventure and thrills of Alpine-Climbing proportionately reduced to teenage terms.

The nearby Tenzing Rock provides the setting for such an exercise. First you receive a lecture on knots, belaying, repelling, slings etc. Then the slow, cautious inching up over sheer rock face. Using the toes and fingertips for a hold that is no more than 1" broad. Make the actions of a spider. Easy. Look up. Don't look down. Thus the instructors have given you the demonstration and now you have to start.

Once you get on the top you have to get down. And down you come, repelling with the help of the ropes and slings. Kicking off the rock surface at each step. This rock-climbing becomes the favourite part of the entire course for all the boys.

Another exciting is the SOLO expedition. All the trainees are left alone and quite away from each other but within a radius of 3 miles in a wooded country. You are not alone actually because your maps and compass are with you. Cooking your dinner and making your own shelter for the night are all compulsory. Next

morning you have to slip unnoticed in the Institute campus but noticing as many course mates as possible. Contacting the local people is prohibited. At the end the boy noticing most amount of enrollees and been noticed by the least wins.

The main highlights of the programme is the trekking expeditions to Tiger Hill and later a more serious one to Sandak Phu and Phalut (13,000 ft.). The trekkers are map-briefed and then made to carry on. The instructors follow the trainees along with a doctor and help them if they are stuck up and cannot think of any other plan. Everything from camping, cooking, navigating to purchasing of victuals from passing villages, is all to be done by the trainees themselves.

All this is not enough as the competitions are still to be held. Thus Inter-patrol competitions are held at the Institute like debates, cross-country, obstacles, hobby competitions (anything from rock and butterfly collecting to painting) and indoor games (table-tennis, chess, carrom, etc.). Thus the leisure time always of active variety.

The general idea is to build up all round personalities through training and self discipline. In such atmosphere even a reluctant, very tired boy carries on heart-breakingly, attempting an obstacle until he finally clears it. It is all without any one scorning, bullying, threatening, or forcing him. But it is just the friendly competition which makes one attempt and sometimes even do better than one's best.

Cadet S.P. Ojha

Think it over

(a) "So long as my faith burns bright, as I hope it will even if I stand alone, I shall be alive in the grave; what is more, speaking from it."

—Gandhiji

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(b) Character is the only legitimate institution, the only legal influence. Its power is infinite. Safe in the citadel of his own integrity, principalities, powers, hierarchies, states, capitulate to the man of character at last. It is the temple which the soul builds to herself, within whose fanes genius and sanctity worship, while the kneeling ages bend around them in admiration and love.

—Alcott



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RIMCOLLIANA

Rimcollian Reunion, March 1969

Yet again, after a full twelvemonth, arrived the eventful 12th, 13th and 14th of March when the Old Boys of Rashtriya Indian Military College arrived to hold the annual reunion of their alumni association on the eve of 47th anniversary of the College Founder's Day. The arrival of Rimcollians, with their reminiscent chuckles, fraternal embraces and friendly laughter, their warm 'Hellos', characteristic expressions like 'Do you remember that...?', their sonorous, idealistic overtones 'But in our own days.....', and above all the aura of countless past associations about them, struck a note of genial excitement, that filled the entire campus and overflowed it with 'jest and youthful jollity'. Glibly may it be stated here that the brilliant Rimcollian Reunion does not only break through a rather heavy College routine but has also a marked animating influence on the young cadets, who, in keen anticipation, look forward to these three-day festivities. The College takes pride in preparing for their rich reunion for no other occasion is practically more significant in terms of the opportunities it offers for evaluating our past, taking stock of our present and planning for our future.

This year the function connected with the College Founder's Day started with a friendly hockey match between the past and the present cadets on the afternoon of 12th March. In spite of their plucky rally the Old Boys went down 1-0. Maj Gen Rajwade and Capt JS Verma played very well for the Rimcollians whereas Cadet LT Singh and PTI Aiyappa, who scored the goal, played a remarkably dashing game.

In the evening the finals of the Inter Section Boxing Competition were held in the colourful Open-air Theatre amidst continual outbursts of lusty cheers raised by the Old Boys and the Cadets for the contenders of their respective Sections. In the Semi-finals of the Competition, which had already been held on 10th March, Ranjit Section was evenly placed against Chandragupta, both having secured 4 points. Maj SL Nagarkar

kindly acted as Referee and Capt TK Bardhan, Capt JS Verma and Capt DK Khullar as judges of the evening. We are grateful to them for their having found time to encourage our young boxers. There was a close fight for the Boxing Championship Cup, which was finally claimed by Ranjit. Cadets SS Jog and YS Das, both of Ranjit Section were adjudged as the best boxer and the best loser respectively. Our hearty congratulations to Ranjit

Maj Gen Hira Lal Atal (Retd), the first Cadet Capt of the College, gave away the Boxing Championship Cup and other prizes. After this, the Old Boys moved into the Convocation Hall where they had dance and dinner with the GTC Band in attendance. They amused themselves to their hearts' content till late at night and then retired to the Dormitories where they were putting up like present cadets.

Next morning after breakfast the Old Boys watched a Mass PT Display organised by the College on the Cricket Field. The show was indeed spectacular and thrilling and the rhythmic, well co-ordinated movements of the cadets on the Mat Work, Horse Display and their ingenious pyramidal constructions drew applause from the spectators. The PT Display was followed by the much awaited Cricket Match between the Rimcollians and their present counterparts—the College XI. The cadets won the match for the second year in succession by scoring 134 runs for 5 wickets, whereas the Rimcollians collapsed at 84 for 9. Cadet VS Negi scored 29 and Cadet KS Jaswal remained unbeaten with 34 runs to his credit. Cadet S. Mishra took 6 wickets for 33 runs including a brilliant hat-trick and Cadet Bewoor took 4 wickets. Among Rimcollians Capt JS Verma scored 27 and Maj Gen Rajwade 19 while Maj Dey and 2/Lt Ravindra raised the score from 58 to 84. The Cricket Trophy was given away to the College Cricket XI by Mrs G.G. Bewoor. Well done College Cricketeers, keep it up. A detailed account of the match appears elsewhere in the Chronicle.

Later in the evening a Variety Entertainment Programme was organised in the Convocation

Hall. The programme comprised two One-Act Plays—One in English entitled "The Dumb Wife of Cheapside" by Ashley Duke and another in Hindi named "Natak ka Chakkar" and a few items of instrumental music including the College Orchestra.

The programme started with the English Play "The Dumb Wife of Cheapside," which deals with the dilemma of one John Groat, arising first from the dumbness of his wife and later from excessive peech. The physician who had cured her previously, suggests that the only way to cure her now is to make her husband deaf. After becoming deaf Master Groat is unable to hear the request of his physician for his fee. The roles of cadets KS Jaswal (John Groat), BR Bhatia (Mrs Groat), A.K. Singh (Master Quill) and Manvendra Singh (Master Julep) in particular were very realistic and life-like and the Play as a whole was remarkable not only for a successful performance of the dramatis personae but also for a commendable stage direction, the effect of which was, in no small measure, heightened by brilliant topical costumes. The Play was a success. Our heartiest congratulations are due to Mr NP Shukla under whose able guidance the cadets staged the Play so well.

The Hindi Play—"Natak ka Chakkar", which was also successfully staged and which drew considerable applause from the audience, as its title suggests, presents a situation which is at once ludicrous and pathetic. Encouraged by their successful exploitation of Mr Virendra, their unwanted guest, Mr Ramesh and Mr Saxena plan to take their trickery to an extent at which it turns out a petard for them to hoist upon. The performance of cadets BK Sinha (Mr Saxena), VS Negi (Mr Virendra), Manvendra Singh (Mr Ramesh), SK Juneja (Chandu servant) and BK Bhatia (Saraj—Lady Doctor) were really very convincing. Our heartiest congratulations are due to Mr GS Bisht and Mr K Kumar who spared no pains in making the play a success.

Some items of instrumental music which included College Orchestra and tunes on violin were also very entertaining and provided a sort of relief between two one-act plays. Thanks are due to Shri LN Thakur and Shri PL Dutt who organized the musical entertainment.

After the Variety Entertainment Programme the Rimcollians moved to the Ante-rooms, where light refreshment and drinks were served to the accompaniment of some merry tunes played by the 58 GTC Band in attendance. It was indeed a close, hearty get-together and was marked by a singularly convivial atmosphere. Then was held the Rimcollian Dinner, at which Maj Gen Hira

Lal Atal, a distinguished Old Boy, gave a highly reminiscent account of his stay at the College as a Cadet and read out some portions of the report he had earned as the first Cadet Captain of the College from the then Principal. Then Maj Gen Tara Singh Bal (Retd) President of the Rimcollian Old Boys' Association, in his presidential address expressed satisfaction at a successful organization of the Rimcollian Reunion and thanked the Commandant and the Staff for the arrangements made by them in connection with the Reunion and the efforts involved in making the stay of the Old Boys so comfortable.

In his address the Commandant Col HKL Johar, expressed his joy to have the Old Boys at the College and the keen interest they evinced in their Alma Mater. He assured the Old Boys that he would keep up the esteemed traditions of the College and make his sincere endeavour to see it rise day by day. Toasts were then proposed for the President and the progress of the College.

The Reunion drew to a close on the morning of 14th March with a meeting of the General Body of Old Boys' Association in the Senior Auditorium. At the General Body meeting Maj Gen Virendra Singh was elected the President and Col Jasbir Singh Khurana the Honorary Secretary of the Old Boys' Rimcollian Association. Our heartiest congratulations to them.

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

List of Rimcollians who attended the Re-Union in 1969

1. Maj Gen Tara Singh Bal (Retd)
2. Maj Gen & Mrs Hira Lal Atal (Retd)
3. Lt Gen JS Dhillon
4. Lt Gen & Mrs GG Bewoor
5. Lt Gen & Mrs KN Dubey
6. Maj Gen Virendra Singh (Retd)
7. Maj Gen MR Rajwade
8. Shri Zaffar Alam
9. Brig Gambhir Singh
10. Brig V Jayal (Retd)
11. Brig LS Negi
12. Brig PD Joshi
13. Shri Bikram Singh
14. Shri Amrik Singh
15. Shri NN Khanna
16. Shri PN Talwar
17. Brig IJS Johar
18. Col & Mrs GS Sodhi

19. Col R Lokoranj
20. Lt Col & Mrs R Christian
21. Lt Col & Mrs Jasbir Singh Khurana
22. Lt Col & Mrs Daulat Ram
23. Lt Col & Mrs HS Mamik
24. Lt Col & Mrs KL Dubey
25. Lt Col MML Tripathi
26. Lt Col RS Yadav
27. Lt Col DD Jayal
28. Lt Cdr RS Huja
29. Maj & Mrs PR Sarkar
30. Flag Offr AG Bewoor
31. Maj & Mrs RD Vasisht
32. Maj & Mrs KC Anand
33. Capt & Mrs Paramjit Singh
34. Wg Cdr S Raghuvendrum
35. Maj Daljeet Singh
36. Maj SK Dey
37. Maj SS Nandkoleyar
38. Maj HS Butalia
39. Capt AK Bhaumik
40. Capt S Mahanti
41. Capt & Mrs JS Verma
42. Capt & Mrs TK Bradhan
43. Capt CS Mann
44. Capt SC Khullar
45. Capt Rajinder Singh
46. Capt DK Khullar
47. Lt Jasbir Singh
48. 2/Lt Ravinder Singh
49. Shri SM Garg

COLLEGE NEWS

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a letter of appreciation from Maj Gen Virendra Singh (Retd.), President, Old Boys' Rimcollian Association, regarding the successful organization of the Rimcollian Reunion this year at the College. The text of the letter is reproduced under 'Correspondence'.

Mid Term Break

Excursions were organized and parties of cadets taken out to Mussoorie, Chakrata, Rishikesh, Hardwar, Narendranagar, Lansdown and other places of interest during the mid term break which lasted 4 days. Cadets seem to have benefited a great deal by hiking, trekking and engaging themselves fruitfully in a number of educative experiences which outdoor life so amply offers to them. They are back, refreshed and

reinvigorated and it is hoped that they would devote themselves to their studies with a greater zeal.

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The Inter-Section Cricket matches that are being played these days at the College, are characterized by an indomitable Section spirit. The results of the matches will appear in the next number of the Chronicle.

Inter-Class Juniors' English Debate, 1969

Under the auspices of the English Literary Society the Inter-Class Juniors' English Debate was held on 10th March in the Convocation Hall. Cadets below Class IV participated in the debate and their performance was fairly creditable in spite of their preoccupation with the Mid-term Examination which commenced soon after the event. The debate was conducted by See Com KS Jaswal and Cadet NCO AK Das.

Commandant Col HKL Johar, Shri RC Singhal and Shri JN Wanchoo were the judges. We are grateful to them.

The following cadets took part in the competition.

Speaker's Name	Class	Motion
1 AK Singh	I	For
2 Pankaj Kumar	I	Against
3 Sartaj Imam	IA	For
4 S. Mehta	IA	Against
5 MB Saxena	II	For
6 C. Banerjee	II	Against
7 PK Chatterjee	IIA	For
8 AS Narayan	IIA	Against
9 GS Gokavi	III	For
10 SS Hallikeri	III	Against
11 R Mathews	IIIA	For
13 Niraj Kumar	IIIA	Against

Individual Position:—

1. Cadet Neeraj Kumar IIIA	} 99 pts First
2. Cadet GS Gokavi III	
3. Cadet R Mathews IIIA	} 88 pts Second
4. Cadet C Banerjee II	
5. Cadet AK Singh I	78 pts Third

Results Teamwise—	Class	Position
1. Class IIIA	IIIA	First
2. „	III	Second
3. „	II	Third

Cricket Match, 13th March, RIMC vs Rimcollians

Skipper Lt Gen GG Bewoor having won the toss put the home team in to bat. Cadets VS Negi and T Lahiri opened the batting facing a hostile attack of bowling from Gentleman Cadet A Malhotra and Capt JS Varma. Having stood the onslaught for a few overs, T. Lahiri was back in the pavilion with 7 to his credit. RS Varma joined VS Negi but could not do much and was out for only 1. RIMC was now in a dangerous position with two good batsmen back with only 25 on the board. Skipper PS Negi went in next and thrilled the crowd with bright cricket hitting with memorable strokes all around the wicket. VS Negi too hastened up his run rate and scored a brilliant 29 before being out. KS Jaswal, the next batsman, was in a hitting mood and opened his account with a four on the very first ball he faced. He later dodged seasoned spinners like Lt Gen Bewoor and Mr Bikram Singh until he remained unbeaten with 34. Skipper Negi's dismissal saw Cadet KG Bewoor in who after a shaky start produced many runs until RIMC present boys finally declared at lunch time at 134 for 5 wkts.

• After lunch, the Rimcollians set out to bat. Under the fiery pace of Cadet S Misra and accurate bowling of Cadet KG Bewoor the Rimcollians collapsed for a mere 58 for 9 wkts. Only Capt JS Varma (27) and Maj Gen Rajwade (19) offered resistance worth its name. With the last pair in, Skipper Negi decided to relax both bowling and fielding. Maj Dey and 2nd Lt Ravindra made full use of this and carried the score from 58 to 84 before Maj Dey was dismissed by a catch by Cadet AK Yadav of S Misra. KG Bewoor took 4 wkts while S Misra finished

with 6 wkts for 33 runs, including a brilliant hat-trick.

