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EDITORIAL

Dear readers,

First I wish you all a very happy New Year in 1999. We will be looking forward to lots more of interaction with you this year.

The term started on the 17th of January and the first termers joined us on the 23rd. This term we have a lot of heartening news. RIMC has been placed in the Inter Services institutions list. There is new furniture in the academic block, even as we go to the press the foundation stone for a new dormitory for 44 cadets has been laid and sanction for building four masters quarters has been received. Read more about that in this Chronicle. A Rimcollian, Shahriyar Khan, is leading the visiting Pakistan cricket team as the manager.

In College the Sundays are devoted to what is now called campus maintenance (previously Shramdaan). As usual we have some new staff members and some leaving us. Also a new doctor who also teaches Biology to classes I and IA

BTZS Appu
K R Bharatraj.

MESSAGE

All the RIMCOLLIANS are requested to attend the last reunion of the millennium. Let us make this a special occasion.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

27th of November 1998, graduation ceremony of the 11nd term 98. It was the day when the VA had to pass out after their five year stay in the RIMC which was a mixture of challenges and excitements. These nostalgic moments are difficult to describe. Lt Gen. S S Mehta AVSM VSM, Deputy Chief of Army Staff was the chief guest of the ceremony.

The first and the second position holders in each class were presented their respective book prizes by the chief guest. The highest %age award in each section was given to Cdt Bhawani Singh and Cdt Raja Wangdi Sherpa of classes II and IV respectively. The Din Dayal Mathematics cup was won by Shivaji section for the 3rd consecutive year. The sword of honour was presented to Cdt B Divakar for being the best all round cadet. He also bagged the newly instituted "Wavell" sword for integrity and character. The Col D H Parab trophy for the most helpful cadet was awarded to Cdt Hari Narayan and Cdt Raja Wangdi for the Jan and

July terms respectively. A Blazer in football was awarded to Cdt NCO Wati Jamir. A number of Merit cards, Half Blues and Blues were also awarded.

This was followed by a colourful and enjoyable cultural evening. The M.C.'s, Gaurav Rana and BTZS Appu, came out in great style. Everyone was enthralled by the fascinating "Raga Bhairvi" by Pinak Pani Roy. The song "Purani Jeans" by Marjit and Rajat was also liked by all. The musical items were followed by an exciting play "The Rising of the Moon".

In keeping with the tradition, the graduating cadets were presented their mementoes after dinner amidst the most sentimental and nostalgic moments.

Compiled by
Vikram Sharma

CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE MEETING

At the Chiefs of Staff Committee meeting held in New Delhi on 22-12-1998, the following important decisions related to RIMC were taken.

1. The RIMC be included in the Inter Services Institutions list. All issues of the RIMC will be progressed thereafter as per the existing rules of other inter service institutions.
2. The RIMC be allotted required funds, for capital works spread over a timespan of three years, after drawing up necessary estimates with the QMG, E-in-C, and the HQ central command.
3. The allocation of funds for special repairs be increased substantially, to tide over immediate problems of accommodation.
4. The RIMC be provided a corpus amount of Rs. 10 lakhs, at the ratio of 6:2:2 from the Army, Navy and the Air Force respectively on the receipt of the CSD trade surplus from the MOD. An additional Rs. 20 lakhs may be made available subject to availability of funds, for which the JTC will put up necessary proposals for approval by the COSC after due deliberation.
5. The RIMC be issued with a tractor as authorised in its PE, without further delay by the MGO branch.
6. The Medical Inspection of the Army and the Naval cadets will be carried out at the MH Dehradun, whereas for Air Force cadets, it will be carried out at Delhi.
7. The services will explore the possibility of posting qualified low medical category officers to the RIMC as AEC instructors, at the scale of one per service as an interim measure.
8. Adequate punitive measures will be adopted

against cadets being withdrawn prematurely and for failure to qualify for the NDA, despite better performances otherwise and will be implemented, after due deliberation by the JTC, in consultation with the Commandant, RIMC.

RIMC ENTERS 21st CENTURY

1. The buildings of the College which have stood the test of time for the last "90 years or so" have started showing signs of stress. It is rightly said, "Time and tide wait for none".
2. "Thus rehabilitation of buildings followed by new construction in a phased manner has become the order of the day. To quote some statistics - Rs 32.16 lacs have been released in the financial year (FY) 1998-99 and the work is under progress. In addition, the classrooms bear an entirely new look with modern furniture (worth Rs 5 lacs) having been installed. Works worth another Rs. 50 lacs are in the offing!
3. In addition, RIMC has recently projected a requirement of Rs 10 crores approximately to cater for new construction in the coming years. Fifty metre Swimming Pool and a Multipurpose Auditorium figure on the list.
4. And to top it all was the laying of the foundation stone of two new dormitories in the lawns between Chandragupta Section and the Squash courts. The foundation stone of the new block was laid by Maj Gen V B Batra, VSM, GOC UP Area on 04th Feb'99.
5. Keep on reading folks. More will follow in our college magazine about the college stands.

Capt.S.Mongia

THE CLASS OF JANUARY '99 (FIRST TERMERS)

Hi! And a Happy New Year everyone. As you all know the newest addition to our family, the First termers joined on 23rd January'99. They are the latest to become a part and parcel of the RIMC. Here are some of their interests, likes and dislikes.

ADIL AHMAD DIN

This handsome boy from Anantnag (J&K) is highly interested in Squash. His aim is to become a fighter pilot in the I.A.F (best of luck to him!). He is in Pratap section.

ASHOK GARG

A budding youngster from Kanpur, this boy loves Cricket, Computers and Football. He also likes reading books and aspires to be an Air Force Officer.

PRABIR GOGOI

A new entrant into Pratap section, he loves to play Tennis & Football. He loves to surf the net (another Computer buff).

RISHI RAJ

He was studying in a Sainik School previously and is interested in Computers. He says that he likes this place.

SUHEIL KARKERA

This young lad from the land of Bollywood (Mumbai) likes G.K, coin collecting, computers and rifle shooting.

AMUL

This boy from Howrah W.B has special interest for Computers. He likes playing Cricket, Football, and Lawn Tennis. He loves happiness and respectfulness (you'll like this place for sure!).

ISHAN SHARAN

He is a cheerful boy who wants to join the Air Force. He likes to paint & read books. He also likes to play and sleep though he doesn't like to stay up late at night and get up early morning (RIMC will help you to like it!!).

ABHISHEK PRAKASH

A Cricket buff from Arunachal Pradesh. This boy likes Journalism, Typing as well as Ice cream. He doesn't like Chinese Dishes (I'm surprised).

ANVESH MURTY

This son of a Naval Officer loves Computers and singing. He plays Football, Cricket and likes Swimming. He feels that he is a good speaker and debater, (he has since proved it by winning the Inter Section Debate - Stood first in jr. section)

ADITYA SWAROOP

This young lad from Bangalore likes playing and eating but dislikes singing. His hobbies are Stamp & Coin Collection. He plays Squash, Football, Cricket & T.Tennis. His father, Wg Cdr Swaroop is a Rimcollian.

ABHISHEK JOSHI

This boy from U.P likes Rifle Shooting, Reading and Computers as well as eating and sleeping. He also likes games and plays Cricket and is interested in Athletics.

SANJAY KR SINGH

He comes from Andamans and loves good food, Computers & Swimming. His hobby is stamp collecting and reading books. He is also interested in Photography.

B PRANITH

This boy from Warangal in A.P is interested in Computers, reading and playing games. He is also interested in Cricket, Football and Rifle Shooting.

ABHISHEK JAIN

A localite, this young boy is interested in Maths & Science as well as in Computers and is bonkers about sweets.

ASHISH KUMAR

This tall boy from Bihar is fond of playing Cricket, Badminton & Football and is keen on Chess. He likes RIMC as well as Music. (He will be an addition to the Music hobby).

ADITYA SHARMA

A Delhiite by origin, he is interested in all racket games. He is son of a Rimcollian (Col.A.K.Sharma).

CHINTAN JOSHI

This Gujrati likes Martial Arts and Painting. He likes eating and talking to people. He also likes playing a lot of games.

AKSHAY CHIBBER

Son of Capt.V.K.Chibber (Rimcollian), he comes from Tamil Nadu. He likes reading comics and playing Cricket, Football and Boxing. He also likes RIMC.

ASOOM SHARMA

A Himachali from Palampur, this lad's hobbies are music, art, reading and computers. He plays the Harmonium and likes Science. He plays Cricket, Football and Basketball (he'll be a great player). He is the youngest (11 years 7 months) and the shortest (4 ft3 in) on campus.

VISHAL SHARMA

He too is a computer buff and likes to play Cricket, Football, T.Tennis and Swimming. He also likes rifle shooting as a hobby.

HEIKHAM PINKU

He is a strong Manipuri and he likes reading books, arts and wants to learn computers. He plays Football, T.Tennis, and Badminton and likes listening to pop albums and film songs. He is also a very good Boxer (a potential Dingko Singh).

S.K.DEY

A young boy from Nagaland, his hobbies are rifle shooting & photography as well as driving cars. He loves games like Cricket, Football & Badminton. He is especially interested in watching T.V.

This was a short profile of the cadets of Class I and all of us sincerely hope that they enjoy their life in RIMC.

Malcolm Gomes.

NEWS IN BRIEF

1. Cooking is now being done on LPG; coal which blackened the kitchen is now a thing of the past.
2. Executive orders for Service Medical Boards of Naval cadets at MH Dehradun have been received.
3. New desks with benches have been provided in class rooms and cadets have been provided with the new numbered locks so that the latches need not be broken when the keys are lost. (Cadets have already discovered the trick to open their neighbour's and neighbour's neighbour's locks.)
4. New woollen caps and OP shoes have been procured for all cadets at heavily subsidised rates.
5. One Raymond blanket has been provided to each cadet. No quilts will be used this term onwards and the new blanket will supplement the two provided by the college.
6. Dr. Soumya Anand (a DOSCO) is our new doctor. He is also teaching Biology to classes IA & I. He is also interested in journalism & computer hobbies.
7. Mr. B. Kanagraj is the new Biology master Capt.S.S.Thakur (AEC) from NDA has joined us recently. He shall teach chemistry in place of Ms. Ruchita Kamra
8. Dr. Paul Samy and Mr. P K Sharma, both of the Biology department of the College have been selected as Vice principal, YPS, Patiala and PGT (BIO) at the Birla Vidya Mandir at Nainital respectively. Our heart felt congratulations to them. They shall be taking up their new assignments in March.
9. Class X Board result is out. Cadets are unhappy over the low percentages they have got.
10. In the class XII board exams, all 25 cadets of class VA have cleared.
11. 19 RIMC cadets have been finally selected to join NDA in Jan 99. First four positions out of first ten in the All India Merit list have been bagged by our cadets. These are:

(a)	B Divakar	(I)
(b)	Nitin Rawat	(II)
(c)	Hari Narain	(III)
(d)	Romel Biswas	(IV)
12. Results of UPSC written exam Sep '98 are out. Only 16 out of the 25 cadets of the present class have made it.
13. RIMC has now been included in the inter services institutions list, thereby being upgraded to an elite level like the NDA, DSSC, NDC & CDM.
14. SHRAMDAAN (renamed campus beautification) was held on 24Jan 1999, with the motto "A Clean & Green RIMC". All cadets, members of the staff, their wives and children took part. It was followed by a delicious lunch on a sunny afternoon in the quadrangle. This has been followed up vigorously by dozer work to clear areas of very heavy undergrowth, a bullock with a plough is also being brought in to clear the more restricted areas. Mr Prashant Sharma is the driving force behind this campaign. While discussing future plans with the Comdt. he was heard muttering to himself, "Yes, I think we may be able to do all that by Jun 99, if you are still around till then. The show goes on.
15. Wreath laying ceremony was held on 19th of January. It was presided over by the Commandant.
16. Id-ul-fitr was celebrated in the College. The entire college gathered for prayers in the mosque. It was followed by distribution of prizes for the kitchen garden competition for Group C and Group D employees.
17. Staff Vs Cadets cricket match was played on 25th Jan. Cadets won the match by 7 wickets.
18. First round of Dorm inspections was held on the 22nd of Jan. Ranjit Section came first; their jr. dorm was adjudged the best and were presented a bounty of chocolates.
19. Capt. Nitin Chaturvedi, son of Mr. R C Chaturvedi got married on 15th of Jan 99. Almost all members of the staff attended the marriage ceremony. We wish the newly-weds a happy and prosperous married life.
20. Mr. R.C. Singhal underwent a cataract operation recently in Delhi. We wish him a speedy recovery.
21. Lt. Gen. M.A. Gurbuxani, AVSM, Commandant IMA left IMA on 15 - Jan - 1999 for his new assignment as GOC, 12 Corps. Col & Mrs Mangain saw him off.
22. Maj.Gen. Virendra Singh has presented the College one full golf set - Spalding Graphite Shaft plus an extra putter. Mr. Bikram Singh has also presented one new half set of 8 clubs. They have also presented 150 golf balls.
23. Nike Open Squash tournaments was held recently in Calcutta which was won by Ritwik Bhattacharya (Ex- Ranjit). Interestingly there were three Rimcollians in the last eight viz. Ritwik Bhattacharya, Capt. Anuj Kalia & Awish Jaiswal.
24. UPSC has advertised for 13 posts of masters in RIMC for various subjects. Hopefully, we will have most of them by the next year.
25. E-mail has become a very useful mode of communications at the RIMC. A large number of Rimcollians have been communicating with us on the e-mail. Many have been giving valuable suggestions and advice. We wish to thank all of them and hope that more will get in touch with the college. Our address rimcollege@yahoo.com.
26. The long awaited trip to Kathmandu has once again been postponed.
27. As mentioned in the editorial, Mr. Shahriyar Khan, Rimcollian (Rawlinson 1945-1947) is currently in India as manager of the touring Pakistani Cricket team. An illustrious Rimcollian, Mr Khan was a keen sportsman while at the College. The Old Boys hosted cocktails for him at Delhi on 6-2-1999.
28. In the staff vs. cadets hockey match held on 30-1-1999, a depleted staff team lost to cadets 0-14. Most of the playing members of the staff team were on leave that day. Rumour has it that the staff are planning for a return match on a later date; they are probably watching out to catch a depleted College XI.

29. Col.B.S Negi (Ex-C) and Col. I. Narayan (ex-R) were awarded the YSM and the VSM respectively on the Republic Day. Our congratulations to both of them.

QUOTE-UNQUOTE

These were heard during the Campus Beautification drive:

1. Some one to Cadet Kariappa
—Take care of the "Silver Oak"
—What is a "Silver Oak"!!!!
2. Commandant to Cadet Venkat— "Have you done some real work, your hands don't show it?"
—Venkat observes the blisters on Com's hands and says, " I use my head Sir."
3. Col Balsara to the hostess while declining the offer of a pudding; "The only sweet thing I like in my life is my wife"!!!!(Lonely heart - his wife is yet to join him).

FROM THE ARCHIVES

HIGH STANDARD OF TRAINING 15 YEARS OF WORK

1.DOON'S R.I.M.COLLEGE'S PROUD RECORD

DEHRADUN April 4th - The remarkable progress made since its inception 15 years ago is revealed in the following review of the activities of the Prince of Wales Royal Indian Military College ,Dehradun.

Since H.E. Lord Rawlinson, their commander-in-chief in India, founded the college in 1922, with a view to encouraging the right kind of boys to the Army as a career, 110 boys have passed into the Army. When considering this figure it must be borne in mind that during its infancy the college was composed of a small number of cadets none of whom were old enough to sit for the Army entrance examination for several years.

In 1926 there were 70 cadets; this number has since been increased to 130. It's not however, of numbers only that the college is most proud. The records of an amazingly high percentage of its former students make remarkably fine reading.

Before the founding of the IMA, boys from the RIMC distinguished themselves both at the R.M.A, Woolwich, and at the R.M.C, Sandhurst. The object of the Principal & the staff of the college has not been just to give the cadets under them the necessary book knowledge to pass their Army Entrance Examination - rather has it been to equip them with a general training which might enable them to conduct themselves with credit wheresoever they might go and in whatsoever circumstances they might find themselves.

Results prove the success of this aim. Many of the final passing - out reports from Woolwich & Sandhurst were more than creditable -they were excellent. On the completion of the year's attachment to a British regiment which all officers must undergo after receiving their commissions, the Colonels of the regiments concerned have, on many occasions, expressed themselves as most genuinely sorry to lose these boys when the time has come for them to join their Indian Units.

There are at present approximately 30 RIMC Old Boys in residence at the IMA. Both the Gold Medal (twice) and the Sword of Honour have been won by RIMC boys and it is a point worthy of notice that three out of the four Under-Officers at the IMA during the current term are RIMC cadets.

(Courtesy- The Statesman, 5th. April 1937.)

2. Change of Designation of Sections:

Sections are redesignated as under:-

Roberts	-	Ranjit
Rawlinson	-	Pratap
Kitchener	-	Shivaji

Courtesy - College Routine Orders of 31 Jan. 1948

OBITUARY

It was with great grief and sorrow that we have received news about passing away of the following: -Shri. Aryananda Sharma (Retd), former accountant at the college on 21-1-1999. He had served RIMC with dedication and devotion for 37 long years. Shri. Madhusudhan Reddy, father of Cadet Varun Prakash of Shivaji Section, on 12-10-1998. Mrs Padi Jailang, mother of Cadet Padi Batt of Pratap Section, on 12-1-1999.

We express our heartfelt condolences and sympathies to the bereaved families and pray to God almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed souls.

RIMCOLLIAN NEWS FROM CHENNAI

- a. Brig KVM Nair, (1960-64, Ranjit) Dy Commandant, OTA has been posted to DSSC, Wellington. He would be moving to his new location in the 3rd week of March.
- b. Maj P Bhatnagar, (1979-83 Shivaji) GSO 2 Trg at OTA has qualified for DSSC, Wellington. He would be joining the course in the month of June.
- c. Vippan Chhibbar, (1968-72, Chandragupta) has figured in the 1998 edition of Limca Book of Records (Page309) for leading contingent of motorcycles to Khardung La, highest motorable road in the world.