—Cadet NCO AK Das

Correspondence

Copy of the letter No. 02283/Rimcollian/AG/Orgl (Pers) dated 15 March 1969 from Maj Gen Virendra Singh (Retd), President Rimcollian Old Boys Association.

“My Dear Johar,

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

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

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

(Sd.) Virendra Singh

Words of Wisdom

1. Not to believe in the possibility of permanent peace is to disbelieve in the Godliness of human nature.
—Gandhi.
2. Culture is the passion for sweetness and light and, what is more, the passion for making them prevail.
—Matthew Arnold.
3. Next to knowing when to seize an opportunity the most important thing in life is to know when to forego an advantage.
—Disraeli.
4. When we set ourselves to the work of collecting and recollecting ourselves, we begin a task which if carried to its natural conclusion ultimately becomes prayer.
—Dr. William Sadler.



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Rimcolliana

Our heartiest congratulations to the following Ex-cadets (now at the National Defence Academy) on holding the Appointments mentioned against their names:—

- 1 GC Anil Bhalla S.C.C. (Golf Squadron)
- 2 „ YC Gupta S.C.C. (Bravo Squadron)
- 3 „ CP Choudhary S.C.C. (Charlie Squadron)
- 4 „ P Majumdar D.C.C. (Charlie Squadron)
- 5 „ LM Krishnan C.S.M. (Irdra Squadron)
- 6 „ AK Das C.Q.M.S. (Charlie Squadron)

Rimcollian Reunion (NDA-CME STYLE)

“Happy Birthday to you, RIMC !”

That was exactly what we had all come together to say on the 13th of March 1969. ‘All’—meaning, the hundred odd ex-RIMC cadets in the NDA, four ex-RIMC Officer-Instructors in the NDA and twenty five to thirty ex-RIMC Officers in the CME.

The venue—CME. And what did we do there?.....

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Rimcolliana

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- 2 „ YC Gupta S.C.C. (Bravo Squadron)
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Mr. H. Dang gave an interesting and informative talk to the Cadets of Class III and above on the 'Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme' in the Geography Lecture Room.

The English films 'Hold the Ghost', 'Jason and His Agronauts', 'Foreign Legions', and 'The River of No Return' were recently screened in the College Convocation Hall.

Mr. Jack Dantes, a pianist who has earned nationwide repute, gave an entertaining recital of popular Piano classics with commentary to the Cadets and Staff of the College in the Convocation Hall. His recital, which covered 300 years of piano, classics presented a panoramic view of the changing sounds and rhythms in music and included almost all great composers from Bach (1685-1750) to Gershwin (1898-1937). Mozart's Alla Turca/Sonata in C (1st Movement), Beethoven's Fur Elise/Minuet in G, Chopin's Nocturne in E Flat/Fantasia Impromptu in C Sharp Minor, De Falla's Ritual Fire Dance, Paderewski's Minuet in G and Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue were particularly appreciated by the audience.

Our heartiest congratulations to Cadet Sec Com BK Sinha of Chandragupta Section on his appointment as Cadet Captain of the College for the second time and hope that he will conduct himself creditably in his assignment.

All India Inter-School Hindi Declamation Contest, April 1969

On Saturday, the 12th instant, the Seventh 'Akhil Bhartiya Antar-Vidyalaya Shri Kashiraj Vagvibhuti Pratiyogita' was held in the Convoca-

Sl. No.	Speaker's Name	School	Topic
1	Rajan Chaudhary	St. Thomas' School	दुःख भी मानव की सम्पत्ति है, तू दुःख से क्यों घबरता है।
2	Vijai Negi	St. Joseph's Academy	हास्य विनोद के बिना जीवन शून्य है।
3	T. Hussain	" " "	विद्यार्थियों को राजनीति में भाग नहीं लेना चाहिए।
4	Manmohan Verma	Col. Brown's School	नारी प्रकृति की सर्वोत्कृष्ट कृति है।
5	Km. Ritambher Shastri	St. Thomas' School	भारत गांधी को भूलता जा रहा है।
6	G.B. Kshetriya	Cambrian Hall	दुःख भी मानव की सम्पत्ति है, तू दुःख से क्यों घबरता है।
7	Satish Jain	Punjab Public School, NABHA	आंतरिक एकता से ही हम देश की रक्षा कर सकते हैं।
8	Atul Chand	Col. Brown's School	भारत गांधी को भूलता जा रहा है।
9	Cadet Neeraj Kumar	R.I.M.C.	विद्यार्थियों को राजनीति में भाग नहीं लेना चाहिए।

tion Hall under the aegis of the College Sahitya Samiti.

We feel deeply beholden to Mahant Shri Indresh Charan Dasji for his having found time to preside over the function and also to the learned judges of the evening—Smt RP DHOBHAL, Principal, M.K.P. Postgraduate College, Prof. Gaya Prasad Shukla, Professor and Head of the Hindi Department (Retd), D.A.V. College and Shri PV DEHADRAI, Superintending Engineer, ONGC, for their encouraging the young speakers. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Principals, Staff and the speakers of the participating teams for their kind co-operation in making the function a success. We are grateful to our guests also who graced the occasion by their presence. Among them were Principal and Mrs. B.R. Pashricha, Oak Grove School, Mussoorie, Mrs. Ghosh, Principal, St. Thomas' School, Mr. Sharma, Punjab Public School, NABHA, Dr. H.D. Bhatt 'Shailesh', The Doon School, Mr. K.B. Kshetriya, St. Joseph's Academy and members of the Staff of the participating institutions.

Nine Public Schools which were represented at the competition by a team of two speakers each were as follows:—

1. Punjab Public School, Nabha
 2. Oak Grove Boys' School, Mussoorie
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 4. The Doon School
 5. St. Thomas' School
 6. St. Joseph's Academy
 7. Col. Brown's School
 8. Cambrian Hall
 9. R.I.M. College
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The names of speakers along with their Schools and the topics chosen by them appear below:—

10 Ashutosh Misra	The Doon School	भारत गांधी को भूलता जा रहा है।
11 Sanjiv Rishi	Oakgrove Boys' School, Mussoorie	आ त्रिक एकता से ही हम देश की उन्नति कर सकते हैं।
12 Km. Vijai Bala Kardam	Oakgrove Girls' School, Mussoorie	विद्यार्थियों को राजनीति में भाग नहीं लेना चाहिए।
13 Cadet S.N. Shahi	R.I.M.C.	जहाँ न पहुँचे रवि, तहाँ पहुँचे कवि।
14 Raja Vikram Dhar	The Doon School	भारत गांधी को भूलता जा रहा है।
15 P. Bahal	Punjab Public School, NABHA	हड़ताल से हमारी समस्याओं का समाधान नहीं हो सकता।
16 Km. Vani Guha	Cambrian Hall	नारी प्रकृति की सर्वोत्कृष्ट कृति है।
17 Km. Shikha Sharma	Oakgrove Girls' School, Mussoorie	नारी प्रकृति की सर्वोत्कृष्ट कृति है।
18 Milind Kukreti	Oakgrove Boys' School, Mussoorie	आंतरिक एकता से ही हम देश की रक्षा कर सकते हैं।

Rashtriya Indian Military College being the host, our team did not contest for the Maharaja of Banaras splendid Ivory Shield.

It was indeed a keenly contested competition and with every team putting in its very best efforts to annex the trophy, it seemed difficult even for the select audience to predict which of them would secure the first place. The general standard of speeches was really commendable and the speakers' flawless Hindi coupled with a forceful style and sound arguments impressed the audience so much so that the prevailing notion about Hindi as being in a state of infancy in English-medium schools was radically revised.

In his illuminating presidential address Mahant Shri Indresh Charan Dasji remarked that it was very heartening to note how the English-medium schools of the post-independence era had pitched up their standards of Hindi and had successfully acquired a remarkably practical command over the functional aspect of a 'language which is not only the Lingua Franca of the masses but is also a potent unifying force in the country'. He observed that the performance of young speakers had exceeded his expectations and had made it abundantly clear that the future of Hindi was very bright. Narrating some of his own experiences of student life which led him to court arrest at a time in 1942 when his B.A. Final Examination was drawing near and his consequent pledge to pass it and dedicate himself thereafter to the service of the nation, Mahantji called upon the youth of our country to set themselves wholeheartedly to the task of promoting Hindi, building the nation up and strengthening the bond of unity that holds us together. Closing his speech, Mahantji once again appreciated the performance of the speakers and hoped that they would spare

no pains in keeping the standard of Hindi up. He thanked the Commandant and the Hindi Department for organizing such a successful Contest. The splendid Ivory Shield donated by the Maharaja of Banaras was claimed by St. Thomas' School, Dehra Dun for securing the first place. Our hearty congratulations to them.

The results of the competition were as follows:—

(a) *Team-wise Positions*

1. St. Thomas' School, Dehra Dun
200 points First
2. Punjab Public School, Nabha
190 points Second
3. R.I.M. College, Dehra Dun
187 point Third

(b) *Individual Placing*

1. Km. Ritambher Shastri, St. Thomas' School, Dehra Dun 106 points First
2. Cadet Neeraj Kumar—
R.I.M.C. 105 points Second
3. (a) Satish Jain—Punjab Public School, NABHA 95 points
(b) P. Bahal—, " " " " }
(c) Ashutosh Misra—The Doon School, Dehra Dun 95 " }
(d) Km. Vani Guha—Cambrian Hall, Dehra Dun 95 points }
(e) Km. Shikha Sharma—Oak Grove Girls' School, Mussoorie 95 points } Third

Last, but not least, are our sincere thanks due to Mr. G.S. Bisht, and Mr. K. Kumar, for a successful organization of the Competition.

Sportsfolio

Hockey Fixture—RIMC vs. Doon School 10th April, 1969.

Result—Lost 1-2.

RIMC entered the field for the first time of the season to play against the formidable Doon School. When the game commenced both teams seemed equally balanced but Doon School got a lucky move and was in with the ball to score the first goal in the 20th minute of the play.

This boosted the spirit of the Rimcols and the tempo of the game. RIMC then went in to score the goal without delay (1-1). Doon School was again on the look for goals, when their centre forward came in to score their second goal. (2-1).

For the rest of the time RIMC pressed their opponents very nicely but unfortunately could not equalize.

For RIMC, Cadets LT Singh, R.S. Rathee & J.S. Mann played a very good game. Parabjot Singh played a good game for Doon School.

Cadet HM Hariram

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Hockey Fixture—R.I.M.C. vs Cambrian Hall, 14th April, 1969.

Result Won:—2-1

A friendly hockey match was played against the Cambrian Hall on the Pavilion Grounds on 14th April. Both teams entered the field with high spirits and the air seemed tense with excitement. Once again the teams seemed to be equally balanced but R.I.M.C. exerted a great pressure continuously and soon R.S. Rathee made a solo effort and had the ball in the net to put R.I.M.C. 1 up (1-0). The game became exciting with the ball going to either side. Cambrian Hall then equalized, which was the result of good team work (1-1).

After the breather, both teams started with renewed vigour but it was R I.M.C. which got the lucky move and went to notch the match winner

(2-1). Our Captain L.T. Singh scored the winning goal. Both teams now played frantically but it was R.I.M.C. which came out victorious.

Worthy of mention for the college team were R.S. Rathee, K.S. Jaswal and L.T. Singh.

Well done.

Cadet H.M. Hariram.

A Visit to the Brindavan Gardens

A sight-seeing trip or a picnic to the Brindavan Gardens will give you a chance to see one of the most beautiful gardens in the world. The Brindavan Gardens are situated at a distance of 17 miles from the city of Mysore and have excellent facilities for boarding, lodging and sight-seeing. The Brindavan gardens were laid out to the memory of M. Visveswarayya, the architect and engineer of modern Mysore. The Brindavan Gardens are called the 'Disney land of India.' They attract visitors from all over India especially in the months of May and June, because in these months the summer is very pleasant there. In the evening the gardens with their evergreen lawns, dainty rose gardens, dazzling and splendid colourful lights and fountains are crowded heavily with people and look like the "Garden of Eden" to the people.

Now a days even the shooting of some of Hindi pictures is done here. According to some people the Brindavan Gardens are worth visiting everyday. In the garden there are statues of different gods, goddesses and animals which provide a feast to the eye of the spectator. A trip to the Brindavan is really a worthwhile experience for people of all ages.

—Cadet RA George, IV A

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Action

Action translates death into life; fable into verity; speculation into experience; freeing man from the sorceries of tradition and the torpor of habit. The eternal Scripture is thus expurgated of the falsehoods interpolated into it by the supineness of the ages. Action mediates between conscience and sense: it is the gospel of the understanding.

—B. Alcott



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VISIT

Tuesday, 29th April

Brigadier Lachhman Singh, Sub-Area Commander, Dehra Dun was in the College on his annual inspection visit. He was shown round the College by Col HKL Johar, the Commandant.

RIMCOLLIANA

Our heartiest congratulations to the following distinguished Rimcollians on their promotion to the ranks mentioned below:—

1. Lt Gen G.G. Bewoor, Deputy Chief of the Army Staff, Army Headquarters, has been promoted as Army Commander and will soon take over as GOC-in-C, Southern Command.
2. Lt Gen K.P. Candeth, a Corps Commander, has been promoted as Army Commander and will assume office as GOC-in-C, Western Command.

We express our deep gratitude to Shri S.C. Verma for his donating to the College a beautiful shield and a portrait in the loving memory of his late son Maj Girish Chandra Verma, Vir Chakra (Posthumous), our Ex-Cadet, who died fighting during the Indo-Pak conflict.

We feel proud of late Maj G.C. Verma, Vir Chakra, who, during his stay at the College from 1951 to 1955, had distinguished himself as a very good sportsman, a brilliant cadet and a promis-

ing potential officer, and who later successfully launched an attack, achieved his objective and cheerfully laid down his life in the best heroic traditions of our Armed Forces. Maj Verma's sacrifice not only won laurels for himself but also brought name and fame to his Alma Mater and the country.

We assure Shri S.C. Verma that Rashtriya Indian Military College will ever cherish the memory of Maj Verma and our cadets will always draw inspiration and strength from his heroic example.

COLLEGE NEWS

Sunday, 13th April

Baisakhi was celebrated in the College Gurudwara with a marked religious fervour. The credit for the function goes to the organizers and members of the Sikh Gurudwara Committee of the College.

The following English films were screened in the Convocation Hall.

- (a) 13th April—'Laurel and Hardy'
- (b) 21st April—'Marine'
- (c) 27th April—'Glass Bottom Boat'

Hav/PTI Bishan Chand has recently been posted to Establishment No 22. He served the College for about three years. We wish him the best of luck.

We welcome Hav Bhag Chand, PTI who comes to us from Establishment No 22 as a relief of Hav Bishan Chand.

Our hearty congratulations to Hav Lok Mani, ASC (Catering) on his promotion to the rank of Naib Subedar with retrospective effect from 24 December 1968.

We welcome Shri Om Parkash Sharma, who has joined us recently as our Manual Training Assistant.

We welcome Shri Maclean Mahboob as our Science Laboratory Assistant.

Hav HS Rana, 3/8, GR has recently been posted out on completion of his tenure of service at the College for about 4½ years. We wish him all the best.

We welcome Hav LS Thapa, 3/8 GR, who has been posted to the College in place of Hav HS Rana.