BOOK POST

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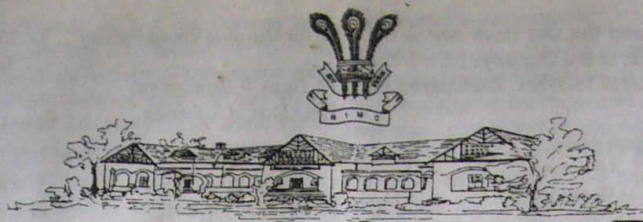
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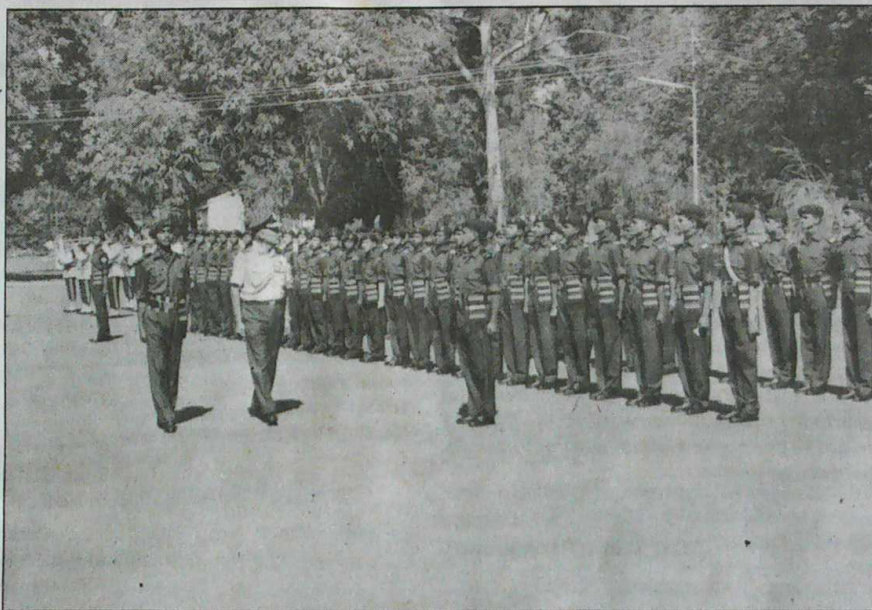
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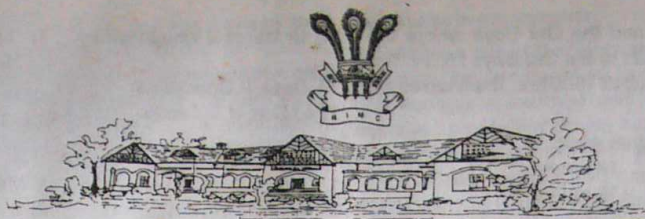
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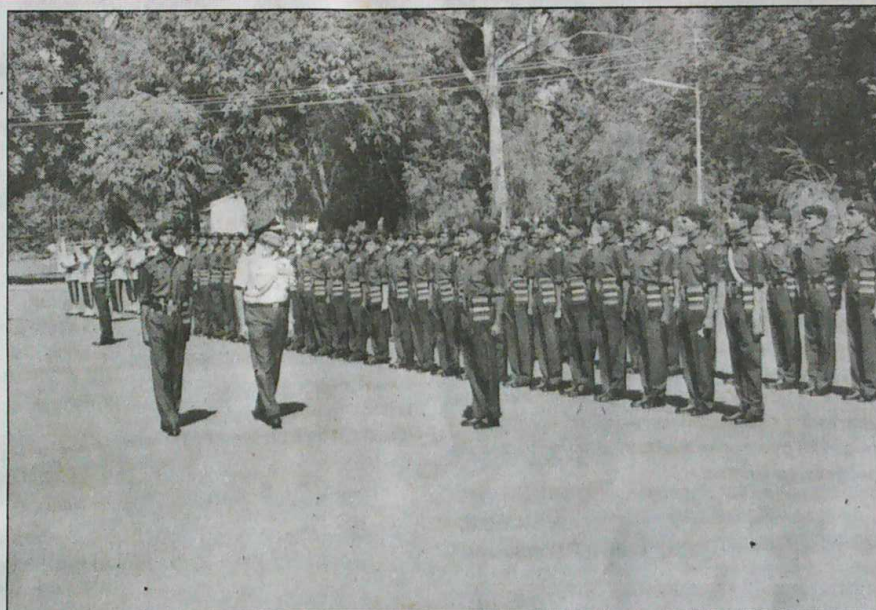
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between the cadets and the Old Boys where the "victorious" cadets lost to the Old Boys (5:3). The Boxing final followed suit at 1800 hrs. The final results were

Ranjit & Shivaji 25 points each
Pratap 18 points
Chandragupta 16 points

Eventually Ranjit lifted the Trophy due to more number of Golds won.

On the D-day, March 13th, the college was bustling with activity. Air Chief Marshal A. Y. Tipnis PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC arrived at 1130 hrs. He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Molina Tipnis. He reviewed a Guard of Honour. He visited the hobbies and addressed the cadets wherein he emphasized the character-building among cadets. He had a group photograph along with the cadets and old boys. Air Chief Marshal A.Y.Tipnis interacted with the cadets during lunch and obliged them by giving autographs. He left RIMC at 1500 hrs.

The traditional Cricket match as usual was won by cadets which was highlighted by Cadet Ankit Uniyal's brilliant 50. In the evening, there was a play related to RIMC and an extremely good dance. It was followed by the Lt. Gen. N. S. Malik's address. To top it up, there was a dance for all in the middle ante rooms.

The next day the Rimcollians started for their respective homes and the cadets got two days holidays and in a fair bargain, they got their mid-term exams postponed. Thus the celebrations came to a close with a total of 63 lucky Rimcollians having got the opportunity to attend this re-union. We do hope that we get to see some more of such enthusiastic and energetic re-unions.

VIVA RIMC !

Cdt. Venkat Parthasarathy

The list of RIMCOLLIANS who attended this Reunion is as follows

Pratap	Ranjit
1. Gen. V.N.Sharma	1. Col. Hari Handa
2. Maj. Gen. T.V.Manoharan	2. Col. Ranjit Singh
3. Maj. Gen. S.B.Neogi	3. Lt.Col. D.D.Jayal
4. Wg. Cdr. Rajvir Yadav	4. Flg. Of. A Dhami
5. Mr. Karan Lamba	5. Wg.Cdr. S.R Swaroop
6. Lt. Cdr. Deepak Dhar	6. Col. C.S Mann
7. Mr. Sanjeev Tandon	7. Maj. C.Konwer
8. Lt. Col. M. S. Khurana	8. Mr. P.S. Negi
9. Mr. Ajay Malhotra	9. Maj. A.J. S. Virk(Retd.)
10. Brig. K.S.Chhokar	10. Mr. Zia Ul Hussain
11. Cdr. B.M.Antony	11. Mr. Siddhath Misra
12. Maj. Sudheer Hoon	12. Maj. Gen. S.C. Sinha
13. Maj. A. Bhattacharjee	13. Lt.Col. N.K. Bajaj
14. Wg. Cdr. Ajay Rao	14. Col B.K. Arora
15. Maj Gen R.K.Batra	15. Brig. J.S. Kochhar
16. Lt. Col. Shivender Singh	16. Maj. G.S. Kochhar

17. Air Marshal Vinod Patney

18. Capt. P.Bharadwaj

19. Lt.Cdr. H.S.Sandu

Chandragupta

1. Col. B. Sivasankar
2. Mr. Alok Vijyant
3. Col. H.S.Pathania
4. Flg. Of. S.Sankar
5. Mr. A.K.Sinha
6. Mr. A.K.Barman
7. Wg.Cdr. H.S.Sandu
8. Mr. Malvendar Singh Chhikora
9. Mr. Ajay Ahlawat
10. Mr. Madhusudan

17. Lt. Gen. Vinay Shankar

Shivaji

1. Maj. Shekawat
2. Wg. Cdr. R.S Dhool
3. Sqn. Ldr. Aswani Kumar
4. Col. Arun Marmgain
5. Flt.Lt Ajit Singh
6. Brig. Manoharan Singh
7. Flt.Lt G.S Chhabra
8. Maj. Vivek Jaswal
9. Maj. Gen. Rajan Anay
10. Brig. Charanjit Singh
11. Cdr. R.K Mital
12. Mr. Anil Jagtaini
13. Mr. Rakesh Rai
14. Brig. Ujjal Dasgupta
15. Flg. Of. Sanjay Lal
16. Wing.Cdr. B.P.S Rawat
17. Brig P.R Diwan
18. Cdr. H Sahn
19. Lt. Gen. N. S. Malik

Compiled by

Cdt. Venkat Parthasarathy
Shivaji Section

(This is based on the registration at the Reception Counter)

HIKE -REPORT

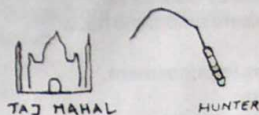
CLASS I : These young bubbling lads went to the traditional place "Kanesar" They were accompanied by Capt.D.K.Bardwaj. They climbed rocks and had a nice time camping and trekking.



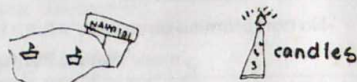
CLASS IA : The 'lucky ones' went to Auli. They were the 'first ones' this year to visit Badrinath but found that trip was not such a successful one as they visited different places which were not in a shape in which they were expected to be in.



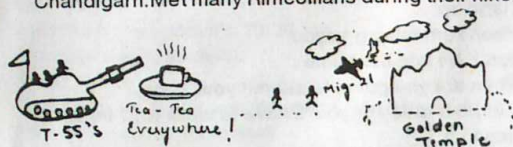
CLASS II : These energetic guys went to Agra. Theirs was a good hike. They saw those "Big Bosses" of the Air force -IL 76, AN 32. They also saw the TAJ MAHAL and other historic places. On their way back, they visited Mathura.



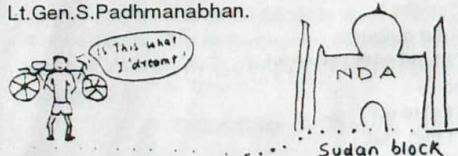
CLASS IIA : These rather lucky cadets had a narrow escape from the disgusting hike -Hari Ki Dun. They went to Nainital and Ranikhet and had a wonderful time boating and shopping.



CLASS III : Brainy, talented and jazzy cadets of class III went to the holy city -AMRITSAR and visited the Wagha border, Golden temple, and rode on the T-55's. They also saw some winged beauties soaring in the skies- the MIG 21's. This was a very successful hike. They also went to Jalandher and Chandigarh. Met many Rimcollians during their hike.



CLASS IV : These James 'Bonds' went to have a glimpse of their dream land- NDA. They met old boys there, who were quite happy for having landed in their dream land. They were accompanied by Capt M. Gupta. (I am sure they have a 12 size mark on their backs.) They met Col. & Mrs. Parab at Pune and also had a tete - a -tete with the Army Commander, Lt. Gen. S. Padhmanabhan.



CLASS IVA : These adventurers went for a rafting hike to Rishikesh. They had a wonderful time rafting. Capt S.S. Takhur accompanied them. They had some nasty surprises too!! Some of them drowned with their life jackets on! They should be sent to Zanskar next time.



On behalf of every one at RIMC, we would like to thank the following for making our hikes such a wonderful experience.

1. Lt. Gen S. Padmanabhan, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC
GOC in C
HQ Southern Command
Pune- 411 001

2. Lt Gen HRS Mann, AVSM, VSM
Chief of Staff
HQ Central Command
Lukhnow
U.P
3. Lt. Gen Kamal Dabar
GOC
HQ 11 Corps
4. Maj Gen JS Verma, AVSM
Dy Comdt.
Armoured Corps Center and School
Ahmed Nagar- 414 001
5. Maj Gen Rajan Aney
GOC
HQ 6 Mtn Div
6. Maj Gen Avtar Singh, VSM
GOC
HQ 15 Inf Div
7. Brig BB Deo
BGS (trg)
HQ Central Command
Chandimandir
8. Brig A K Lamba
Cdr
HQ 15 Arty Bde
9. Brig HS Gill
Brig IC Adm
HQ 1 Corps
10. Air Cmde PA Hari Mohan, VM
Air officer Commanding
Air force station
Agra
11. Brig PC Bhardwaj, VRC, SC
Commander
HQ 50 (I) Para Bde
12. Brig A Parmar
Cdr
13. Brig Balwinder Singh
Cdr
HQ 6 Mtn Arty Bde
14. Brig KN Mehra
Commandant
Special Frontier Force Academy
HQ Establishment No 22
15. Col DH Parab
Offg BGS (INT)
HQ Southern Command
Pune-411 001
16. Col A Chakrabarty
CO
3 Rajput
17. Col P Deb
Commanding officer
BIT Bn
Mech Inf Regt Center
Ahmed Nagar-414 001
18. Col B Mathew CO
255 Fd Regt
19. Col Harnam Singh
Commanding Officer
Air Support Signal Regt.

20. Col Prakash Bhatt
Dy Comdt
The Kumaon Regt Center
Ranikhet - 263 601
U.P

SPORTS ROUND UP

The last year of the Millennium began with a lot of panting, running around and stamina building for the boxers (as well the non boxers inspired by them). The inter section boxing competition was held from 9th to 12th March and was filled with the echoes of 'Joshi' cheering up and the punches. There were many 'Dhoom dhadakas' especially on the 12th of March, the final day. The Ranjities lifted the trophy due to more gold medals (otherwise Shivaji and Ranjit were both at 25 points). This added to the pleasure of winning the Championship Cup. However the initiative of the Boxing Ring was to be followed by 'Cooling downs' of Cricket field and many other terms related to this game. The Cricket competitions were held from 15th to 27th of March in one phase and April 5th to 9th in the next. The positions were

- I - Chandragupta
- II- Ranjit
- III- Pratap
- IV- Shivaji

Cadet D Hazarika of Shivaji was adjudged the best player of the competitions. The Hockey fever is on and the Coach available for Hockey has added fuel to the fire. Mr. J C Katoch, the coach for Basketball and the Squash Coach, Mr. Dilip Tripathi have arrived who have spiced up the sports arena with the teams practising to the breaking point. College Basketball team took part in the Welham Boys tournament where they lost both their matches.

In Cricket, we have again asserted our dominance in Doon Valley and proved it in Delhi despite the fact that five cadets of the college team (of class VA) weren't playing. They reached the quarter finals.

The sports are never over in RIMC and are on high pitch until the end of the term. We'll bring you the fresh glimpses of 'Dhoomdhadakas' of RIMC in games field in our next issue where we will cover Inter Section Basketball and Hockey.

Au Revoir
Anoop Sharma
Aditya Dutta Roy

EXAMINATIONS

Hours of study and cramming,
Minutes of last minute preparation,
All of this is spend on;
A three hour examination.

We study till 2'0 clock at night,
About how many freedom fighters were jailed,
However when we get the marks,
We get to know how we have failed.
Then we decide not to study at all,
And at least enjoy and fail,
But we realize it'll never do,
As we can't explain it by mail.

-Cdt Aditya Dutta Roy

NO COMPROMISE

Farther from home I am going,
Going quite far;
Though I know what I am doing,
Makes our hearts as dark as tar.
Achievements Oand ambitions have
No damn bar.
Though it means imprisonment,
Like a fish in a jar.
My aim is not to grow rich;
With a bungalow and a car,
But my dreams are something
Which is much beyond far.
What ever field I choose;
I'd love to reach excellence par.

-No compromise about one's future. Okay!

Venkat Parthasarthy.

OUR MENTOR'S WORDS

Wake up ! Wake up ! You are late for P.T.
Wear your tie properly
Why haven't you polished your shoes ?
Why are you late ?
Stand up
Stand up
When I am talking to you.
Don't be late next time .
When are you going to submit your copy ?
Submit it today or you 'll have to write it 10 times.
I mean it .
Try , Try , Try again .
Yes .
What, Yes ?
Yes Sir , That's better .
Don't make noise in class.
Why were you not there in last period?
Handle the lab instrument carefully.
That's right.
Put light colours .
Don't fight with your friend.
Be good .
Don't give up .
Don't feel sad.
Never mind.
You'll do it next time.
Don't hit anyone .
I 'm talking to you .
Did you cut your nails?
We are going out today.
Wear clean dress .
Be in time.
Listen to your senior cadet .
Play hard .
Play like Brig Manchanda.
Don't worry about it.
I'll help you .
Do you feel good when you haven't done your home work ?
Hurry up .
Hurry up everyone's waiting .
Can you do it .
Help him .
Stop it .
I said stop it .
Stop it or I am taking you to Commandant right now
Don't leave your desk open .

Don't dirty your class room .
 Do you realize that could hurt him .
 Get me some chalk .
 Don't tell me it's not your turn .
 Don't bully your juniors .
 Don't take things from your juniors .
 Help your juniors .
 What's the matter?
 Cheer him up .
 Help him .
 You are doing well .
 Win the race .
 Be careful .
 Don't waste time .
 Issue books from library .
 Improve your handwriting .
 Well done .
 Send him to me in staff room .
 Come here .
 Solve this sum .
 Why don't you know ?
 Haven't I taught you ?
 Don't sleep in class room .
 Get up go and wash your face .
 Write letters to parents frequently .
 You will do well in your life .
 Excellent!
 Switch off the lights it's 10:30 pm .
 Exams are approaching .
 Study hard .
 Thank you sir , thank you sir , thank you sir .
 For whatever you have said .

KOROLEMBA OKRAM-CHA

COLLEGE MAIL BAG

1. Thanks to you and your staff for conducting such a wonderful "FOUNDER'S DAY " . I came to the college after a gap of 25 years and very apprehensive of the standards in view of the all round deterioration in the country. However I was totally surprised by the excellent condition the college is in .
 Brig Kuldip .S Chhokar (Retd)
2. Thank you very much for the RIMC 'Chronicle' for the month of Jan /Feb 1999. I would also like to take this opportunity to convey my sincere gratitude to you, staff members and cadets for all the arrangements made during the recent Rimcollians reunion . The organisation and conduct was always of a high standard and very enjoyable .
 Maj .Gen . Rajan Aney
3. To commandant and all Rimcollians, heartiest greetings for the anniversary .
 Lt.Col Purushottam
4. Best wishes for 13th March .
 Lt .Col. G.P.S. WARAICH
5. It was nice to see Wg. Cdr. S Banerjee on TV on 26th Jan escorting the Prime Minister at Amar Jawan Jyoti

Col. V. Y. Gidh

6. Hope all is well at RIMC and the reunion was a good one. My days at the RIMC were without doubt my best.

Aayush Giri

7. Many happy returns of the day. May RIMC achieve greater objectives in the days to come.

Capt A.K.Sharma, S.M

8. Very many thanks for the kind invitation to the 77th founders day celebrations on 12th and 13th march 99. I Wish I could join the function.

Col. H.K.L.Johar (Retd)

9. Please accept my sincere good wishes on the rimcollian reunion .I remember this day from Perth, Australia; which is thousands of miles from RIMC.

S.R.Jaiswal

OLD BOYS NEWS

1. Congratulations to Col.K.M Balsara for being selected to undergo the higher command course.
2. Col.Shakhar Upadhyay (Ex 'C') has decided to proceed on premature retirement. Our best wishes to him for the new career.

RIMCOLLIANS MEET AT PUNE 13 MAR 1999

1. At the beginning of the year Pune witnessed an interesting change in the command structure. Gen. Padmanabhan and Gen. Khanna carried out a one-to-one change and thus the Punetes still had an elder Rimcollian at the helm of affairs. A quick 'bedding in ' and with the onset of March Army Cdr directed to hold a Rimcollian get together, grand in scale and maximum participation. The organising committee with Maj. Gen. Narayan Chatterjee as the leader along with Gen. Yash Malhotra and yours truly got underway. To ensure maximum attendance it was decided to include Rimcollians from A'Nagar, Bombay and Lonavla. Further, a historic decision to invite NDA boys was taken so as to give the occasion a 'youngish air'.
2. The Commandant, RIMC, during his visit in Feb 99 had requested the Army Cdr to present the medals won by the cadets at RIMC to which he kindly consented. Further Arun also kindly offered to bear the cost of expenses incurred on the cadets during the 13 Mar dinner and this was promptly accepted by the economically hard pressed organising committee.
3. As regards the detailed organisation of the function it was wonderful to see the Army Cdr himself getting involved in all the details which included his explicit direction for testing of 'Scotch eggs'. The function started off by the presentation of the medals by the Army Cdr. The cadets looked truly impressive and smart in their newly acquired Mess Dress. Amongst those who attended were the illustrious 'Bewoor Family' headed by Mrs. Bewoor. It was wonderful to see her interacting

with everyone and especially with the NDA cadets. Of the old timers Gen. Rajwade, Col. Purandhare and Col. Mini Mohite were deeply involved in exchanging stories of their time with the present generation. Maj. Gen. A R Kumar had come from Mumbai along with his Col. G S, Soli Pavri. Maj. Gen. I N Luthra and Rear Admiral P D Sharma were the other prominent Rimcollians.