Sportsfolio

Inter Section Basket Ball Competition—1969

Results

- (1) Chandra Gupta Sec. 4 points —I
- (2) Pratap Sec. 3 „ —II
- (3) Shivaji Sec. 2 „ —III
- (4) Ranjit Sec. 1 „ —IV

(b) Inter-Section Cricket Competition—1969

Results

- (1) Shivaji and Ranjit Sec. 7 points —I
- (2) Chandra Gupta Sec. 4 „ —III
- (3) Pratap Sec. 2 „ —IV

(c) Inter-Section Rifle Shooting Competition—1969

Results

- (1) Shivaji Sec. 135 points —I
- (2) Pratap Sec. 117 „ —II
- (3) Chandra Gupta Sec. 113 „ —III
- (4) Ranjit Sec. 100 „ —IV

(d) Inter-Section Table Tennis Competition—1969

Results

- (1) Shivaji Sec. 4 points —I
- (2) Chandra Gupta Sec. 3 „ —II
- (3) Pratap Sec. 2 „ —III
- (4) Ranjit Sec. 1 „ —IV

(e) Inter-Section Hockey Competition—1969

Results

- (1) Pratap Sec. —I
- (2) Chandra Gupta Sec. —II
- (3) Ranjit and Shivaji Sec. —III

Modern Youth As I See them

Modern youth both in India and abroad are crazy about their looks. They can be seen on streets wearing shabby bell bottoms, a Yogi type Kurta, nursing a mop of curly shoulder length hair and a tuft of French beard under their chins. For those lucky ones who possess mobiles, speed knows no limit. Gals wearing microminiskirts which expose more than what they hide, with other accessories as 'Go-Gay' badges, handbags of preposterous proportions and mod shoes are no rare sights today. Modern Youth love to get themselves painted with slogans reading 'Love is for one and all' or 'Life's Like that', and enjoy names such as the 'Beatniks', 'Pchyadelics' or the 'New Generation'.

The present brand of the jet-set is seen in restaurants such as the Cèllar, Asylum, Barrel, Mad House, La Caves or the Trincas swinging away in their coloured garbs to their favourite pop-tunes like the 'Stepping Stones' to the accompaniment of jazz orchestras having appealing names such as the Beat Four, Lady Byrds, the Shadows, the Savages

or say the Monkees. Dates, week-end jam-sessions and a game of tambola are all a part of their life.

They who believe in 'Late to bed and late to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise' are seen in casinos sitting with drooping eyes—the hangover of Ganja, Charas, L.S.D. or Maurijuana, to which they are all habitually addicted. The youth of today believe in 'Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow you die' think of today because for them the world of tomorrow seems to be drifting further into catastrophe.

Until the last day before examinations Modern Students are busy Eye-Teasing and Adam-Dating. During classes they are busy chewing an unhygienic piece of chewing gum and on having failed in the examination they turn their fury on the Chancellor, brickbat the University buildings and finally set fire to trams.

Movies? Wow! the latest Bonnie and Clyde series are in town and don't ya miss George Lazenby in 'You Only Live Twice'. Cinema halls are where these mutts usually make rendezvous and once they do so it is not long before black-marketing and hooliganism is witnessed. After the movie the National Anthem is downed by the Communist Internationale.

Champions of 'Ticketless Travel' modern youth is seen dirtying compartments with monkey-nut peels and testing their strength on the 'Alarm Chain'. The bus conductor is wise enough not to ask for a ticket or else he would be back home with a black-eye. Orderly meetings, convocations and formal parties are deliberately disrupted by slogans and rowdyism, at which the youth of today is remarkably proficient. Cricket or Soccer matches usually end in hoots, boots and teargas along with batons.

With new concepts of life, even teen-aged Hippies are seen wielding a fag

between their lips and carrying a bottle of Booze. "Who says nothing is impossible? I have done nothing in years"—is their way of life and who believe that the only way out is through Transcendental Meditation.

AK DAS, ISC CLASS

A VISIT TO PURI

During the last winter vacation I and some of my friends decided to spend a few days at Puri. Puri is a shallow sea beach and is the summer capital of Orissa.

We were a party of six, all of the same age, but not from the same school. We coaxed money from our parents and guardians and made modest preparations. We had plenty of guts and the fire to set ourselves face to face with Nature, in all its naked loveliness. We hired a taxicar to make our journey more comfortable. We had arranged for our accommodation where we slept off the tedium of a rather long and uneventful journey. The name of the hotel where we put ourselves up, was "The Sea View Hotel". It stood just opposite to the sandy beach.

It was the first view of the sea for us. Long before our arrival we had heard much about the deep distant rumble of the sea waves, rolling on and ever on. Now we saw it lie so vast before us in all its awe-inspiring grandeur and glory. We were suddenly reminded of those famous lines of 'Child Harolde' in which Byron eulogises the elemental impetuosity of the ocean and longs to be one with it.

Roll on, thou deep and dark blue ocean—roll!
 Ten thousand fleets sweep over thee in vain;
 Man marks the earth with ruin—his control
 Stops with the shore; upon thy watery plain
 The wrecks are all thy deed, nor doth remain
 A shadow of men's rage, save his own,
 When, for a moment, like a drop of rain,
 He sinks into thy drop with bubbling groan,
 Without a grave, unkenelled, uncoffin'd and
 unknown.

In the evening the whole beach was crowded with different kinds of people and particularly foreigners. We sat down on the sandy beach and gazed out silently the vast spectacle of multitudinous breakers singing and dancing on the surface of the ocean. They ebbed, broke and flowed with a peculiar melodious harmony. The sight and sound were alike sublime and unforgettable. Truly did we feel with Walt Whitman that 'the sea is an eternal miracle'. By the sea beach we felt as though the horizons of our mind had been widened.

At Puri we saw the great temple of Lord Jagannath also. It is a miracle of architecture and was built in the tenth century by King Ananta Verman. It is an epic on stone. Its construction and workmanship are typical of our ancestors who did everything on a grand scale. Nothing could excel the vastness of the Puri temple. The human figures on the temple are really life-like and romantic. We wondered at the people who had the genius to conceive and the power to materialize designs so breath-taking in their appeal. Looking at the temple we had an insight into the life of the people and the history of the country with its rich cultural heritage.

A visit to such a beauty spot is not only exciting, but also very educative.

Such places widen our vision and sharpen our power of appreciation. They add a lot to our knowledge. In the words of Wordsworth, the sight of such a place leaves behind impressions which are too deep for tears.

When the moment to leave Puri drew near, all of us felt converted into Byronic worshippers of Ocean and sang:

And I have loved the Ocean and my joy
Of youthful sports was on thy breast to be...

and like the poet I 'laid my hand upon'
the 'mane' of ocean.

—Cadet B.N. Misra, III

Think it over

The universe pays every man in
his own coin;

If you smile, it smiles upon you in
return;

If you frown, you will be frowned
at;

If you sing, you will be invited
into gay company;

If you think, you will be entert-
ained by thinkers;

If you love the world, and earnestly
seek for the good therein, you will be
surrounded by loving friends, and nature
will pour into your lap the treasures of
the earth.

—O.S. Marden



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Visit

Thursday, 7th August.

Brigadier Lachhman Singh, Sub Area Commander, Dehra Dun, paid a farewell visit to the College on the eve of his retirement.

He was given a hearty send-off by the Commandant and Members of the Staff at the main office.

College News

The Staff Club, at a tea party arranged in the Staff Room on Monday, 28th July, bade a hearty farewell to Mr. & Mrs. R N. Jain on the completion of Mr. Jain's tenure of temporary service at the College. Mr. Jain joined us two years ago as Master in Physics and during his stay endeared himself to all of us. We will miss Mr. & Mrs. Jain very much.

We wish them all the best.

Mr. N.P. Shukla, Master in English, attended the Summer School of Linguistics jointly sponsored by the University Grants Commission and the Linguistic Society of India at Madurai University, Madurai from 7th May to 11th June 1969.

We congratulate him on his successful completion of the course.

Our congratulations to Section Commander J.S. Mann of Pratap Section on his appointment as Cadet Captain of the College and hope he will rise equal to the task entrusted to him.

We congratulate those cadets also who have been appointed Section Comman-

ders and NCOs of the four Sections and hope they will conduct themselves suitably unto the positions they have attained.

The undermentioned cadets of the Photographic Association won Consolation prizes at the Doon Directors' Photographic Competition held in April.

Ashok Dhar, C.S. Rathore, M.P. Yadav, R D. Sinha and V.V. Singh.

We welcome all our cadets back to the College after the summer vacation and expect of them consistent hard work at studies, games and sports and co-curricular activities.

Twenty ~~four~~³ cadets who have joined the College this term are also welcome to us and we hope that they will make the best use of their stay at the College.

The English films 'Forty Pounds of Trouble' and 'Battle in Outer Space' were screened in the Convocation Hall on 9th and 17th instant respectively.

Independence Day Celebrations

Celebrations connected with Independence Day started at the College with the unfurling of National Flag by the Commandant at the Parade Ground in the morning. Cadets on parade and the Staff saluted the tricolour flag with the singing of National Anthem.

Undeterred by heavy down pour, the cadets, arrayed in a characteristic

soldierly smartness, presented an all the more commendable view.

In his address the Commandant stressed the significance of Independence Day and reiterated the pledge that we should strive for solidarity and harmony and thus make our country strong. He called upon the cadets and staff to steel themselves for the preservation of our freedom.

He declared that 1969 being Mahatma Gandhi Ji's Centenary year the 22nd Independence Day had assumed special dimensions and it behooved us all to live up to the ideals for which Mahatmaji lived and died.

The function ended with the guest night dinner in the Cadets' Mess.

We gratefully acknowledge the Old Boys' Rimcollian Association News letter of June 1969.

During the Summer Vacation some of our cadets distinguished themselves in games and sports.

Cadet K A K Singh participated in the Manipur Athletics Meet sponsored by the Education Department, Government of Manipur and stole the show by his scintillating performance in the 100, 200 and 400 metres sprint.

Cadet C R K Singh and K A K Singh represented their local club creditably in a Seniors Football Tourney.

Cadet S K Singh and SS Singh represented their local club in a knock-out Soccer League sponsored by All Manipur Sports' Association and reached the finals.

We hope they will do still better in future.

The Staff Club, at a meeting presided over by the Commandant, passed a condolence resolution offering the heart-felt sympathies of all its members to Shri L.N. THAKUR, master in Mathematics

and his family at the sudden and untimely death of his younger brother.

Two minutes silence was observed by all those who were present on the occasion.

At a special Assembly held in the College Convocation Hall at 11.25 on 21st August 1969, the cadets and Members of the Staff of Rashtriya Indian Military College mourned the death of our distinguished Old Boy Lt. General R. K. Kochhar (Retired) and offered their sincere and heart felt condolences to the bereaved family of the departed soul.

Death of Mr. L.N. Thakur's younger brother was also condoled at the Assembly.

Two minutes' silence was observed and prayers offered for the eternal peace to the deceased in the heavenly abode.

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We, Members of the Staff and Cadets of the Rashtriya Indian Military College place on record our profound sorrow at the sudden death of our beloved Master Shri Ram Singh Kapur, whose meritorious and dedicated services to the College for a period of 28 years and the abiding love that he had for R.I.M.C. till his last moment will be gratefully remembered by all of us for all time to come. The irreparable loss that we have suffered in his death is beyond all words.

We hereby offer our sincere and heartfelt condolences to Shrimati Kapur and family in this hour of grief and pray to Almighty God to bestow on the departed soul eternal peace in the heavenly abode.

OUR NEW CADETS

	Cadet's Name	State	Class	Section	Height	Previous School	Games	Hobbies
1	K.B. Sinha	Mainpur	I	R	152 cm	W.B. High School, Imphal	Football, Hockey, Swimming	Nature Study
2	Shekhar Upadhyay	Bihar	I	C	140 cm	St. Xavier's, Patna	Football, Cricket	Arts and Craft
3	Ravinder Madan	M.P.	I	S	146 cm	B.S.P. Higher Secondary School, Bihar	Football, Table Tennis Swimming	Craft
4	Pankaj Kumar Singh	Bihar	I	S	140 cm	Sainik School, Purulia	Football, Hockey, Cricket	Art and Craft
5	Berinder Singh	Punjab	I	C	150 cm	St. George's College, Mussoorie	Football, Table Tennis	Aeromodelling
6	Harbhajan Singh	Punjab	I	C	140 cm	D.A.V. Higher Secondary School, Chandigarh	Hockey, Football	Aeromodelling
7	Dharamvir Singh	U.P.	I	C	152 cm	St. Mary's Higher Sec. School Moradabad	Cricket, Football, Hockey	Aeromodelling
8	Harpreet Singh	Punjab	I	R	145 cm	D.A.V. Higher Sec. School, Chandigarh	Cricket, Hockey	Aeromodelling
9	Sukhbir Singh Malik	Haryana	I	S	141 cm	Govt. Senior Modern School	Hockey, Football	Aeromodelling
10	Siddharta Singh Roy	W.B.	I	C	148 cm	St. Xavier's School, Calcutta	Hockey, Football, Cricket	Stamp Collecting
11	Pravin Arvind Athawale	W.B.	I	R	147 cm	St. Lawrence High School, Calcutta	Football, Cricket, Table Tennis Collecting	Stamp Collecting ⁽³⁾
12	Ram Kumar	U.P.	I	R	148 cm	Sherwood College, Nainital	Football	Stamp Collecting
13	Balaji Kartha	M.P.	I	R	149 cm	B.S.P. Higher Secondary School, Bihar	Football, Hockey,	Art and Craft
14	Mohan Singh Bisht	U.P.	I	R	146 cm	Sainik School, Gorakhal	Football, Hockey Cricket	Art and Craft
15	Renchy Abraham	Kerala	I	P	142 cm	Loyola English School, Trivandrum	Football, Cricket	Stamp Collecting
16	Ranjan Singh	Bihar	I	R	155 cm	C.M.S. Higher Sec. School, Bhagalpur	Football, Swimming	Music
17	M.P. Singh	U.P.	IA	R	164 cm	St. Edward School, Simla	Football, Cricket, Swimming and Indoor Games	Stamp Collecting
18	Pawan Kumar Chadha	Maharashtra	IA	R	143 cm	Cathedral & John Convent School, Bombay	Football, Hockey, Cricket and Athletics	Stamp Collecting
19	H.K. Mangat	Punjab	IA	P	147 cm	Punjab Public School, Nabha	Football, Hockey, Cricket	Stamp Collecting
20	Ravi Ramaswami	Manipur	IA	P	149 cm	St. George's College, Mussoorie	Football, Hockey, Swimming	Music
21	T.S. Mahadev	A.P.	IA	C	141 cm	V.V. High School, Hyderabad	Cricket, Swimming	Gardening
22	Ravinder Singh	U.P.	I	P	141 cm	Colvin Taluqdars College, Lucknow	Football, Hockey	Aeromodelling Art and Craft

A visit to Gua and its iron ore Mines

It was at the fag end of the month of June that I left for Gua from Asansol. It is a small hill station in the North of Bihar and a few miles away from Bolani (the border line of Orissa and Bihar) Though it is not a very beautiful hill resort yet its climatic conditions are so good that they suit every person. The height of Gua from the Sea level is 2,500 ft. and it has a population of about 3,000 people. Most of its inhabitants are the adivasis from the interior of Orissa.

A person specially familiar with Dehra Dun would easily find some similarities between this place and Dehra Dun. A small river flows at the foot of the hill station and from far the mighty eucalyptus trees give one an impression as if they are the tall guards.