4. For a change, the NDA cadets refused to remain in their own groups and instead went around and mixed with everyone. The NDA cadets were concentrating around Mrs. Gita Parab and talking about their good old days and of how they used to get out of trouble and difficult situations with her help. The Army Cdr. And Mrs. Roopa Padmanabhan made it a point to go around and speak to every Rimcollian and more important they spoke to each and every cadet.

5. The food was served and the Scotch Eggs disappeared in a 'jiffy'. After the sumptuous meal everyone got around talking and the focus turned to the good old Section rivalry. It is surprising how we Rimcollians fight over our Sections but when we are pitted against anyone outside the RIMC fold then it is indeed a formidable 'mixture'. At the end the Army Cdr thanked everyone for attending the function and making it a grand success.

Col D H Parab
Reunion at Chennai

ABOARD CGS VIKRAM Chennai, March 13, 1999

Cool sea breeze, light music, smartly turned out sailors, well decorated Coast Guard Ship 'Vikram'. The ambience is just right for the celebrations for the evening - 77th Reunion of RIMC. Out of the 14 Old Boys, 13 troop in with their spouse in tow barring two bachelors. And in no time the atmosphere is full of laughter, loud talks and old memories. Col. C V Pratap (retd.) and Brig. K V M Nair meet after 39 years. Suddenly one finds the ladies left out in one corner of the ship and the 'old' boys reminiscing 'old' memories of their alma mater. Each one reminding the other of his boyhood pranks. Names of Mr. Singhal, Nene Bisht, R C Sharma, K Kumar are familiar once again and of course not to forget the Butler.

Scotch eggs are attacked first on the dinner table but the taste certainly is not as it is at RIMC. Why one cannot get such scotch eggs, one wonders. The ladies are shown around the ship and after thanking Commodore Subramaniam for his hospitality, all of us left pretty happy, at midnight.

WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE COMMANDANT 13 MAR 1999

Air Chief Marshal AY Tipnis, PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC Mrs Tipnis, Rimcollians, ladies and gentlemen, and my dear cadets.

It is a matter of great honour for all of us today to have amongst us as our Chief Guest, Air Chief Marshal, AY Tipnis and Mrs Molina Tipnis. It has been

very rare in the seventy seven years old history of the RIMC that we had a serving chief as our Chief Guest. Rarer still the Air Chief! It is indeed a fortuitous coincidence that soon after the elevation of RIMC to inter services institutions list, we have with us one of the three men responsible for this momentous episode in our long and illustrious history. This new status brings RIMC at par with such elite institutions as the National Defence Academy, the College of Defence Management, Defence Services Staff College and National Defence College. This indeed is, in a way, an appropriate and suitable recognition of the unparalleled contribution RIMC has made to the three Services over the last seven decades. At the same time this new identity as an inter services institution brings with it added responsibilities and expectations. However, it will encourage us to take up with renewed vigour and confidence the demands of the new century. On behalf of everyone at the RIMC and the Rimcollian fraternity, I welcome you, Sir, and Mrs Tipnis to the RIMC. We are most grateful to you for this very special gesture.

As a dedicated feeder to the National Defence Academy, RIMC over the years, has produced some of the finest military leaders of the country. Gentlemanly upbringing and the strength of character imbibed at the school have been the edifice on which such illustrious careers continue to be built. The highest levels of service and sacrifice of our predecessors have been the beacon to guide us in our pursuit of excellence. The well-guarded ethos of this College, the unrivalled treasure of its traditions and that indomitable RIMC spirit have continued to guide us in our efforts to shape the future leaders of our Armed Forces.

The curriculum at the College is so designed that the boys receive the most modern and advanced in the field of education with the best of opportunities for enhancement of social, cultural and aesthetic faculties. Academic excellence goes hand-in-hand with proficiency in sports and co-curricular activities. From computers to photography and Arts to Riding, the college offers an elaborate expanse of hobby clubs for the cadets to choose from.

Our boys' performance at various Defence academies has been of the highest standards as they figure amongst the top appointments and award winners of these institutions. The level of motivation of those at the College is remarkably high.

At the turn of the century, we find ourselves face-to-face with new goals. The road to the new century, we are aware, will be full of challenges. But with the blessings of our well-wishers and the grace of the Almighty, we shall overcome.

COMMANDANT'S ADDRESS 13 MARCH 1999

1. Gen NS Malik, President ROBA, ladies and gentlemen and my dear cadets.

2. The turn of the century, the dawn of a new millennium and the 77 years of RIMC have all made this Reunion a special occasion for all of us. I am grateful to all Rimcollians and their wives for the spirit and that special sense of oneness that brings us all here every year. It is this bond amongst

ourselves and between us and the College that makes the RIMC and The Rimcollians so special. We at the College draw immense inspiration and strength from the fact that we have with us the Old Boys community on whom we can bank upon anytime, everytime and all the time. Your love for the College is our greatest strength.

3. The past year has been one of the most eventful and bountiful in our recent history. A landmark presentation was made by Maj Gen Surendra Shah, Offg DGMT, to the Chiefs of Staff Committee in Dec 98. A lot of ground work for this had been done by Maj Gen Virendra Singh, Gen VN Sharma, Air Chief Marshal NC Suri, and Lt Gen NS Malik. As a result of this meeting RIMC has been included in the list of Inter Services Institutions alongside NDA, CDM, DSSC and NDC. Other major concessions announced by the Chiefs of Staff Committee include funds for capital works and special repairs, promise of Rs 10 lakhs for corpus and Rs 20 lakh more to follow.

4. Exactly a year ago at this forum I had expressed my anxiety over the poor state of our vintage buildings and the need for greater facilities. I had the pleasure to preside over a board to assess the Long Term Needs of RIMC. We have an 'in principle' acceptance of our bids amounting to Rs 11 crore. Our requirements have been projected for the existing strength of 250 cadets and allied staff. The project would be spread over 5 years. The first part of these are new dorms which are being constructed for 44 cadets at a cost of Rs 88 lakhs. Very aptly the Foundation Stone of the dorms was laid by an Old Boy who has been a key figure in acceptance of our plans - Maj Gen VB Batra. A gist of our bids is as follows :-

Category	Cost in lakhs	Remarks
* Other than Married Accn	240.96	Dorms, Library and Stores
* Married Accommodation	210.63	for Masters and Employees
* Special Requirements	526.00	Auditorium, Swimming Pool, Computer Lab, Mechanical laundry and a shopping complex
* Special Repair works	108.16	Primarily for repairs to all roofs, joinery, renovatio of kitchen etc.

5. Amongst the first works to commence were the special repairs to the accommodation for the Employees and Masters. The classrooms have brand new furniture.

6. Our bid for one 185 KVA generator has been accepted and it ought to materialize in the next financial year. From Feb 99 onwards we have LPG for the cook house instead of coal. Installation of new electrical kitchen eqpt is also underway. We are pursuing a case for starting a riding club with about 20 horses. The plan is to get the animals, saddlery, rations, instructors and vet cover from the Army. The College would have to raise funds for the

administrative manpower.

7. RIMC has one of the best campuses any institute in Dehra Dun can boast of. In order to preserve its rich ecological heritage and to further bolster it, massive plantation drives have been carried out during the monsoons. Over the last one year the cadets have planted 300 saplings of Amrapali mangoes and 200 more of Baramasi Nimboo. This year we have taken up an ambitious and cost free project of planting about 5000 saplings of Poplars in the 20 acres of vacant land behind the Pavilion leaving ample scope for inter cropping of staple and vegetable crops. This project has been possible with some generous help from the FRI in terms of investment and technical know-how.

You would have noticed that the campus is giving a neater and cleaner look now as the Lenten shrub and congress grass which had spread its tentacles all around has been removed. This was done by the cadets themselves as part of Shramdan (euphemistically called Campus Beautification'). In this effort the members of staff, their wives and children also took part. The other day, the news reader in the Assembly announced that the Comdt, RIMC, was being pulled up by the National Human Rights Commission for enforcing child labour at the RIMC! The moving force behind our drive to beautify the campus was Mr Prashant Sharma. Sadly for us he left a week ago to join another school in Nainital - we shall miss him very dearly.

8. While we realize that there has been phenomenal investment in the last few years towards the infrastructure improvement of the College, we are also alive to high expectations and demands which must correspond to and justify the prestige the College enjoys.

9. Maintaining high standards in the XII Board Exams with the SSBs running simultaneously is indeed a challenge, ideally the cadet going for the SSB should have no worries about the board exam. In Dec last the cadets of class V and their Masters volunteered to spend 20 days of their vacation at the College to cover the syllabus of their final term. Their example is also sending the correct message down the line for the juniors to excel both for the NDA and the Boards.

10. In the last course joining the NDA, our cadets bagged the first four positions in the All India Merit List, topping both the Army as well as the Air Force list. However, the results in the UPSC exam for the current NDA batch are not promising. The performance and achievements of our boys in the cocurricular fields continue to do us proud. Our sporting teams in various events have had a wonderful record in various inter school matches. The cricket XI continues its unbeaten record for the second consecutive season.