• When the first golden rays of the sun strike the precipitous mountain slopes, the whole of Gua seems to be sound asleep under the canopy of gold, save a few birds twittering their first joyous notes of the day. Here the people are not well acquainted with movies, but there is a club by the name of 'Gua Club'. Here educational and entertaining movies are shown only twice a week and club nights are celebrated every Saturday for the recreation of the officers and their families. The lower class people are also entertained with movies only once a month.

On the fifth day of my stay I went to visit the iron ore mines. The first thing that struck my eyes was that the soil was red, and as luck would have it, it rained that day rendering it nigh impossible to see objects within 5 ft. At about 11.30 A.M. everything seemed to clear off. At first I had an impression that mines were deep down the earth but it was not, only required portions of mountains are blasted. This blasting is done by liquified oxygen which is electrically charged from nearby—a mile away. Before the charge is a warning siren for the clearance, for within 800 yds. it would be very effective. Within two minutes of the siren we could have the dreadful sound of the blast and sometimes the fragments of the soil rose about 100 ft from the ground. It seemed to me as if a 500-pound bomb had been dropped. Immediately after this blasting a mighty crane with shovel and having a capacity of 16 tonnes dug out the fragmented ores and loaded the hydraulic backed 'EUCLID' trucks, which had a capacity of 16-18 tonnes each. These ores were now taken to the crusher house where the ores were reduced to 6" in diameter and consequently to 2" and were sent for loading to the railway wagons by the conveyor belts. This iron mine is the main feeder of the "Burnpur Steel Plant".

Cadet K.K. Ghoshal,

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Truth is the will and purpose of God in man.—*Khalil Gibran.*



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VISITS

Maj. Gen. N.C. Rawley, Director of Military Training, paid a visit to the College. He was accompanied by Col. S.D. Sahgal.

Brigadier Gajender Singh, an ardent Rimcollian, visited the College on Saturday, 30th August.

COLLEGE NEWS

Seniors' Brains Trust

Under the auspices of the Current Affairs' Association a Seniors' Brains Trust was held in the Convocation Hall at 6.15 p.m. The Competition was organized by the English Literary Society of the College. N.D.A. & I.S.C. Classes constituted team 'A' and Classes IIIA, IV and IVA team B, comprising ten Cadets each.

The following cadets took part in the competition :—

Team A

1. Cadet D.K. Paul
2. " P.K. Madhav
3. " A.K. Singh
4. " B.R. Bhatia
5. " N.S. Singh
6. " N. Ravindran
7. " N. Ghosh
8. " J.S. Mann
9. " C.R.K. Singh
10. " T. Lahiri

Team B

1. Cadet S.K. Singh
2. " J.B. Singh
3. " H.S. Singh
4. " S.S. Sandhu
5. " Y.N. Singh

6. Cadet G.S. Gokavi
7. " R. Mathews
8. " B.L.G. Dayanand
9. " V. Dhar
10. " V.R. Naphade

Cadet Captain L.T. Singh conducted and presided over the Contest. Col. H.K.L. Johar, Mr. K. Kumar and Mr. G.S. Pandey kindly acted as judges of the evening.

It was a keenly contested competition and the brains displayed wide range of mind.

Following are the results :—

Team B (III, IV & IVA) 120 points-First
Team A (ADA & ISC) 97 points-Second

Our congratulations to Sec. Com. L.T. Singh of Shivaji Section on his appointment as Cadet Captain of the College.

Cadet Captain J.S. Mann, who passed the tabs to the new C.C. did his job well.

The English film—'Dangerous Days of Kiwiou Jones' was screened in the convocation Hall on Sunday, 31st August at 10 A.M.

Our ex-Cadets K.G. Bewoor and Suman Misra have been selected for the National Defence Academy Cricket team.

Cadet K.S. Jaswal secured the second position in the Academy English Debate and his performance was adjudged commendable.

Our hearty congratulations to them.

Correspondence

(Addressed to the Commandant is here a letter from our distinguished Rimcollian Lt-Gen. G. G. Bewoor Goc-in-C, Southern Command.

Evident here is the deep, enduring love that Gen. Bewoor has for his old School.

—ED.)

General Officer Commanding In Chief,
Southern Command,
Poona,
16th Augst 1969.

My dear Johar,

I write to thank you, your Staff of teachers and others for the education and development of my son Keshav, who has left your great Institution and passed into the National Defence Academy. I am grateful for the trouble taken to look after him and to ensure that he becomes good man and citizen. Your College has done a lot for my family and I can express only my appreciation and thanks.

I would also request that the R.I.M. College Diploma Certificate of Keshav may be sent to me.

My very best wishes to you all and for success of R.I.M.C.

yours sincerely
Sd/-Gopal G. Bewoor

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Under the aegis of the English Literary Society Inter-Class Debates—both for Juniors and Seniors were held on Tuesday 26th in the Science Room and Geography Lecture Theatre respectively.

Four speakers from each class—two for and two against the motion—‘Student unrest is students’ own making’ took part in the debate. The Seniors’ Debate was conducted by Cadet Captain L.T. Singh (President) assisted by two Secretaries—Cadets A.K. Singh and N. Ravindran.

At the close of Seniors’ Debate, Mr. R.C. Singhal, Vice-Principal, under-

lined the significance of public speaking and called upon the Cadets to cultivate this art as it proved immensely useful for Service Selection Board Interviews. He gave many valuable suggestions to the young speakers.

Cadets A. Satyanarayan, Neeraj Kumar and Manvendra Singh were adjudged as good speakers.

Should one lose temper?

When anything goes wrong or when something happens which we do not like, we get upset. Then we forget to apply our judgment to the situation or to act in accordance with it. Then it is said that we lose our temper. We burst out violently. Our actions become vulgar, brutal, and are almost on the animal level.

By losing our temper we create discord in school and in society. We go down in popular esteem. People get afraid of us and avoid us. They cannot depend on us because our actions become uncertain. An angry man always opens his mouth and shuts his eyes.

But should we never lose our temper? The question is difficult. To be angry with the wrong doer, and for the right purpose is quite reasonable. One must try to speak in a polished manner so that he gives vent to his anger in a better way. “So we should count ten before we speak when we are angry and when very angry, count one hundred.”

—B.N. Misra, III-A.

Humour in Life

Life would have lost much of spice and the world much of its glamour, if there had been no sense of humour.

After all what is humour? Humour is the genial sympathetic laughter. It has no ill-will for the person laughed at and its aim is the refinement of manners. A humourist puts his gentle finger on the foibles of men he loves and admires. Humour is a measure of man's magnanimity and reflects his large heartedness.

The great are distinguished, among other things by a sense of humour in them. History shows that great men, howsoever taciturn and reserved they might have been, had about them a close circle of friends and admirers who clung close to them not so much for their intellectual supremacy as for their healthy humour. A pleasing remark, a quick retort and prompt reply add colour and shade to a personality. I shall cite only a few examples of the pleasing remarks of some of the great men of the world.

Abraham Lincoln, one of the most sweet-natured persons of the world, once saw in a dream a great crowd of people and himself passing through it. They had made way for him, but he heard one say scornfully, "He is a common-looking fellow". "Friend" retorted Lincoln, "the Lord prefers common looking people, that is why he made so many of them".

Once Alexander Damas, the great French Novelist, went to Victor Hugo, his contemporary and suggested that they should write a novel in collaboration. Hugo said "How can it be possible? Can a horse and a donkey be harnessed together? Dumas replied promptly, "My dear, if you do not want to write the novel you may not, but for God's sake do not call me a horse".

Once Shaw was so much impressed by the acting of Miss Cornelia Skinner in his play 'Candida', that he remarked "Wonderful, excellent, greatest". Miss Skinner said humbly undeserving such praise. Shaw, after a moment realised that he had been lavish in his praise and added, 'I mean the play'. 'Miss Skinner said, 'So do I'.

One evening at a party, John Barrymore walked into the lounge after the show. By accident he found himself in the Ladies lounge. A woman got infuriated and said, "This is for ladies". Gallantly bowed Barrymore and replied "So am I".

Dr. Johnson, a great literary chum, underrated his contemporary Oliver Goldsmith, for his awkward ways. Once, as Goldsmith was coming down the stairs of a coffee house, Dr. Johnson was going upstairs. They met just in the middle of the stair-case. Goldsmith said gently, "Give way, please". Dr. Johnson arrogantly remarked, "I do not give way to vagabonds". Goldsmith stepped aside saying "But I do".

Charles Lamb, the great English Essayist, was fed up with the regular routine of clerical business which ill-suited his literary taste and irregular habits. Once, at the India House, where he was a clerk, a superior said to him, "I have found, Mr. Lamb, that you come very late to the office". "Yes Sir," replied the wit, "but you must remember that I go away early."

These are only a few practical examples that go to prove that ready wit has saved men of high rank from many and old situation. Humour achieves what sarcasm and irony cannot. It is the sweet means of winning others over to one's folds. It is, therefore, considered an essential quality in a truly great man. Many replies tinged with humour, have outwitted those remarks struggled to pull their legs down.

How drab and sordid would life indeed be if we pull long faces and go about as if we were in mourning. We make our surroundings bleak or bright by our appearances. Humour is contagious. Where as a gloomy face mars all the happiness of all about him, a bright cheerful face creates happiness and dispels the gloom.

All of us know "Laughter is the best medicine", one who laughs lasts. Medical experts are of the opinion that one who laughs and is bubbling with humour cannot be malicious because he laughs away the malice which may have piled up in his heart had he been laconic. They say that a man in high spirits has a better circulation of blood, good health, is optimistic and is better suited for the struggles of life which beat down a man who is brooding and contemplative by nature.

A humourist is never a struggling soul. His steps are decisive in attitudes and actions. He is not one who always says to himself "To be or not to be". He is a man of action.

He is a better man psychologically because he has positive emotions. He is never over bearing because he is alive to his own faults, otherwise he would not be morally justified in laughing at others. He subjects himself to be a common but which required courage of conviction. He is a master of his temper and is not easily baffled. He is a better husband, father, social worker and leader. He inspires confidence in men by his open minded attitude to them.

I therefore hope you will join me in holding the view that humour is the spice of life.

—N. Ravindran.

Food for Thought

- (a) 'We rise from life in a progressive enrichment which is the attainment of ever higher levels of reality.'
- (b) 'Growth is slow when roots are deep. But those who light a tittle candle in the darkness will help to make the whole sky aflame.'

—Dr. S. Radhakrishnan.

OBITUARY

We, Members of the Staff and Cadets of the Rashtriya Indian Military College, place on record our profound sorrow at the sad demise of our illustrious ex-cadet Lt. Gen. R.K. KOCHHAR, the retired Quarter-Master General, who will ever be remembered for a record of distinguished services to the Indian Army.

During his stay at the College as a Cadet of Shivaji Section, then called 'Kitchners' from August 1925 to May 1931, Lt. Gen. KOCHHAR had made his mark not only as a most promising cadet in the classroom but also as a true sportsman on the play ground.

An ardent Rimcollian to the last, General KOCHHAR had an abiding love for his Alma Mater and had always evinced a living interest in the growth and progress of R.I.M. College.

We offer our sincere and heartfelt condolences to Mrs. KOCHHAR and the family in this hour of bereavement and pray to God that the departed soul may rest in peace in the heavenly abode.



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Visits

Friday, Sept. 5. Shri N.D. Buch, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defence, and Shri A.N. Joshi, Additional Financial Adviser, Ministry of Defence (Finance), paid us an official visit. They spent the whole day at the College discussing its various aspects and plans of progress. Members of the Staff were introduced to them by the Commandant over a cup of tea in the Staff Room. The visitors were then taken round the classes, dormitories and other buildings. They kindly took lunch with the Cadets and Members of the Staff

Before leaving, Mr. Buch termed the College as 'a wonderful institution' and expected its proud name to be kept up. This, he remarked, could be achieved only when the best efforts of everyone concerned were sincerely directed towards its many-sided progress.

We owe sincere thanks to Mr. Buch and Mr. Joshi for their kind visit and look forward to their continued interest in the College.

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Brigadier B.F. Gonsalves, DDMT (A) was on an official inspection visit to the College from 24th to 26th inst. He was accompanied by Maj. S.K. Anand, GSO-2, MT-6. Besides going round the entire main Campus and discussing problems connected with it, Brigadier Gonsalves inspected various stores at the College, and looked into the functioning of the Library—both Seniors and Juniors, Books and Stationery Stores, Cadets' dormitories and such other things.

We owe him thanks for the visit.

Rimcolliana

Our hearty congratulations to the following ex-Cadets on the appointments mentioned against their names at the National Defence Academy, Kharakvasla.

- (a) B.C.A.—S. Bhadra
- (b) Div. Cadet Captains —
 - (1) U.G. Kartha
 - (2) M.P. Mallik
 - (3) A.S. Kajla
- (c) (1) CQMS — (1) M.H. Zaki
(2) C.S. Lehl
- (d) Sgts. — (1) R.C. Uppal
(2) S.N. Pavri
(3) R. Pillay
- (e) Cadet C.M. — Jasbir Singh

Inter-Section English Declamation Contest—Tuesday, 16th Sep. 1969

Under the auspices of the English Literary Society the Inter-Section English Declamation Contest was held in the College Convocation Hall at 1800 hours.

Mr. F.R. Marshall, Principal, Marshall's School, Prof. G.D. Shukla, Head of the English Department, D. A. V. College and Major Sapru of the Indian Military Academy, kindly acted as judges of the evening. We are very grateful to them for finding time to grace the occasion by their presence and encouraging our cadets.

The competition was conducted by Cadet Captain L.T. Singh and Cadet A.R. Singh II, President and Secretary of the English Literary Society respectively. Our thanks are also due to them for a successful organization of the competition.

Each Section was represented at the contest by a team of four speakers—two juniors and two seniors. Classes I to III constituted juniors and III-A to I.S.C. the seniors teams. Junior speakers were allowed to speak for 4 minutes, while the Seniors for 6 minutes.

The following speakers took part in the Contest and the topics they chose are given against their names:—

* (A) Juniors—4 minutes

Sr. No.	Speakers	Section	Topics	Motion
1.	S. Imam	S	Too many cooks spoil the broth.	For
2.	M.B. Saxena	C	Machines have killed our happiness.	For
3.	A. Satya Narayan	P	Mothers are the best teachers.	For
4.	A.K. Singh	R	Machines have killed our happiness.	Against
5.	P.K. Chatterjee	P	Fashions are a sign of progress.	Against
6.	Atul Verma	R	Machines have killed our happiness.	For
7.	S. Singh Roy	C	Camp life is a boon to boys.	For
8.	Deepak Sharma	S	Mothers are the best teachers.	For

(B) Seniors—6 minutes

1.	Niraj Kumar	C	The biggest minority in India are Indians.	For
2.	Ashok Dhar	P	Man's landing on moon will change the view of people's life.	For
3.	B.R. Bhatia	R	Politics is the last refuge of a scoundrel.	Against
4.	C. Venkatramany	R	Politics is the last refuge of a scoundrel.	For
5.	L.T. Singh	S	The vote should not be extended to young people at the age of eighteen.	For
6.	N. Ravindran	P	Humour is the spice of life.	For
7.	A.K. Singh II	C	Scientific research should be financed by the Government.	For
8.	Manvendra Singh	S	The reading of novels is a profitless occupation.	For

Following are the results :

(a) Juniors

1. Pratap	222 points	1st
2. Shivaji	166 "	2nd
3. Chandra		
Gupta	165 "	3rd
4. Ranjit	140 "	4th

Individual Positions

1. Cadet P.K. Chatterjee (P) }		
" A. Satya Narayan (P) }	111 points each	1st
2. Cadet S.S. Roy (C)	91 pts.	2nd
" Deepak Sharma (S)	87 pts.	3rd

(b) Seniors

1. Ranjit	210 pts.	1st
2. Shivaji	208 "	2nd
3. Chandragupta	207 "	3rd
4. Pratap	187 "	4th

Individual Positions

1. Cadet C. Venkatramany (R)	111 pts.	1st
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2. " L.T. Singh (S)	107 "	2nd
3. " A.K. Singh II (C)	104 pts.	3rd

(c) Overall Placing

1. Pratap	409 pts.	1st
2. Shivaji	374 "	2nd
3. Chandragupta	372 "	3rd
4. Ranjit	350 "	4th

Best Speakers*Juniors*

Cadet P.K. Chatterjee (P.)	111 pts.
" A. Satya Narayan (P.)	111 pts.

Seniors

Cadet C. Venkatramany (R.)	111 pts.
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At the close of the competition, Mr. Marshall gave some very valuable suggestions to the young speakers. He expressed satisfaction at the judicious selection of topics set for the Declamation and held that besides covering a wide range of thought they served as apt stimuli to

speech-making before a selective audience. Appreciating the performance of the speakers, Mr. Marshall said that the standard of Declamation was indeed high. He, however, advised the young speakers to speak up, be convinced of what they spoke, and create humour, wherever the speech demanded it.

Pratap Section annexed the coveted Mr. S.P. Sharma Inter-Section English Declamation Cup, which was given away to the winners by our Commandant Col. H.K.L. Johar.

Our heartiest congratulations to Pratap.

The function was altogether a success and the credit of it goes to the English Literary Society, the organizers and the participant cadets.

Sportsfolio

Football Match—RIMC vs Doon School

The all-important matches of the season RIMC vs Doon School (Juniors and as well as the Seniors) were played on 9th September on the Doon School grounds. The whole College marched to the Doon School to witness the rivalry between the two schools. The first match of the day started with the Juniors captained by L.L. Singh. Ten minutes after the start of the play Cadet S.C. Chakravorty did the opening ceremony by scoring the goal and thus showed the way to our players. The score at half time was (3-0). In the second half our boys were as cheerful as before and did not show any sign of fatigue and sustained their high standard of the game. The match was in favour of us with a tally of (6-0) at the close of the play. The following Cadets deserve special mention for their bright game:—

S.C. Chakravorty, Hage Khoda, Hage Tagang, S. Banerji & L.L. Singh.

Seniors

Now the turn came for our Seniors, and it was this match which would decide our fate of the season. The seniors team led by K.A.K. Singh entered the Doon School grounds with high spirits fifteen minutes after the Juniors started. Though our Cadets were quite sure of a tough game yet we did not know what was in store for us. Our skipper lost the toss and took centre. Though the side was not very favourable for us, still the tides remained in our favour. For the first ten minutes the DOSCOS pressed the RIMCOLS but the fast clearance by the backs and halves and quick combination of the forwards enabled Cadet C.R.K. Singh to score the first goal for the RIMCOLS. This brought down the morale of the DOSCO players which in turn proved advantageous to our players. The duration of the match was forty five minutes each half according to the international standard.

In the second half our boys were fresh enough to meet the 'Challenge' for the next forty five minutes. Our centre forward S.K. Singh deserves special mention for his very impressive display. In about twenty minutes L.T. Singh scored the second goal and thus added a new feather to the cap of the RIMCOLS. Presently, ten minutes later A. K. Sinha scored the third goal. Our nerves were strained whenever the ball reached our goal mouth but CATHY (K.S. Rawat) and 'JATT' (J.S. Mann) played a daring game throughout and always turned back the invaders with long faces with their powerful kicks. The match ended in favour of RIMC. The score was (3-0). Special appreciation goes to the following Cadets who made this match a success:—

S.K. Singh, C.R.K. Singh, A.K. Sinha, L.T. Singh, K.S. Rawat, J.S. Mann, D.K. Chowdhury and last but not the least A. Srivastava. Cherio Rimcols.

Cadet K. K. Ghoshal.

Football Match—RIMC vs St. Joseph's Academy (10 Sep. 69)

Juniors and Seniors matches were played on 10th September on the St. Joseph's Academy grounds.

Juniors

RIMC 3—St. Joseph's Academy 1.

It was an exciting match. RIMC Juniors team stole a march over their opponents by brilliant performance. S.C. Chakravorty right-in scored a creditable goal in the first half of the game. After the recess our team seemed to be more extravagant and two successive goals were scored by Hage Khoda 'left out', and Hage Tagang 'right out' respectively. Cadets D. Sood, A.K. Bose, their goal-keeper and R.K. Paul deserve special mention.

Seniors

RIMC 2—St. Joseph's Academy 0.

Our Seniors team gave a brilliant performance against St. Joseph's Academy which was hardly a match for them. Cadet S.K. Singh centre forward scored a deserving goal during the first half thus bringing up a lead against the St. Joseph's Academy. Cadet R.S. Rathee deserves special mention for his acrobatic performance all the field over. In the second half there was a same side goal. A timely header of Cadet Sinha created all confusion and ball rolled into the goal through their own player.

Our 'backs' J.S. Mann and K.S. Rawat deserve special mention for their determined resistance to the onrushing forwards.

Cadet A.K. Srivastava 'goal keeper' saved a few slippery goals. Their goal keeper also received many cheers and applause from spectators who braved the inclement weather.

Cadet A. Dhar.

Stop Press

Preparations connected with the celebration of "Mahatma Gandhi's Birth Day Centenary" are in progress at the College. We hope to organize diverse activities in a manner which is not only suitable to the dignity of the occasion and our response to it, but is also symbolic of our countrymen's homage to the Father of Nation.

Think it over

The universe pays every man in his
own coin;
If you smile, it smiles upon you in
return;
If you frown, you will be frowned at;
If you sing, you will be invited into
gay company;
If you think, you will be entertained
by thinkers;

If you love the world, and earnestly
seek for the good therein, you will be
surrounded by loving friends, and nature
will pour into your lap the treasures of
the earth.

O.S. Marden



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TRULY GREAT

Thou great, thou truly great,
Thou love, thou Love incarnate;
Thou soother of mankind's woes,
Thou alike to friends and foes.

Thou leader, thou great liberator,
Thou prophet and thou the preacher;
Thou patriot and thou the teacher,
Thou moralist and thou the mentor.

Thou Truth and thou the seeker,
Thou savant and thou the soldier;
Thou Ahimsa and thou meek sufferer,
Thou light and thou law-giver.

We bow our heads in adoration,
We pledge with all dedication
To materialise thy dreams for the nation
And the world's moral regeneration.

Cadet A.K. Bose, IIIA.

THE MARTYR

"A martyr dies" some say
But I say "He dies never."
'He conquers Death' I say
'To make the world better.'

He dies, he throws the body
To live the life of soul
To shine as a bright luminary
On ways that lead to goal.

He suffers a lot, he must
And dies for something great
He revives all that is best
To alter man's dismal fate.

Such a martyr tames the times
By consuming humanity's vice
And God through subtle designs
Expects of him dire price (Life).

The Mahatma's glorious martyrdom
Sheds light on world's murky paths
And beckons to the divine kingdom
Attainable by true, pure hearts.

Cadet P.K. Madhav, ISC

APOSTLE OF PEACE

He won us freedom, he is our nation's father no
doubt;

'An apostle of peace' he was known, a simple man
of whom are we proud.

His teachings were Non-violence and Truth,

Bapu never told a lie;
He was brave, simple and kind, his ideals were
very high.

He showed us the way of Non-violence; the only
path for freedom.

India is our Nation and Bapu its symbol of noble
martyrdom.

He is no more with us, but his principles will ever
remain,

The smiling face of Dear Bapu can never be
seen again.

Cadet RAJU MATHEWS
Class IV

MAHATMA'S IMMORTAL WORDS

.....Non-violence is not passivity in any shape or form. Non-violenceis the most active force in the world.....non-violence is the supreme law. My non-violence does not admit of running away from danger and leaving dear ones unprotected..... ..between violence and cowardly flight, I can only prefer violence to cowardice.....Non-violence is the summit of bravery..... ..Non-violence and cowardice go ill together.

There only is life where there is love. Life without love is death. Love is the reverse of the coin of which obverse is truth. It is my firm faith that we can conquer the whole world by truth and love.

The true source of rights is duty. If we all discharge our duties, rights will not be far to seek. If, instead of insisting on rights, everyone does his duty, there will immediately be the rule of order established among mankind. I venture to suggest that rights that do not flow directly from duty well performed are not worth having.

Religion is service of the helpless. God manifests himself to us in the form of the helpless and the weak.

I am endeavouring to see God through the service of humanity, for I know that God is neither in heaven nor down below but in everyone.

It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart. Our prayer is a heart search. It is a reminder to ourselves that we are helpless without his support.

The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.

I would far rather that India perished than that she won freedom at the sacrifice of truth.

Man is the maker of his own destiny in the sense that he has the freedom of choice as to the manner in which he uses his freedom. But he is no controller of results.

Real education consists in drawing the best out of yourself. What better book can there be than the book of humanity ?

The only way to find God is to see him in his creation and be one with it. This can only be done by service of all.

A man is but the product of his thoughts; what he thinks he becomes.

Of all the evils which man has made himself responsible none is so degrading, so shocking or so brutal as his abuse of the better half of humanity—to me, the female sex, not the weaker sex.

Satisfaction lies in the effort, not in the attainment.

God created man to work for his food and said that those who ate without work were thieves.

Compiled by L.T. Singh, I. Sc.

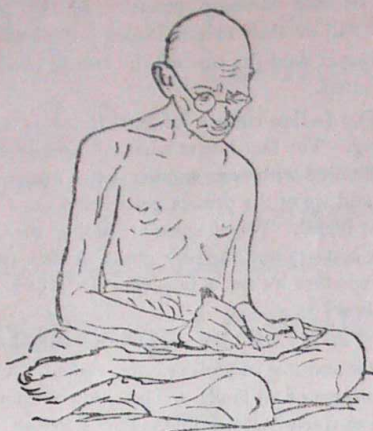
GANDHI: A National Hero

Gandhi is a great national hero. His name is a house-hold word in India. He is lovingly called Bapu by his countrymen. The story of his life is the story of India's struggle for freedom.

Mohan Das Karam Chand Gandhi (for that was his full name) was born on 2nd October 1869 at Porbandar in Kathiawar. His father was the Diwan of a State and mother, a pious lady, whose noble qualities, it seems, were passed on to her son.

Gandhi went to school at the age of seven. He showed early signs of his love for truth and honesty. At the time of an Inspector's visit, he refused to be prompted by his teacher to copy the spelling of a word from a neighbour's slate while he was still at school. Gandhi was married to Kasturba. At the tender age of thirteen after passing the High School examination he joined Samaldas College in Bhaonagar but life at this College did not attract him. So he stayed there only for a short period. Gandhi sailed to England for studying Law. He spent four years there and was then called to the Bar. On his return home, he set up as a lawyer in Bombay, but did not succeed as such.

Gandhi had soon to go to South Africa to take up a law suit. He was shocked at the sight of the in-human treatment meted out to the Indian settlers. It pained him to know that his brethren were looked down upon as coolies. Gandhi's sensitive soul revolted at this degradation. He made up his mind to ameliorate the condition of Indians living there. He spent twenty valuable years of his life in South Africa and was greatly successful in his mission. Gandhi returned to India in 1915. He joined the Indian National Congress. He threw himself heart and soul into India's struggle for Independence. In 1920 he started the Non-Co-operation movement. He had to court arrest several times. In 1930 he protested against the salt laws. In 1942 he asked the



English to quit India. He did not believe in the use of brute force. His fight with English was non-violent. The greatest dream of his life was fulfilled on 15th August, 1947, when India became free from the British rule.

Unfortunately, Gandhi did not live long to enjoy the fruit of the hard-won freedom. It was the 30th of January 1948. Bapu was going to the prayer meeting in Birla house, when a thoughtless youngman fired at him three shots that proved fatal. The news of this assassination spread like wild fire. It plunged the whole world into grief. Homages were paid to the great soul. His body was cremated at Raj Ghat on Jumna.

Gandhi was great in many ways. He believed in the equality and brotherhood of man. He was a friend of the workers, the peasants and Harijans. He was the greatest reformer of our age. His life was moulded by truth and non-violence. He was the Chief Architect of our freedom. India has perhaps never seen the like of him. Gandhi's greatness may be aptly summed up in Shakespeare's words:—

The Elements

So mixed in him that Nature might stand up and say to all the world, 'This was a man.'

Cadet S.K. Singh,
Class IV-A.

Mahatma Gandhi

This year happens to be the Gandhi centenary year and the whole world is celebrating the 100th birthday of our famous leader Mahatma Gandhi on 2nd October.

Mahatma Gandhi was one of the greatest men who ever lived on earth. He made an outstanding contribution to the human civilization. He has a prominent place not only in the history of India but in that of the whole world.

Albert Einstein, one of the greatest scientists said "Generations to come will scarce believe that such a man as this ever in flesh and blood walked upon this earth."

Mahatma Gandhi was born on 2nd October 1869 at Kathiawar. At a very young age he went to London to study law. But the first part of his active life was spent in South Africa. Here he improved the condition of his fellow Indians and practised his doctrine of Satyagraha. He won a great name there.

After he returned to India he rendered valuable help to the British Government during the First World War and for that he was awarded a silver medal. But immediately after the war was over the events and developments in India, mainly the massacre of the Indians at Amritsar turned Mahatma Gandhi from a collaborator of the British to one of its most fierce opponents. He started the satyagraha movement in India. He distributed his property and started wearing only a loin cloth. Soon he came to be held in very high esteem and began to be called as the Mahatma. He would travel from village to village urging the people to collect funds, to boycott foreign goods and to forget distinction of caste and religion.

Mahatma Gandhi was also known by many other names such as, Bapu, the Naked Fakir and Saint of Sabarmati. Gandhiji was a great public speaker. His stirring speeches would hold the people spellbound and they brought heart warming response from the Indian People.

Gandhiji liberated India from the British rule, not with arms and soldiers but with his more powerful weapons of non-violence and truth. He had to go through many years of imprisonment along with other great Indian leaders.

Mahatma Gandhi was a friend of the common man. He tried to unite the Hindus and the Muslims and tried to uplift the untouchables whom he called "Harijans". He amazed the entire world by his enchanting leadership. Gandhiji always wanted to achieve the impossible and he succeeded greatly.

At last India attained freedom on 15th August 1947. But it was not the ultimate goal for Gandhiji. India was divided and Pakistan was formed. Gandhiji wanted India to give five million rupees to Pakistan. Some Hindus thought that Gandhiji was partial towards the Muslims.

On the 30th January 1948, Gandhiji was assassinated while on his way to the prayer ground by a Hindu named Nathuram Godse. The whole world mourned his death.

The best way to remember Gandhiji would be to remember the ideals which were dear to his heart and to strive to achieve them by means of truth and non-violence, courage and determination and by lifting ourselves to a lofty plane of thinking and doing in the Gandhian way.

Vijay Y Gidh,
Class III-A.

GANDHIJI'S VIEWS ON EDUCATION

"Literary training by itself adds not an inch to one's moral height and character-building is independant of literary training."