11. The performance of our Old Boys at various training academies is something which we all should be proud of. Our boys are at the top of their courses both in appointments as well as awards. As an example, the Academy Cadet Captain at the NDA and Academy Under Officer at the IMA are both Rimcollians. It was heartening news to find four Rimcollians nominated for the current NDC course, the last NDC course had three.

12. The subject that has caught the imagination of our boys like none other is computers. Our case for 21 more computers has been accepted for the next FY. Seeing the interest in the cadets and the indispensability of being computer-literate, we have been very seriously thinking of introducing Computers at the (+2) level. It is heartening indeed to have so many parents and Old Boys communicating with us through the e-mail.

13. Although computers have been in the limelight ever since their installation at the College, we have not neglected other hobby-clubs. Automobile, Shooting, Photography, Aeromodelling and Young Newtons are all very popular and The Alchemists haven't given up trying for Gold. Thanks to Gen Virendra and Mr Bikram Singh we have three brand new half sets to the golf Club. Sunday morning Preps have been converted into hobby time.

14. An important area connected with boys education at RIMC is the issue of scholarships, both the government-sponsored as well as private. We have been following it up constantly with various state governments, predictably the progress is slow. The KCMET scholarships scheme which started in Jul 97 now extends to six cadets, it will finally cover 20 scholarships each of Rs 10,000/- per annum. These are in addition to Rs 5000/- per term to the winner of the Sword of Honour. One of our Old Boys, Wg Cdr AG Thadani has donated Rs 1,00,000/- for a scholarship in memory of his aunt, Smt Ganga Lalwani.

15. Much as I would like to continue dwelling upon our achievements and credits, I deem it my duty to share with you some of our major problem areas. The most serious problem we have on our hands today is the shortage of teaching staff, its non availability and our inability to retain whatever we get. The Fifth Central Pay Commission has virtually down-graded the status of an RIMC master and brought him at par with the Central School teachers with the charter of duties of the RIMC master twice as demanding as his KV counterpart. The UPSC recruitment procedures are long drawn out and Ad hoc appointments are not attractive. In order to tide over this problem, we have taken up a case for direct recruitment of 25% of our masters into the permanent category. Simultaneously efforts are on to provide better perks to the masters as any upward revision in pay so close on the heels of Vth Pay Commission looks rather unlikely.

16. We are doing our best to ensure a high quality education for our cadets here and have been successful to a large extent. But at times we find ourselves in a situation where we have the idea, the plan, the willingness to do things, but no funds. Most of our proposals remain strait-jacketed between bureaucratic procedures and lack of funds. If only we had a reasonable corpus most of these proposals would have seen the light of day. I would once again take this opportunity to call upon all of you, particularly the senior Rimcollians, to help us raise a respectable corpus for the College. In the last one year it has only grown from 20 L to 26.5.

17. The fact that we have been able to achieve so much with limited human and other resources goes to prove the hard-work, dedication and commitment with which our members of staff, cadets and employees have worked as a team. I would like to make special mention here of my Adm Officer, Lt Col Dilip Prasad, who keeps this place ticking. I deeply appreciate the quality of leadership that the VP, Mr Krish Ahlawat, has given to the academic team. Together we endeavour to make this a happy and enterprising family.

18. Finally, I do not have words enough to thank the following for their untiring support and advice:-

Maj Gen Surendra Shah, Offg DGMT
Brig HV Bhalla, Sub Area Cdr
Lt Gen NS Malik, President ROBA

THE NEW AO

The AO designate Lt Col Prem Prakash, SM is in the College. An outstanding Officer, he is Ex Ranjit (1974-78). A brilliant cadet while at the RIMC, he got a double promotion at the college. Commissioned into 2 MAHAR, he has been an excellent mountaineer and was a member of the Army Everest Expedition in 1985. He also holds the distinction of being the first GC to receive a Sena Medal while at the IMA in 1982. He takes over as the AO on 7th May 1999. We wish him all the best.

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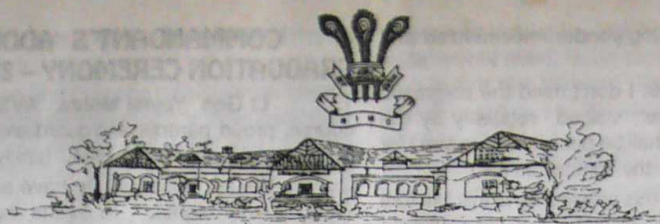
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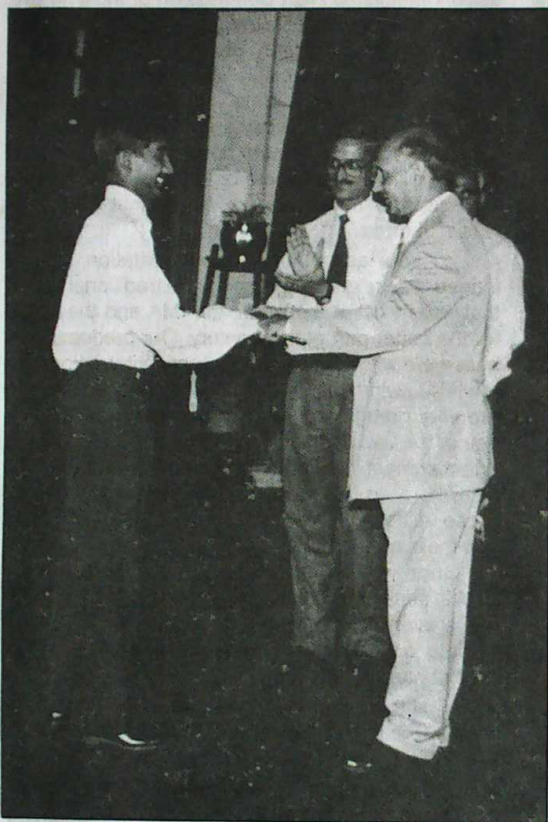
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Cadet Captain Ashish Kumar receiving the Sword of Honour from the Chief Guest, Lt. Gen. Yuvraj Mehta, AVSM, on the occasion of the graduation of the 145th Course on 27th May '99

EDITORIAL

Dear readers,

Finally the Jan term, '99 has come to an end. This was indeed an eventful term for us. The Reunion went off very well, with the unforgettable visit of the Air Force Chief and the other traditional activities. All the Old Boys were impressed by the new look of the College, thanks to the untiring Shramdaan done by the cadets. Thereafter, we had the hikes, the most eventful one being the Poona Hike.

In sports Ranjit just edged past Shivaji to lift the boxing cup and the cricket and hockey cups were won by Chandragupta and Ranjit respectively. Basketball cup was shared by three Sections other than Pratap. In cricket the college team remained undefeated in the Doon Valley; even the Rimcollians team gave up!

In the co-curricular field we won an English debate at the Welham Girls after many years and the quizzers also had a good run. The Hindi debaters have been doing exceedingly well, as always. There is hardly a school in Dehradun where they have not left an imprint of their oratory.

As the saying goes, all is well that ends well, we again had 'shramdaan' at the end of the term as well. Lt. Col Dilip Prasad, SM, after a very successful tenure of about two years has gone back to his Unit (20 Kumaon) as the 2IC. We wish him, his wife and children a very bright future and the most fruitful stay at the new place of their posting. Lt Col Prem Prakash, SM, has taken over as the new Administrative Officer. We wish him, his wife and children a very happy stay at the College.

Finally it was time for us to bid farewell to the 145th course. We had a wonderful graduation ceremony with Lt Gen Yuvraj Mehta, AVSM, Commandant of the IMA, as our Chief Guest.

-Varun Gidh

NOSTALGIA

1. I have entered the portals of my Alma Mater again after 25 years to stay permanently, albeit for some time, as the Adm Offr (AO). Many a time one had day dreamt of being bequeathed to the throne of AO which has so much aura about it! Indeed, I am lucky that it has come by and I have got posted here.

2. I must confess at the outset, that I had to take a hard decision at the time of joining 25 yrs ago to stay back since my mother was unwilling to sign the bond. We had gone back to Hardwar; and later returned at night to get admitted the next day which happened to be a Sunday! Well, I was destined to be a Rimcollian.

3. Now that I am posted here as the AO, I must share some of my feelings. A kind of pulsating experience overwhelms me. There is a passion for everything and everyone around. All these appear to be talking to me and I am in tacit communion with them. I want to be a part of everything; to touch them and feel them. I want to see that young lad entering the Thimayya Gate, over awed and over-joyed; see that uncomfortable fellow lost in the dormitory; watch the guy being shepherd into the class room and the to mess; look into the face writ large with skepticism and looking askance; see that juvenile

out in the pavilion looking yonder, mesmerized and wonder struck.

4. Well to be frank I don't mind the enigmatic warning of 'Earthquake' voiced regularly by the 'Weatherman' for we shall be out in the Blue and I for one would be relishing the Rimcollian Air!

5. May I also take this opportunity at this juncture to solicit your support to make our aspirations a realization and consolidate on everything we have set for ourselves.

Thank you,

Lt.Col Prem Prakash-AO

GRADUATION - MAY 99

The graduation ceremony for the 145th course was held at the Bhagat Hall on the 27th of May. The Chief Guest for the ceremony was Lt Gen Yuvraj Mehta, AVSM, and Commandant, IMA.

First of all we had a Hobby display in which the Aeromodelling and the Computers were the prime attraction. Then the ceremony started off at around 6.30 p.m. The Commandant, in his address, highlighted the achievements of the College in general and the passing out course in particular. He also spoke about the contribution that this class made to bringing about major changes in the academic environment of the College.