Gandhiji held the view that true education of the intellect can only come through proper exercise and training of the bodily organs, e.g., hands, feet, ears, nose, etc. In other words an intelligent use of the bodily organs in a child provides the best and the quickest way of developing his intellect. A proper and all round development of the mind, therefore, can take place only when it proceeds with the education of the spiritual faculties of the child.

Education means the all-round drawing out of the best in child and man—body, mind and spirit. Literacy is neither the end of education nor the beginning. It is one of the means when a man can be educated. Gandhiji would prefer to begin the child's education by teaching it a useful handicraft and enabling it to produce from the moment it begins its training. The handicraft should not be taught mechanically but scientifically, i.e., the child should know the why and the wherefore of every process.

Though Gandhiji had no university education worth the name, he held a strong view on education in general. He was very much against the preaching of English which later became the medium of instruction in which he was very much weak. The tyranny of English grew so great that even Sanskrit had to be learnt through English. He felt that India has to flourish in her own climate and scenery and her own literature, even though all the three may be inferior to the English climate, scenery and literature. He felt no need to learn any other language to know what Tagore, Shakespeare, Milton and Tolstoy wrote.

Under his scheme there would have been better libraries, better laboratories, better research institutes. Under it would have been an army of chemists, engineers and other experts who would be the real servants of the nation, and answer the varied and growing requirements of a people who are becoming increasingly conscious of their rights and wants. And all these experts will speak not a foreign tongue but the language of the people. The knowledge gained by them

will be the common property of the people. There will be truly original work instead of mere imitation. And the cost will be evenly and justly distributed.

The Indian culture of our times is in the making. The fact is that what our remote ancestors blended with one another with utmost freedom and we of the present generation are a result of that blend. Whether we are doing any good to our country and the tiny globe which sustains us or whether we are a burden, the future alone will show.

"I do not want my house to be walled in on all sides and my windows to be stuffed. I want the cultures of all lands to be blown about my house as freely as possible. But I refuse to be blown of my feet by any."

Gandhiji would not tolerate a single Indian to forget that he or she cannot think or express the best thoughts in his or her own vernacular. "The modulation of the voice is as necessary as the training of the hand." He thought that physical drill, handicrafts, drawing and music should go hand in hand in order to draw the best out of the boys and girls and create in them a real interest in their tuition.

The eyes, the ears and the tongue come before the hand. Reading comes before writing and drawing before tracing the letters of alphabet. If this natural method is followed, the understanding of the children will have much better opportunity of development than when it is under check by beginning the children's training with alphabet.

The utterly false idea that intelligence can be developed only through book-reading should give place to the truth that the quickest development of the mind can be achieved by artisan's work being learnt in a scientific manner. The problem of unemployment of students can be solved without difficulty, if they will rank themselves among the common labourers.

"I would develop in the child his hands, his brain and his soul."

"A wise parent allows children to make mistakes. It is good for them once in a while to burn their fingers."

—A. DHAR, NDA

"Gandhi is the immortal symbol of love and understanding in a world wild with hatred and torn by misunderstanding. He belongs to the ages, to history."

Dr. S. Radhakrishnan.



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College News

MID-TERM BREAK

Educational excursions including hikes, mountaineering ventures and visits to places of historical, scientific, scenic and cultural importance such as SRINAGAR (KASHMIR), Chandigarh, Bhakra Nangal Dam, Simla and Mussoorie were organized during the Mid-term Break, which lasted about one week commencing 27th September and drawing to a close on 3rd October.

The trip to Srinagar could be arranged after several years and was hence all the more

thrilling. Other visits and hikes like Chakrata-Simla, Kalka-Simla and Mussoorie-Chakrata were, besides being highly interesting and exciting, of abiding educative value and our cadets seem to have made the best of them.

Members of the Staff who led the excursions and cadets who went out deserve our sincere appreciation and thanks.

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The Commandant is pleased to announce the promotion of JC-44321 Nb/Sub ONKAR SINGH, APTC to the rank of Subedar with retrospective effect from 16th September 1969. Our congratulations to Subedar Onkar Singh.

INTER-SECTION SWIMMING COMPETITION, 1969.

19th & 20th September, 1969

It was the clear, bright afternoon of 19th September when the cadets thronged the Swimming Pool, gaily decorated as it was with flags and festoons, in keen expectation of the outcome of Pre-finals of the Inter-Section Swimming Competition. Outbursts of cadets' lusty cheers for the success of contenders of their respective sections grew louder and their excitement ran higher as the heats were held and the finals of the Diving and Plunging events were seen in progress.

The following day was all the more eventful

and the Competition grew so keenly contested that it was difficult to predict the results.

We are grateful to Capt C.K. Nair, CHM Gurdev Singh and Hav Abhaya Singh for having acted as judges of the Competition.

Our distinguished Old Boy Col S.C. Sabharwal of the Indian Military Academy was the Chief Guest and he kindly gave away the prizes. We owe a debt of gratitude to Col & Mrs Sabharwal for gracing the occasion and encouraging our youngsters.

RESULTS

S. No.	Div.	Events	Position	Name	Sec.	Dist. Time
1	C	60 Yds. Free Style	1	Deepak Singh	R	38.7
			2	N. Ghose	R	
2	B	—do—	1	A.K. Sharma	S	47.8
			2	Dharamvir Singh	S	
3	A	30 Yds. Free Style	1	T.K. Guha	P	26.5
			2	R. Ramaswamy	P	
4	C	30 Yds. Breast Stroke	1	K.S. Rawat	P	22.1
			2	D. Singh	S	
5	B	—do—	1	V. Gidh	S	24.8
			2	A.K. Sharma	S	

S. No.	Div.	Events	Position	Name	Sec.	Dist. Time
6	A	—do—	1	R. Ramaswamy	P	28.9
			2	Atul Verma	R	
7	C	30 Yds. Back Stroke	1	Deepak Singh	R	21.00
			2	N. Malhotra	S	
8	B	—do—	1	A.K. Sharma	S	23.5
			2	Gurvinder Singh	S	
9	C	30 Yds. Butter Fly	1	S.M. Singh	S	22.6
			2	L.S. Tewari	C	
10	A	4×30 Yds. Free Style Relay Race	1	T.K. Guha		
				R. Ramaswamy		
				A. Ishwariah	P	2 m. 11 sec.
				M.S. Sodhi		
			2	P. Kumar	C	
				Gajinder Singh		
				T.S. Mahadev		
				S.S. Roy		
11	B	4×30 Yds. Medlay Relay	1	A.K. Sharma		
				V.Y. Gidh	S	1.30°
				R.K. Paul		
				D.B. Singh		
			2	Sher Singh		
				N. Barua	P	
				A. Satya Narayan		
				N.J. Singh		
12	C	Treasure Hunt	1	K.S. Rawat	P	
			2	S. Tandon	P	
13	C	Any Dive from Top Board	1	Harmeet Singh	C	
			2	A.K. Singh	C	
14	C	Obstacle Race	1	K.S. Rawat	P	1.20
			2	I.B. Singh	C	
15	C	Plunging	1	N.K. Paul	S	48'
			2	Harminder Singh	S	37'-4"
16	C	Medlay Relay	1	N. Ghose		
				B.R. Bhatia	R	55.5
				R.S. Rathee		
				D. Singh		
17	B	Any Dive (Spring Board)	1	A.K. Sharma	S	
			2	K.P.K. Kumar	C	
18	C	Pyke or Swallow From Spring Board	1	A.K. Singh	C	
			2	Harmeet Singh	C	
19	A	Any Dive Spring Board	1	Gurpreet Singh	S	
			2	Atul Verma	R	

Results: Swimming Competition, 1969

Section	Points	Position
Shivaji	123	1st
Pratap	111	2nd
Chandragupta	97½	3rd
Ranjit	86½	4th

Best Swimmer

Cadet A.K. Singh	(Senior)
" A.K. Sharma	(Junior)

INTER-SECTION HINDI DECLAMATION CONTEST, 1969

Wednesday, 15th Oct. 1969

Under the aegis of the College Sahitya Samiti the Inter-Section Hindi Declamation Contest was organized in the Convocation Hall at 1615 hrs. Four competitors—two Seniors and

two Juniors - from each Section took part in the Contest.

Dr. T.N. Joshi, Department of Hindi, D.A.V. College, Shri K.B. Kshetri, St. Joseph's

Academy and Shri Jitendra Kumar Sharma of the Cambrian Hall kindly acted as judges of the evening. We are grateful to these gentlemen.

Ranjit Section secured the first position and annexed Mrs. S.P. Sharma Inter-Section Hindi Declamation Championship Trophy for the year 1969 which was awarded to the winners by our

Commandant Col. H.K.L. Johar. Our congratulations to the winners of the Championship Trophy.

The following cadets who participated in the Contest, selected the topics given against their names :—

JUNIORS

S. No.	Speaker's Name	Section	Topic
1.	Cadet M.B. Saxena	Chandragupta	मुझे तोड़ लेना वनमाली उस पथ पर तुम देना फेंक । मातृभूमि पर शीश चढ़ाने जिस पथ जावें वीर अनेक ।
2.	„ G S. Gokavi	Ranjit	अनिवार्य सैनिक शिक्षा राष्ट्र की आवश्यकता है ।
3.	„ S. Imam	Shivaji	विज्ञान ने हमें सुख से अधिक दुःख दिया है ।
4.	„ Sher Singh	Pratap	अनिवार्य सैनिक शिक्षा राष्ट्र की आवश्यकता है ।
5.	„ Pankaj Kumar	Chandragupta	„ „ „
6.	„ Atul Verma	Ranjit	बार-बार आती है मुझको मधुर याद बचपन तेरी ।
7.	„ Sunil Mehta	Shivaji	अनिवार्य सैनिक शिक्षा राष्ट्र की आवश्यकता है ।
8.	„ Rajiv Kumar	Pratap	गाँधी जी सदा अमर रहेंगे ।

SENIORS

1.	Cadet R.D. Sinha	Shivaji	भारत की गुटों से अलग रहने की नीति संबंधी असफल रही है । (विपक्ष में)
2.	„ S. Tandon	Pratap	सह-शिक्षा राष्ट्र की आवश्यकता है ।
3.	„ D. Singh	Pratap	केवल हिन्दी में ही भारत की राष्ट्रभाषा होने की क्षमता है ।
4.	„ Neeraj Kumar	Chandragupta	भारत आज भी गाँधी जी के मार्ग पर चल है ।
5.	„ S.N. Shahi	Ranjit	इतने वर्षों की स्वतन्त्रता के पश्चात् भी हम भारत को उन्नत राष्ट्रों की श्रेणी में लाने में असमर्थ रहे हैं ।
6.	„ A.K. Saksena	Chandragupta	फैशन प्रगति का सूचक है । (विपक्ष में)
7.	„ Manvendra Singh	Shivaji	सह-शिक्षा राष्ट्र की आवश्यकता है । (विपक्ष में)
8.	„ B.S. Gaur	Ranjit	केवल हिन्दी ही भारत की राष्ट्रभाषा होने की क्षमता रखती है ।

At the close of the contest Dr. Joshi, in his scholarly speech, traced the evolution of Hindi and stressed its prodigious power of assimilation and adaptability in its ever-changing grammar. He elucidated the marked difference between the regional and State (official) language on the one hand and the National language or lingua franca

on the other. He brought many linguistic facts to bear closely on the feasibility of one national language though he made it abundantly clear that to talk of only one language to serve as regional, state and finally as National language would be an idle dream too beautiful to be true. He, however, was of the opinion that all efforts

should be directed to see Hindi placed on its rightful pedestal of one living, growing and unifying language of the land. Dr. Joshi then clearly explained the welter of controversy that

has been raised over the whole issue of language in our country and hinted at a possible solution from a purely linguistic viewpoint.

Commenting on the performance of the Cadets Dr. Joshi expressed satisfaction at the fairly good standard set by the students of an English-medium school like RIMC.

Our thanks are due to the Sahitya Samiti, the organizers and the participating cadets.

Following are the results:

Juniors: (Individual Positions)

1.	Cadet Atul Verma (Ranjit)	...	112 points	...	First
2.	" M.B. Saxena (Chandragupta)	...	88 "	...	Second
3.	" Pankaj Kumur (Chandragupta)	...	88 "	...	Fourth
4.	" G.S. Gokavi (Ranjit)	...	86 "	...	

Seniors: Individual Positions

1.	Cadet A.K. Saksena (chandragupta)	...	116 points	...	First
2.	" S.N. Shahi (Ranjit)	...	114 "	...	Second
3.	" Manvendra Singh (Shivaji)	...	111 "	...	Third

Juniors

1.	Ranjit	198 points	First
2.	Chandragupta	176 "	Second
3.	Shivaji	140 "	Third
4.	Pratap	127 "	Fourth

Seniors

1.	Ranjit	224 "	First
2.	Chandragupta	224 "	Second
3.	Shivaji	206 "	Third
4.	Pratap	170 "	Fourth

Overall placing

1.	Ranjit	422 points	First
2.	Chandragupta	420 "	Second
3.	Shivaji	346 "	Third
4.	Pratap	297 "	Fourth

Results: Inter Section Cross Country, 1969

Seniors

Section	Points	Position
Chandragupta	348	First
Ranjit	385	Second
Pratap	533	Third
Shivaji	564	Fourth

Juniors

Shivaji	306	First
Chandragupta	416	Second
Ranjit	435	Third
Pratap	673	Fourth

Overall Position

Chandragupta	764	First
Ranjit	820	Second
Shivaji	870	Third
Praiap	1206	Fourth

	Seniors	Cadet Hage Tagang	Pratap	Time
	Juniors	" Y.A. Singh	Ranjit	28.65
				16.268



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College News

We welcome Mr. Ghulam Mohmmad Khan, Master in English, to our academic family and wish that he finds his stay with us pleasant.

Tuesday, Nov. 11

Members of the RIMC Staff, at a special meeting presided over by Commandant Col. H.K.L. Johar, mourned the death of the mother of Dr. (Miss) Vidya Seth, Matron of the College,

at Chandigarh. A resolution of condolences was passed at the meeting and all those who were present observed two minutes' silence as a mark of their homage to the departed soul.

Next day, at the morning Assembly, Cadets of the College also condoled with Dr. (Miss) V. Seth on her mother's passing away. The Commandant read out the condolence address and it was followed by observance of two minutes' silence by Cadets and the Staff.