This was followed by the presentation of prizes, awards and certificates to the cadets. The graduating cadets were awarded their parchments. Lt. Gen. Yuvraj Mehta then gave a very inspiring and interesting talk. He said that the doors of IMA were always open for RIMC. He spoke at length about his association with Rimcollians.

Finally we had the cultural programme. It was a very entertaining evening conducted very nicely by the two MC's - Harjit and Gaurav. There were three melodious songs by the Music hobby and the dance in the end lifted up everybody's spirits. We then proceeded for Dinner after group photographs with the Chief Guest of all those who took part in the cultural evening.

Before dinner Gen Mehta talked with a lot with cadets. It was really interesting to listen to his various experiences and anecdotes. After a hearty meal, we again assembled for the presentation of mementos to the passing out course, which was followed by 'three cheers' for RIMC.

Varun Gidh

PLANTATION OF TREES IN RIMC CAMPUS

The drive for greening the campus goes on. Over the last two years hundreds of fruit and other trees have been planted in the campus. In addition, thousands of Poplar and Polonia trees have been planted on the vacant land behind the pavilion and the Class IV lines with the help of the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun with the provision for intercropping of 'Dal'. The survival rate of various plants is as follows:

Name of Plant	Total Planted	Died	Survived	%
Amrapali Mango	144	09	135	93.7
Baramasi Nimbu	99	04	95	96
Kinu	43	03	40	93

-Capt S.S. Thakur

COMMANDANT'S ADDRESS GRADUATION CEREMONY - 27TH MAY 1999

1. Lt Gen Yuvraj Mehta, AVSM, graduating course, proud parents and guardians, distinguished guests and members of RIMC family.

2. We are honoured to have amongst us Lt. Gen. Yuvraj Mehta, to do the honours on the Graduation Day. We extend him a very hearty welcome and convey our profound thanks for having accepted this evening's invitation. It is a matter of great pride for me to give out this address in the presence of Mr. RC Singhal my Guru who is a legend in his life time for the RIMC.

3. Gen Mehta is a soldier of repute of our distinguished Army. He has had an outstanding military career which also includes a diplomatic assignment in the High Commission of India in UK. The general officer was awarded the Ati Vishist Seva Medal by the President of India in 1997. As a sportsman also he is highly acknowledged having participated at both state and services levels in Athletics, Football, Hockey and Basketball. He and the RIMC have a common bond in that he too did his schooling in a Prince of Wales' Royal Military College; the only difference being that his school was in Jammu.

4. Your acceptance of our invitation, Sir, is indeed a case of strengthening the traditional bonds that have existed between the IMA and the RIMC for the better part of this century. Our predecessors here were witness to a very intense interaction with the IMA; swimming, hockey, cricket and so on. We are very grateful to you for permitting our cadets use of the facilities of horse riding and witnessing entertainment events in the Khetarpal Auditorium or elsewhere in IMA. The cadets thoroughly enjoy these visits. Our Section masters take great pride in witnessing the Passing out Parades because then the Guru who led that tentative young boy in the RIMC sees his chela take, 'The Final Step'. His joy is even greater when he comes back here to declare proudly that his boy was given the honours on that parade.

5. I therefore feel it most apt that Gen Yuvraj Mehta, the Commandant IMA, should be our guest of honour on this Graduation Day.

6. By way of a resume of the term, on 12th Mar, it was a great privilege and honour for all of us to play host to Air Chief Marshal, AY Tipnis, who became perhaps the only non-Rimcollian serving Air Chief to have graced the occasion. This visit by the Air Chief was most befitting in view of the fact that in December '98 RIMC was declared an Inter Services Institute.

7. As a policy we are emphasizing development of academic abilities for which the Members of Staff and cadets have really worked hard. The results in the internal exams have clearly improved and I also expect that the performance in the Board Exams this term shall show a similar trend. It is also bound to impact favourably on the UPSC exam for the NDA, as most people in this hall know we had a rough time with only 16 boys out of 25 passing the last UPSC exam.

8. A highlight in the co-curricular field was the first ever inter school aero modelling display hosted on our grounds. It appears to have caught the imagination of the Doon Valley and everyone now

looks upto the initiator, Mr SK Tyagi, to hold this as an annual feature.

9. Debating and Quizzing have been an integral part of RIMC curriculum in which the boys participate with tremendous interest. Our Hindi and English debating teams have done us proud by winning prestigious inter school competitions. It is my observation that our boys delight in winning trophies when the events are held in girls schools. Our Quizzing team has performed very well in the inter school competitions. Seeing the growing popularity Quizzing has gained in schools, we have decided to conduct more quizzes at the class level also so that it gives an opportunity to every boy to participate in such an interesting, informative and entertaining activity.

10. Sports continues to be one of our strong points. Our cricket team remains undefeated in the entire Doon Valley for the last two years. Our Basketball, Hockey and Squash teams have shown a lot of improvement thanks to the services of the coaches, Mr JC Katoch, Mr SP Shukla and Mr Dalip Tripathi respectively. We found that, like anywhere else in the country, cricket was consuming a major share of the sporting calendar. Games like hockey and basketball suffered. Therefore, in the next year cricket shall have only two divisions instead of four as at present, ie Seniors and Juniors. We have in this morning's Times of India a very amusing and apt definition of cricket; 'A Defensible Excuse for not attending classes'

11. The boys are having their share of adventure activity whether it is rafting in the holy Ganga or trekking upto Badrinath during a time (and as the class IA gleefully likes to remind my wife and me) when the road and the shrine were both closed. Class III A has left on the 26th for a trekking expedition in Himalayan Ranges beyond Shimla and I hope to catch up with them tomorrow. We are also planning a repeat of our 1997 White Water Rafting Expedition down the Zaskar River this Sep. I can see the faces of some of those veteran rafters with whom I had the pleasure of doing that Expedition amongst this graduating class. Apart from your superb spirit in fighting the rapids the one lasting impression that I shall carry is your love for Maggie.

12. Like the Indian Military Academy, we too have beautiful buildings which need massive maintenance support. It gives me great satisfaction to see that quarters of employees and the Masters houses are being literally overhauled. In a three year span we plan to attend to every building of our dear College. And Inshallah we shall also bring up some essential buildings like an auditorium, dormitories and cafeteria. Government financial support is there but one has to wrestle with the procedures before the executive action can start.

13. The cadets of CI VA, and their dear ones present with us, have every reason to look upon this evening with great pride and satisfaction. In five years there has been a great transformation in their personalities, they now go out as a very proud and select fraternity of Rimcollians who have received their first lessons in military life and I think the essence of that lesson is : to be a gentleman. I hope you take the lesson home from the challenges that you faced here, the lesson is very beautifully captured in this line:

Victory or defeat in any hour of trial begins and ends in your mind, so be strong in your resolve. And so it is that Sir Winston Churchill when asked to deliver a lecture on the secrets of leadership had only this to say :-

'Never, Never, Never, Give up'

14. I think you will do well to follow the simple thoughts of Churchill on what true faith is; call that by whatever name you like; religion, your philosophy of life etc. According to him True faith was and I quote "When you tried your best to live an honourable life, and did your duty, and were faithful to your friends and not unkind to the weak and poor".

15. At the end, I would like to express my deep appreciation of the excellent work done by the old AO Lt. Col Dilip Prasad, SM; Lt Col Prem Prakash, SM, the new AO; Mr. KS Ahlawat and the MOS; and our doctor, Dr Soumya Anand; all of whom have taken good care of the cadets. Congratulations are also due to Capt SS Thakur who has taken on the task of beautification of our campus and massive tree plantation with what must be the hardest team to lead-the cadets Shramdaan party. May I also use this occasion to acknowledge the support that my wife has given me by way of her duties as the First Lady over the past two years and more recently for stepping in as an honorary teacher when the need arose quite suddenly. In a lighter vein, I would not like to thank all those cadets who have brought in little animals in distress and made my house a veritable Zoo. The final place of honour by way of thanks giving must go to our dear cadets because they are the life of RIMC.

Award for the First Term 1999

Academic Proficiency Awards

1. For scoring highest overall marks Cdt Vikas Sheorun 89.7% (Class III & below)
2. For scoring second highest overall Cdt Bhawani Singh 87.8% marks (Class III & below)
3. For scoring highest overall marks Cdt CK Kothari 90.27% (Class IV and above)
4. For scoring second highest aggregate Cdt AK Panda 90.20% marks (Class IV & above)
5. For scoring highest class average %age Class II (75.5%) in aggregate.
6. For scoring second highest class average Class IA (73.3%)

A new award has been instituted for the cadet showing maximum improvement in a particular class.

Awards For Best Debater of Term

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| (i) English | BTZS Appu |
| (ii) Hindi | Anoop Sharma |

College Blues : For excellent and outstanding performance in various games & sports.

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| (i) | Ahindro Dey | Cricket |
| (ii) | Shakti Singh | Cricket |
| (iii) | Raman Singh | Cricket |
| (iv) | A Mukherjee | Boxing |
| (v) | Koroulemba | Boxing |
| (vi) | Raja Wangdi Sherpa | Basketball |

Blazer : For outstanding and consistent performance throughout his stay at RIMC.

Cdt Captain Ashish Kumar for Cricket

Gen Manoharan Trophy : For excellence in computers- for this term the trophy has been shared by: Thomas Tom and Arjun Singh Panwar

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is an international award for young men who excel in adventure/outdoor activities, education, physical skill and social service to the community. The following cadets have been selected for award of Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Medal.:

Cdt Shoury Kuttappa
Cdt Neil Sringeri
Cdt Saurabh Gairola

Silver Medal

Cdt Siddharath Jha
Cdt Chourjit Singh
Cdt Aditya Joshi

Col DH Parab Cup : presented by the former Commandant for the Most Helpful Boy was awarded to Cdt Harsh Vardhan.