Sportsfolio

INTER SECTION ATHLETIC COMPETITION—1969

Sl. No.	Event	Position	Name	Section	Time distance	Record
'A' Division						
1	100 Metres	1	Gajender Singh	C	14.6 sec.	
		2	M.S. Sodhi	P	14.7 sec.	
2	200 Metres	1	Gajendra Singh	C	29.9 sec.	
		2	M.S. Sodhi	P	30.5 sec.	
3	4 × 100 Metres Relay	1	Pratap Section	P	1 m. 1.3 sec.	
		2	Ranjit Section	R	1 m. 1.8 sec.	
4	Broad Jump	1	Gajendra Singh	C	13' 5"	
		2	Atul Verma	R	12' 9"	
'B' Division						
5	100 Metres	1	Y.A. Singh	R	12.6 sec.	
		2	R.K. Paul	S	13.5 sec.	
6	200 Metres	1	Y.A. Singh	R	27 sec.	
		2	N.K. Barua	P	27.2 sec.	
7	400 Metres	1	Y.A. Singh	R	1 m. 3 sec.	
		2	R.K. Paul	S	1 m. 3.6 sec.	
8	110 Metres Hurdles	1	Gurvinder Singh	S	18.7 sec.	
		2	Y.A. Singh	R	19 sec.	
9	4 × 100 Metres Relay	1	Shivaji Section	S	54.6 sec.	
		2	Pratap Section	P	55.8 sec.	
10	High Jump	1	R.K. Paul	S	4' 3"	
		2	H. Khoda	C	4' 2"	
11	Broad Jump	1	N.K. Barua	P	15' 4"	
		2	A.K. Saxena	C		

'C' Division

12	100 Metres	1	K.A.K. Singh	S	11.6 sec.	
		2	Deepak Singh	R	12 sec.	
13	200 Metres	1	Deepak Singh	R	24.4 sec.	
		2	V.S. Negi	R	25.2 sec.	
14	400 Metres	1	A.K. Sinha	C	54.4 sec.	New Record
		2	C.R.K. Singh	C	54.6 sec.	
15	800 Metres	1	S.N. Shahi	R	2 m. 6.7 sec.	New Record
		2	A.K. Sinha	C	2 m. 6.9 sec.	" "
16	1500 Metres	1	H. Tagang	P	4 m. 38.6 sec.	
		2	S.N. Shahi	R	4 m. 42.5 sec.	
17	3000 Metres	1	H. Tagang	P	10 m. 11.0 sec.	
		2	V.K. Jesani	C	10 m. 35.2 sec.	
18	110 Metres Hurdles	1	A.K. Sinha	C	18 sec.	
		2	R.S. Kanwar	S	18.1 sec.	
19	4 x 100 Metres Relay	1	Shivaji Section	S	48.5 sec.	New Record
		2	Ranjit Section	R	48.8 sec.	
20	High Jump	1	R.S. Verma	R	5' 5"	New Record
		2	A.K. Singh-II	C	5' 5"	" "
21	Broad Jump	1	Deepak Singh	R	19' 0"	
		2	S.K. Singh	P	18' 10"	
22	Triple Jump	1	R.S. Verma	R	40' 3"	New Record
		2	D.K. Choudhary	S	39' 5.5"	
23	Discuss Throw	1	L.T. Singh	S	97' 6"	
		2	S.C. Rajbongshi	P		
24	Javelin Throw	1	S.K. Singh	P	138' 3"	
		2	Deepak Singh	R		
25	Putting the Shot	1	L.T. Singh	S	33' 4 1/2"	New Record
		2	S.K. Singh	P	33' 1/2"	
26	Pole Vault	1	L.T. Singh	S	8' 5"	New Record
		2	D. Singh	S		

Results

Section	Points	Championship Position
1. Ranjit	75 1/2	7
2. Shivaji	75 1/2	7
3. Pratap	64	3
4. Chandragupta	64	3

Best Athlete:—Seniors Cadet Deepak Singh (Ranjit)
 Juniors Cadet Y.A. Singh (Ranjit)
 Gen. Hira Lal Atal's Trophy—Cadet Deepak Singh (Ranjit)
 Maj. G.C. Verma's Shield—Cadet Y.A. Singh (Ranjit)

Results—Inter-Section Football Competition 1969

1. Pratap	8 points	First
2. Ranjit	6 "	Second
3. Chandragupta	4 "	Third
4. Shivaji	2 "	Fourth

Our congratulations to Pratap on their winning the championship for the year.

Inter Section P.T. Competition 1969

The Inter-Section P.T. Competitions were held on 11th and 12th inst. respectively on the College Parade ground at 1500 hrs. We are thankful to Capt. P.K. Nair, N. Sub. R.B. Gurung, E.M.M. Gurdev Singh all of I.M.A. for kindly acting as judges of the Competition.

Following are the results:—		Points	
Juniors	1. Shivaji	1789½	First
	2. Chandragupta	1758½	Second
	3. Pratap	1558	Third
	4. Ranjit	1519	Fourth
Seniors	1. Pratap	1960	First
	2. Chandragupta	1912½	Second
	3. Shivaji	1850½	Third
	4. Ranjit	181	Fourth
Overall Placing	1. Chandragupta	8	First
	2. Shivaji	6	Second
	3. Pratap	4	Third
	4. Ranjit	2	Fourth
Best Commanders	Juniors—Cadet K.A.K. Singh (Shivaji)		
	Seniors—Cadet K.S. Rawat (Pratap)		

Our congratulations to Chandragupta on their winning this year's Championship in P.T.

29th Dehra Dun District Athletics Meet—1969

Unlike other years the College represented this year in three sections B, C and D. Our boys put up a creditable performance, annexed the C and D section trophies and missed B section by a very narrow margin. Such a performance with so little practice is really commendable. The achievements in the D section were of a fairly high order as it was the first time that our boys entered this section and annexed the trophy also. The following deserve special mention:—

Cadet Sec. Com. A.K. Sinha, Cadet NCO R.S. Verma, Cadet Deepak Singh, Cadet S.K. Singh, Cadet Y.A. Singh and Cadet N.K. Barua.

The meet came to a close with the March Past in which too our cadets showed a high standard, and were applauded by all the spectators. It should also be noted that our boys have to their credit a record of collecting 40 certificates of merit at this meet.

Well Done Rimcols

B. Section

Events	Name	Position
100 Metre	Y.A. Singh	2nd
"	N.K. Barua	3rd
200 Metre	Y.A. Singh	3rd
4 × 100 Relay	Y.A. Singh	} 1st New record established
	R.K. Paul	
	Gurvinder Singh	
	N.K. Barua	
Broad Jump	N.K. Barua	2nd

C. Section

100 Metre	Deepak Singh	1st
"	S.K. Singh	3rd
200 Metre	Deepak Singh	1st
"	V.S. Negi	2nd
400 Metre	S.N. Shahi	1st
"	V.S. Negi	2nd
4 × 100 Relay	Deepak Singh	} 1st
	S.K. Singh	
	V.S. Negi	
	R.S. Verma	
Broad Jump	R.S. Verma	1st
"	Deepak Singh	2nd
Triple Jump	R.S. Verma	1st
"	S.K. Singh	2nd
High Jump	R.S. Verma	1st
Broad Jump	S.K. Singh	2nd
"	H.S. Singh	3rd

D. Section		
100 Metre	K.A.K. Singh	1st
200 Metre	K.A.K. Singh	1st
400 Metre	K.A.K. Singh	1st
"	A.K. Sinha	2nd
800 Metre	A.K. Sinha	1st
110 Metre Hurdle	R.S. Kanwar	2nd
Broad Jump	R.S. Verma	2nd
High Jump	R.S. Verma	3rd
Triple Jump	D.K. Chowdhury	2nd
"	R.S. Kanwar	3rd
Javelin	S.K. Singh	1st
4 x 100 Relay	K.A.K. Singh A.K. Sinha N.S. Singh Deepak Singh	} 3rd

Cadet K.A.K. Singh, College Athletic Captain.

Why I Wish to join the Army

I want to join the army, for I want to do loyal service to my nation and offer my whole life to it. I would like to fight against the enemy with guns and tanks. It is enjoyable to die fighting rather than yielding an inch of land to the enemy. We should never fight against any other country until and unless it attacks ours and poses a threat to our national integrity.

If I join the army and become an officer, I will train my regiment very well and keep the soldiers under my complete control and encourage my jawans to fight when there is a war going on. I will encourage them to shoot at the tanks and sometimes I myself will fire and capture many of the enemy tanks. I also like army, for when the enemy planes come to bomb our country, I myself will shoot as many planes as possible with an anti-aircraft gun.

Suppose our army is in an island and navy ships of the enemy come to bomb the island, I will bomb the ship. After this I will go underwater and get submarines posted so that as the enemy ships come they are completely blasted off. Again

I will swim, go underwater and keep mines and come back. I will also send my full regiment to go underwater and keep the mines round the island in the sea. Thus when any aircraft carrier comes it will get blasted.

I will also go bravely on a jeep to the forward area and I will look if we are winning or the enemy is winning and I will not send my messengers for this purpose. These are the reasons why I like joining the army.

T. Shankerlingam,
Class II.

(An extract from Mid-term Exam.)

Wisely Said

Character is the only legitimate institution; the only regal influence. Its power is infinite. Safe in the citadel of his own integrity, principalities, powers, hierarchies, states capitulate to the man of character at last. It is the temple which the soul builds to herself, within whose fanes genius and sanctity worship, while the kneeling ages bend around them in admiration and love.

—Alcott.



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College News

Our warmest felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. G.S. Pandey, on their having been blessed with a son on 26th November.

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The quincenary of Guru Nanak's birthday was celebrated at the College Gurudwara on 23rd November with a marked religious fervour. As was expected, the evening was altogether a success. We would be failing in our duty here if we don't express our sincere gratitude to Shri Vir Singh for his moving discourse on the life and teachings of Guru Nanak and his redeeming relevance to the present-day world. Our thanks are in no small measure due to the organizers and the Sikh Cadets for such a successful function.

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Preparations are in progress at the College for the End of Term Function to be held on 8th December.

Besides the purely academic aspect of the function, we hope to organize a number of Co-Curricular programmes such as exhibitions of various hobby clubs, variety entertainment comprising One-act plays both in Hindi and English and a few items of vocal and instrumental music to serve as delightful diversion for the evening. A detailed account of the function will appear in the columns of the next Chronicle.

On Student Life

The famous Duke of Wellington once remarked 'The Battle of Waterloo was

fought and won on the playing fields of Eton'. The remark is significant. It proves that student days are the best days of one's life, for education as we understand to-day is not only a preparation for life as such, but is life itself. It is only when we are students that we 'feel life in every limb', that we live a fuller, freer and richer life.

I may be permitted to say that the greatest and the best art devised by man is the art of living, and it is in student life that one is looked after, taught and trained by parents and teachers in such a way and in such a pleasant environment that whatever is best in him is drawn out, developed and cultivated, not only for the fullest growth of his personality, but also for the maximum welfare of the society around him.

School or College is actually the students' paradise. Life at them is so joyous, so carefree and is full of such an exhilarating, youthful zest and jollity that one is really the master of all he surveys around him.

Student days constitute the very cream of life. It is a period at once formative and fruitful and the young student is judiciously guided and directed into channels of high purpose and full citizenship. It is a period of growth, of learning, of adventure, of discovery, of joy and above all of origination. It is here that the foundations of character are laid and the royal road to success and happiness in life is paved. Be it the classroom, the library, the laboratory, the mess, the dormitory, the games field or a circle of friends sitting together,

there is a vast scope for corporate life, amity, understanding, love and lasting friendships. Life unfolds itself before him, life that is full of fun, frolic and festivity, but nevertheless, life that attracts and challenges all his powers to stretch their arms towards perfection and the young boys and girls accept the challenge and explore it as it comes to them.

Life at School or College is actually an adventure into the unknown. It is the life when horizons of the mind are widened to embrace the entire humanity, when the insatiable thirst for knowledge makes a boy or girl say like the Ulysses of Tennyson, 'To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield'. This is the time when the creative urges are at their best and every one of us is impelled to make not only our own destiny (as we assuredly do) but of those also who look upon us as their future hopes.

Nothing seems impossible for a boy or girl who is out to enjoy the world aright, in whose veins the sea itself floweth, who is clothed with the heavens and is crowned with the stars, and who perceives himself to be the sole heir of the whole world, and more than so, because he is the maker and moulder of the world of to-morrow.

It is he who burns his midnight oil to assimilate in him the knowledge and wisdom that keeps the world going, who plays games and sports not for the sake of victory alone but for that esprit de corps that keeps the spark of life alive. Gentlemen, imagine the joy of creation which a student feels when he paints a picture or solves a question, imagine the sense of glory and achievement when he wins a race, imagine the pride of exultation when he secures a first position. I appeal to you, to look back upon your student days and recall some of those innocent, blissful incidents that meant for you nothing short of heavenly happiness when you were students, but now, may I ask you 'Has that vision of ecstasy

not been completely shattered by the dull, dry realities of life. Has adult life with all its responsibilities and worries not laid its ugly icy hand on the period, when you yourself like us might have come like trailing clouds of glory, God-like in goodness, child-like in innocence and angel-like in actions?'

Student life is the prologue to manhood or womanhood, it is the spring-board to success in life, it is the bedrock of virtues, the seed which sprouts into the full tree of responsible citizenship. This made Wordsworth exclaim 'Child is the Father of Man'. Here I am incidentally reminded, of the commemorative words from the inaugural address of the Prince of Wales at the Rashtriya Indian Military College. He said "It is the first few blows on the anvil of life that give the human weapon the set and temper which carries it through life's battles."

Let me therefore conclude with all emphasis at my command that the student days are not only the best days but the very best days of one's life. I venture to say so because I want that all of us (students) must make the best of our School or College days.

Cadet C. Venkatramany,
Diploma Class.

Towards Literature

(a) Literature is the better part of life. To this it seems inevitably necessary to add, provided life is the better part of literature.

Wallace Stevens

(b) The whole difference between construction and creation is exactly this: that a thing constructed can only be loved after it is constructed, but a thing created is loved before it exists, as the mother can love the unborn child. In

creative art the essence of a book exists before the book; the author enjoys it and lives in it with a kind of prophetic rapture.

—G.K. Chesterton

(c) Poetry is not a turning loose of emotion, but an escape from emotion; it is not the expression of personality, but an escape from personality. But, of course, only those who have personality and emotions know what it means to want to escape from these things.

T.S. Eliot

(Compiled by Cadet V.Y. Gidh, III-A)

A HIKE TO CHAKRATA AND LAKHWAR

We left for Mussoorie from the city bus stand at 11 O'clock. It was a tedious 22-mile journey. The zigzag road made some of our fellow cadets unwell in spite of the precautions taken by them. We reached the 'Queen of the Hills' at 1 P.M. and put ourselves up at Sylverton. The day was spent in going around the Kulri. No cadet of RIMC likes to return after the mid-term break without a film. So we all went to an English movie. The day was rather uneventful.

The following day we set out for Chakrata, we were to reach Lakhwar by evening. Two mules were engaged to carry our luggage. Some luggage was carried by bus to a place 16 miles away called "Jamuna Pul". The party of 14 cadets set out with zeal and enthusiasm at about 9 a.m. Within two hours we had walked across the mountains to reach the Campiti-falls. Undoubtedly we had taken all the short cuts. We took bath there in the icy cold water and had our lunch. We then set out on the second phase of our hike for the day. The hike was a bit easy to a certain distance but when we thought of taking a short cut it became rather difficult. We

broke up into two parties when still four miles were left to reach 'Jamuna Pul'. Again at the bridge we had a bath. Even here it was difficult to arrange for the mules. However, with a bit of effort we succeeded in this and reached Lakhwar at about 6.30 p.m. There is no electricity at Lakhwar and a small natural source of water is about 6 furlongs away from the Dak Bungalow. At Lakhwar we met the other party which had come from Chakrata. We had our dinner at about 10.30 p.m. and went to sleep. The night was cold. Sleeping on the floor at a high altitude with only one blanket could be uncomfortable but thanks to the fatigue that had brought sound sleep over us.

The following morning we left for Choarani a place 20 miles away. We left for our destination at about 9 O'clock. It was a good steep climb for many a mile, that is, up to a place called 'Nagthath'. The last three miles to Nagthath were really hard not because of the mountaineous track but for the unending chain of hills and abrupt turns which rather disgusted us. We reached Nagthath at about 1 p.m. and had our lunch with good tea. The rest of the six-mile walk was not at all tedious but when we reached Chaorani we grew rather impatient for our tea and meals. We could see the distant peaks which were completely covered with snow. They were glittering in the sun. But the wind blowing from the snowclad hills was very cold; so we lit a pretty good fire at night.

Only 11 miles were to be covered and we would reach Chakrata. We set off with a very light breakfast and were heading towards our destination. The scenes around us were very beautiful indeed and we walked merrily to Chakrata and were there by noon. By now our rations had exhausted and we had to make purchases. We met a gentleman Mr. Chandra Kamal who helped us with

some fire-wood and carried our luggage in his jeep. We had a sumptuous lunch. We left for Dehra Dun by bus and reached the College in time for dinner.

The trip to Chakrata was really full of delight and merriment. Thanks to our two young Masters Mr. Jain and Mr. Rajput who did their best to make our excursions such a worthwhile experience.

We returned to the College refreshed and reinvigorated with an experience that rendered us more fit for further hikes and excursions.

—Cadet P.K. Madhav, ISC

Sportsfolio

Inter-Section Squash Competition, 1969.

RESULTS

- (a) Pratap beat Shivaji 3-2
- (b) Pratap beat Chandragupta 3-2
- (c) Pratap beat Ranjit 4-1
- (d) Shivaji beat Chandragupta 3-2
- (e) Shivaji beat Ranjit 4-1
- (f) Chandragupta beat Ranjit 5-0

OVERALL PLACING

- 1. Pratap 4 points First
- 2. Shivaji 3 „ Second
- 3. Chandragupta 2 Points Third
- 4. Ranjit 1 point Fourth

Our congratulations to Pratap on winning the championship.

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Our congratulations to Ranjit and Shivaji on their sharing the-Inter-Section Athletics Championship Trophy for the year 1969.

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Our hearty congratulations to Shivaji on their annexing this year's coveted Inter-Section Championship Trophy.

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College News

It is very encouraging indeed that Maj. Gen. Virendra Singh (Retd.) an ardent Rimcollian and at present, President of the old Boys' Rimcollian Association has very kindly consented to preside over the End of Term Function and give away the prizes. Mrs. Virendra Singh has also very graciously consented to inaugurate the exhibitions which are being organized by various hobby clubs at the College and are to be put up at the Education Block.

It has always been a matter of pride to us to find amidst ourselves a distinguished Rimcollian as Chief Guest on such occasions which speak of the healthy esprit de corps that this esteemed institution has been able to foster so amply among its cadets.

Recently two matches-one hockey and another Cricket-were played between the cadets and the Staff. Despite the plucky resistance put up by the Staff players the cadets won both the matches by a very comfortable margin, that is, in hockey, they beat the Staff by 4 goals to 1 and in cricket they scored 85 runs (all out) as against 60 runs (all out) scored by the Staff side.

The highest score from cadets' team was that of skipper K.K. Ghoshal who scored 30 runs, whereas Mr. R.C. Singhal scored 28 for the Staff. Mr. R.C. Sharma took 8 wickets for staff while cadet A. Srivastava took 6 wickets for cadets' team. Well done Cadets, keep it up.



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The-End-of-Term Function

On Monday, 8th December 1969, Rashtriya Indian Military College celebrated its End-of-Term Function with glowing enthusiasm and traditional sanctity.

Maj Gen Virendra Singh (Retd), an ardent Rimcollian and, at present, President of the Old Boys' Rimcollian Association, was the Chief Guest and Mrs Virendra Singh very graciously inaugurated the exhibitions organized by various hobby clubs at the Education Block. We are immensely grateful to both Gen. and Mrs. Virendra Singh for sparing some of their valuable time to preside over the function and grace the occasion by their eagerly-awaited presence.

The function started at 12.45 p.m. with the arrival of Gen. Virendra Singh who, after being received by the Commandant at the College Parade Ground, inspected a Guard of Honour Parade presented by the College Cadets, and took salute. He was then introduced to the Members of the Staff present there by the Commandant. He was thereafter taken to the Commandant's residence where a luncheon was arranged in his honour and which was attended by distinguished Rimcollians, guests, members of the Staff and the passing-out cadets.

Later, the same afternoon, Gen Virendra Singh, Mrs Virendra Singh, guests and parents of the Cadets arrived at the Education Block where colourful exhibitions were organized by various hobby clubs at the College. Mrs. Virendra Singh kindly inaugurated the exhibitions. The entire Education Block was humming with zestful activity as the visitors went round the tastefully decorated corridors, galleries, verandahs and rooms where the enthusiastic youngsters had displayed varied exhibits. Mention must be made here of the Gardening Club, Science Laboratories, Nature Study, Photography Association, Philately Club, Aeromodel-

ling and Art and Craft Clubs, which were represented at the exhibition. We congratulate the Cadets of various Clubs on putting up a good show which drew the admiration of all those who went round to see how the creative urges of schoolboys could be channelized into meaningful pastime and their aesthetic sensibilities sharpened to add imaginative dimensions to their juvenile pursuits of life. Our sincere thanks are also due to the Masters incharge for their lavish guidance to the Cadets. It is gratifying that the Chief Guest evinced a keen interest in the work done by Cadets.

In the evening, the prize-distribution function in the Convocation Hall was preceded by the Commandant's annual report in which he gave an account of the work and achievements of the College during the academic session and exhorted the passing-out Cadets to go ahead in their career with firm determination, unabated zeal and loftiness of purpose. The academic, proficiency and sports prizes were then given away and the presidential address delivered by Gen. Virendra Singh.

In his speech, which was characterized by a rich reminiscent flavour, Gen Virendra Singh said that he felt honoured on his being requested to be in the portals of his Alma Mater as Chief Guest of its End-of-Term Function. He lauded the achievements of RIMC in terms of its producing illustrious generals and army officers, both in India and Pakistan and held that RIMC had had the unique distinction of creating and cultivating in its cadets excellence of character, qualities of leadership and healthy mutual understanding among them that bound them so closely together. He added that what distinguished RIMC Cadets at the N.D.A. and I.M.A. was their smart bearing, upright conduct and an unflagging devotion to duty. He wished the College to keep up its proud traditions and grow from strength to strength.

Later, the same evening, the highlight of the function was a Variety Entertainment Programme which comprised two plays—in English 'Court Scene' from Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice and in Hindi a one-act play entitled 'Bin Bulaye Mehman' and a few items of instrumental music. The evening was altogether a success and the largely-attended hall burst into continual applause at the Cadets' performance. Our sincere thanks are due to the organizers of the Variety Entertainment and congratulations to the participating Cadets. Worthy of mention here for their creditable roles are Cadets A.K. Singh II, B.R. Bhatia, S.K. Juneja, Rakesh Nandan, V.V. Singh and P.C. Dhanraj.

The function drew to a close with a 'Golden Night Dinner' in the Cadets' Mess.

In the end we express our heartfelt thanks to all the Rimcollians, guests and parents of Cadets who found time to attend the function and encourage our youngsters. We are particularly thankful to Maj. Gen. A.A. Rudra (Retd), Maj Gen Rajendra Prasad, Commandant of I.M.A., Shri V.N. Prasad, District Magistrate, Dehra Dun, Mrs. Rajendra Prasad, Mrs. V.N. Prasad, Brigadier and Mrs. Gambhir Singh, Brigadier and Mrs. Lachhman Singh, Brig and Mrs. B.M. Bhattacharjee, Brig P.D. Joshi, Col Jayal, IMA, Col S.D. Sehgal, GSO-I, Army Headquarters, New Delhi, Col Diveshwar, and Col Chandele.

Outstanding Medals and Awards for the year 1969.

- (1) President's Gold Medal for the best all-round cadet went to:—
 - 1st term—Cadet Captain
B.K. Sinha, Chandra-
gupta Section.
 - 2nd term—Cadet Captain
L.T. Singh, Shivaji
Section.
- (2) Colonel Haughton's Silver Medal for the second best Cadet went to:—
 - 1st term—Cadet Section Comdr
K.S. Jaswal, Ranjit
Section.
 - 2nd term—Cadet Section Comdr
J.S. Man, Pratap
Section.
- (3) UN Jha Gold Medal for standing first amongst the RIMC cadets joining the NDA went to:—

1st term—Cadet NCO K.C.
Cherian, Ranjit Section

2nd term—Cadet N. Ravindran,
Pratap Section.

- (4) Major Girish Chandra Verma
Silver Medal for standing first in
the RIMC Diploma Examination
1969 went to:—

Cadet S.S. Sandhu, Shivaji
Section.

Academic & Proficiency Prizes 1969

I-A (May)

English —A.K. Sharma
Maths —S.M. Singh
History —S. Imam
Geography —A.K. Sharma
Science —S. Imam
L. Hindi —K.M. Balsara
H. Hindi —Dharamvir Singh
Art —K.M. Balsara
1st in Class—S.M. Singh

I-A (December)

English —A.K. Singh
Maths —T.K. Guha & Mahendrapal
Singh
History —Atul Verma
Geography —Gajendra Singh
Science —T.S. Mahadeo
L. Hindi —D. Majumdar
H. Hindi —A.K. Singh
Art —B.S. Gill
1st in Class—Gajendra Singh

II-A (May)

English —Kuldip Singh
Maths —Gurkirat Singh
History —Gurkirat Singh
Geography —A.S. Narayan
Science —A.S. Narayan
L. Hindi —S. Banerjee
H. Hindi —Sunil Chandra
Sanskrit —Bikram Dewan
Aat —R.K. Paul
1st in Class—A.S. Narayan

II-A (December)

English —C. Banerji
Maths —A. Chakravarti
History —M. Dobhal
Geography —M.B. Saxena
Science —M.B. Saxena
L. Hindi —C. Banerjee
H. Hindi —M. Dobhal
Sanskrit —V.K. Chhibber
Art —Y.A. Singh and P.P. Reddy
1st in Class—M.B. Saxena

III-A (May)

English	—R. Mathews
Maths	—A. Mehrotra
History	—H. Sarat Singh
Geography	—Niraj Kumar
Science	—T.S. Rakhraj
L. Hindi	—A.K. Singh
H. Hindi	—Niraj Kumar
Sanskrit	—M.P. Yadav
Art	—H. Sarat Singh
1st in Class	—Niraj Kumar

III-A (December)

English	V. Y. Gidh
Maths	G.S. Gokavi
History	B.N. Misra
Geography	G.S. Gokavi
Science	S.K. Juneja
L. Hindi	H. Tagang
H. Hindi	S.K. Juneja
Sanskrit	R. Nandan
Art	Y.N. Singh
1st in Class	G.S. Gokavi

IV-A (May)

English	—A.K. Singh
Maths	—Y.S. Tomar
History	—C.R.K. Singh
Geography	—A.K. Singh
Science	N. Ravindran
L. Hindi	A. Dhar
H. Hindi	R.U. Patil
1st in Class	A.K. Singh

IV-A (December)

English	C.V. Ramani
Maths	I.B. Singh and B.S. Gaur
History	S. K. Singh
Geography	S.S. Sandhu
L. Hindi	V.R. Naphade
H. Hindi	B.S. Gaur
1st in Class	S.S. Sandhu

Hobby Prizes

C.A Seniors	V.R. Naphade
Juniors	M.B. Saxena
Nature Study	S. Banerjee
Gardening	Sunil Chandra
Young Newtous	B.N. Misra
Alchemist	Kuldip Singh
Music	P.C. Dhanraj
Aeró-Modelling	N. Ravindran
Rifle Shooting	L T. Singh
Stamp-Collecting	V.Y. Gidh
Photography	M.P. Yadav
Hindi Debating	
Seniors	A.K. Saxena
Juniors	Atul Verma

English Debating

Seniors

C.V. Ramani
A.S. Narayan
P.K. Chatterjee

Juniors

Dramatics HindiManvendra Singh
S.K. Juneja
B.R. Bhatia**Dramatics English**A.K. Singh
N. Ravindran
B.R. Bhatia**Art**

R.K. Paul

Craft

G.P. Singh

1. Sports Prizes for Inter Section Competitions, 1969

Squad Drill	Ranjit
Boxing	Ranjit
Table Tennis	Shivaji
Gen SP Thorat Shield for Rifle Shooting	Shivaji
Cricket	Shivaji/Ranjit
Basket Ball	Chandra Gupta
Hockey	Pratap
Swimming	Shivaji
Football	Pratap
Admiral's Katari shield for cross country	Chandra Gupta
Athletics Shield	Shivaji/Ranjit.
P.T.	Chandra Gupta
Squash	Pratap
Gen KS Thimayya's for co-curricular activities.	Shivaji
Education Cup	Shivaji

2. Prizes for the best players:**Football**

- (1) Section Comdr JS Mann (P)
(2) Cadet NCO RS Verma (R)

Hockey

- (1) Cadet Capt LT Singh
(2) Cadet NCO SK Singh

Cricket

- (1) Cadet NCO Suman Misra (R)
(2) Cadet Sec Comdr KG Bewoor (S)

3. Col BK Laroia's Best Sportsman of the year Cup-

Cadet Capt LT Singh (S)

4. Maj Gen Hira Lal Atal's Trophy for the best Senior Athlete

Cadet Deepak Singh (R)

5. Major Grish Chandra Verma Trophy for the best Junior Athlete.

Cadet Y.A. Singh (R)

6. Lord Rawalinson's Championship Cup-

Shivaji

Correspondence

We express our sincere thanks to Maj. Gen. Virendra Singh (Retd), President of the Old Boys' Rimcollian Association and Lt. Col. Onkar Singh, another Rimcollian and formerly our Admin. Officer for their letters of appreciation addressed to our Commandant, Lt. Col. H.K.L. Johar. The text of both the letters is reproduced here.

—Editor

(Copy of DO dated 10 Dec., 1969 from Maj Gen Virendra Singh (Retd) 3, Sultan Singh Building, Kashmere Gate, Delhi-6).

Dear Johar,

I write this to convey to you, the Staff and Cadets my sincere thanks for the warm welcome accorded to me and my wife on the occasion of the End of Term Function. This was a memorable event for me and I was reminded of the happy days that I spent at the College nearly forty years back. I do very much appreciate the great honour that the College has done to me.

I was very impressed with the smartness, turn-out and Drill of the Cadets at the Ceremonial Parade which I had the privilege to inspect. Please convey my warmest congratulations to all concerned.

I am sure that I voice the feelings of all the guests that the Variety Entertainment was most enjoyable and so also the Dinner.

It was very kind of you to have arranged a lunch party at your house and for the opportunity that we got to meet many old friends.

We have always taken great pride in our "Alma Mater" and I am sure that it will continue to do well.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) Virendra Singh.

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(b) *(Copy of DO No. 2038/34/A dated 10 Dec. 1969 from Lt. Col. Onkar Singh, Commanding Officer 10th Battalion, the Garhwal Rifles C/o 99 APO).*

Dear Col. Johar,

I am grateful to you and the staff for regularly sending me the Chronicle, which I enjoy reading and it keeps me nostalgic memories of my almatematic ties ever strong.

It was indeed encouraging to read in your issue No 12 dated 17 Nov. 69 that the College did very well in the 19th Dehra Dun District Athletic Meet. I had also kept this a yardstick to measure up the achievements in sports; as most schools of Doon Valley participate in this meet and comparison is possible. My hearty congratulations to you all and particularly to the participants.

My present address may please be noted to avoid continued redirection of the Chronicle. Thanking you once again and with best wishes to you, staff and the Cadets.

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,
Sd/* Onkar Singh.