Din Dayal running Trophy for excellence in Mathematics presented to the College by former Principal, Late Mr Din Dayal, is awarded to the Section attaining maximum proficiency in Maths. The Trophy for this term -the sixth consecutive-has been won by Shivaji Section.

Wavell's Sword : This Sword has been presented by the Wavell Section Old Boys of this College. The replica is awarded every term to the cadet adjudged the best in character and integrity. This term it was awarded to Cdt Sec Cdr. Ahindro Dey.

Finally the Most prestigious Sword of Honour presented by former Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal ,NC Suri ,an illustrious Old Boys of this institution .It is presented to the cadet, who amongst the passing out course, is adjudged the best all rounder with special reference to officer like qualities. The sword carries with it a cheque of Rs. 5000/- presented by the KC Mahindra Education Trust. The winner this time is Cadet Captain Ashish Kumar.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Ø Col Dilip Parab, former Commandant, has undergone heart bypass surgery at the R R Hospital ,Delhi. The operation has been a success. We wish him a speedy recovery.
- Ø Rahul Singh Solanki (Shivaji 1994-99) is admitted in the R R Hospital ,Delhi and has been diagnosed as suffering from osteosarcoma. We all wish him a very speedy and quick recovery.
- Ø Brig Dipak Mukerjee has been posted as Commander, 104 Infantry Brigade. We wish him

all the best in this challenging assignment.

- Ø In view of the tremendous interest cadets have shown in Stamp Collection, the College has opened a Philatelic Deposit Account with the Philatelic Bureau. We shall now regularly receive first day covers , special covers and stamps from the Bureau .The new hobby is likely to start functioning next term onwards.
- Ø A one time grant of Rs 1 lac has been approved by the Chief of Air Staff in addition to Rs 2 lac grant from IAF CWF as contribution from Air Force to form a corpus for RIMC.
- Ø Col H K L Johar, former Commandant of the College has finally decided to retire at the age of 74 after a long and dedicated career of more than five decades in the field of education. He has decided to settle down in Pune. His new address is :

Col H K L Johar
F 3/7 Army Welfare co-op Housing Society
Salunke Vihar, Pune-411048 Tel-6739993

- Ø Anil Singh Rawat s/o Shri Bachan Singh, our old butler, died in an accident last month. We express our heartfelt and deepest condolences and sympathies to the bereaved family.

Chronicle and College Magazine

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Rain or Thunderstorm, the Shramdaan must go on !!
Cadets and Members of Staff during 'Shramdaan' on 25th July 1999

EDITORIAL

Dear readers,

The school re-opened on JULY 17th and the boys are back fresh for the new term. We all are looking forward to the starting of new activities this term. Naturally the Kargil conflict is the hot topic. The first termers joined us on the 24th of July and they are quite a lively lot. The senior most class is eagerly waiting for their NDA results and has a busy term ahead.

During the 'chhutti', as the Commandant calls it, Capt Gupta volunteered to rejoin his unit in Kargil. We have four new members of staff joining us including a Naval and an Air Force officer. Sub K.P Singh, our catering JCO is also retiring now and Nb Sub. Balwinder Singh has arrived as his relief.

In this issue, we have something new; i.e. puzzles made by our boys for you and hope to introduce many more new things.

Just for the record, I would like to mention that this will be the last term of the millennium and we hope that the school does well. Your suggestions for the chronicle will always be welcome.

NEWS IN BRIEF

1. Capt. Munendra Gupta was restless ever since he received the news of his unit's move to OP.Vijay. He volunteered to go back to his unit. Mrs. Gupta and their daughter Khwaish are staying in the SFQ next door.
2. New teachers have joined the college. They are:
(1) Sqn Ldr K A Cariappa (Ex Pratap) 1981 - 85
He is the first ever IAF Officer to be posted.
(2) Lt Santosh Kumar (Ex Pratap) 1983 - 87

- (3) Mr. S.R. Tripathi (Computers)
- (4) Miss S. Acharya (English)
- (5) Mr. D. Dangwal (Physics)

Subedar K.P. Singh has retired after his long stay of 4 years in RIMC. Naib Subedar Balwinder Singh has relieved him, he is a highly qualified and an experienced catering person.

3. The college is also bidding farewell to the head clerk Hav. H.K.Rai, (on posting to MO Dte) the accountant Mr.P.C.Arora (on permanent retirement) and Mr. N.R.Sharma, UDC. Mr. Arora served the RIMC for 33 years. We wish them all the best for their future.
4. Mr.S. Mishra (Chemistry teacher) got married during the summer vacation. We wish the couple a happy married life.
5. First termers arrived on 24th July. We wish them a happy stay at the RIMC.
6. A new buffet system has started in the cadet's mess during breakfast. Early indications are that the cadets approve of this because the cadets get more time to have their meal.
7. Shramdaan was held on the 5th of July. Much to the delight of the cadets it had to be called off at 11am because of the steady downpour, which stopped soon after the cadets dispersed.
8. Maj Vikramjeet has been blessed with a daughter.
9. A football match was played between Himantika club and the RIMC. RIMC Team emerged victorious with a score of 11 - 1. Cdt Raja Sherpa was the highest scorer with a score of 6 goals to his credit. In the other matches, RIMC beat GRD Academy, Dehradun, 9-1 and Modern School, Delhi, 12-0.

10. Inter Section Hindi Debate was held on 11th August.
The positions of the sections are as follows:

1. Ranjit
2. Pratap
3. Chandra Gupta
4. Shivaji.

In the junior section the position of the cadets are as follows:

- Cdt. Brijesh Mishra (S) 1st
Cdt. Vikram Sharma (R) 11nd

Comdt's special prize went to Cdt. Maniabh. In the senior section, the position of the cadets are as follows:

- Cdt. Anoop Sharma (P) 1st
Cdt. D P S Rathore (R) 11nd

Comdt's special prize went to Cdt. Gaurav Soni. Two speakers from the house, A D Roy and Karan Sharma also gave impressive speeches.

11. The Army Headquarters have given the approval for the extended stay of RIMC cadets during vacations for adventure activities.
Winter vacation 30 NOV -- 19 DEC = 20 Days
Summer vacation 01 JUNE - 20 JUNE = 20 Days
12. RIMC entrance examination was conducted in various centres throughout the country on 2nd and 3rd AUG 1999. Maj. Vikramjeet Singh And Mr. Vishwakarma went as observers to Patna and Lucknow respectively.
13. We have reports that one of our very old masters Mr.Harris has died in England.
14. There are rumours that the Nepal trip is on once again after two abortive attempts.
15. For the last few days the cadets are enjoying plenty of 'dal' from the college garden which is the result of the hard work put in by the cadets 3 months ago.
16. The traditional staff Vs the cadets' football match ended in a nail biting 1-1 draw with the staff dominating most of the time. However the cadets did manage to equalize towards the end. After the practice match played a few days earlier, cadets had announced during the assembly that they would score 50 goals. May be this fired the staff team to remove all the stops for finals. They also rested their 50 year olds like Mr. Chaturvedi, Commandant, VP and co.
17. Mrs. Amrita Vohra has left RIMC after 5 years of excellent teaching. She has since joined Brightlands School. We wish her all the best.
18. Our old master Dr.S. Paul Samy, the new vice principal of YPS Patiala has been blessed with a son.
19. Lt. Gen. H.R.S.Mann (ex-R) Chief of Staff, Central Command visited the college in July.
20. A washing machine has been provided in the Chandragupta section on an experimental basis. Two spin dryers have also been provided to help keep clothes dry in the Dehradun rains.
21. With monsoons truly in full swing, the only buildings which do not leak are Chandragupta section, I - IA block and mandir.
22. Our doctor, Dr Saumya Anand, has recently been offered the position of surveillance medical officer with the national polio surveillance project based in Gaya, Bihar. This position is a one-year contract with the World Health Organization. He will be joining on the 6th of September. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

23. We are sorry to announce the passing away of the following:

- (a) Mother of Col D H Parab left for her heavenly abode on the 15th of August'99.
- (b) Mother of Col Prakash Singh passed away on 19th of August'99.

STOP PRESS: In the traditional RIMC vs Doon School Football match, RIMC beat the Doon School by a convincing margin of 5-2.
(RIMC ,Raja 4 and GMS Khatri 1)

GOLF NEWS

Cdt. Shakti Singh is the first cadet to hold a handicap below 18, the others of the hobby are also picking up.

In a special tournament at FRIMA in June, two Rimcollians won the honours : Col.C.S.Thapa was first and Col.Arun Mamgain was the runner up; both of them produced cards of 2 over a 14 hole tournament.

HEALTH

The college is in the grip of viral fever, with about 20 cadets in and out of it every week. Dr.Saumya Anand and his team are battling it out. The fever depleted our numbers in the X-Country competition. The swimming pool was ordered closed even before it was opened. For those who do not take kindly to running X-Country \ Swimming \ Studying - the motto is: -

" When the going gets tough;
The wise guys 'Rep Sick'"

CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION

The first Shramdaan of the term was held on 25th of July when all the cadets , members of staff and the others spared an idle Sunday to make RIMC what they call 'A cleaner and greener RIMC'

The cadets who were not so interested in the beginning, nevertheless did the work with a lot of enthusiasm.

While the cadets of Ranjit and Pratap sections were busy chopping off the big congress grass in the lawns of the academic block, the cadets of Shivaji and Chandragupta sections cleaned the window panes of class rooms to an extent that one could not see the window panes. The inspectors were quite crest fallen when they found that in a few classes, there were actually no window panes to see through !

After a three-hour labour, the cadets enjoyed the tea and the tea shares admiring the work done by them. It was followed by a grand lunch with lots of 'paneer' and 'chicken'!

Cdt Anoop Sharma
Class IV

THE KARGIL EUPHORIA

Within days of the starting of the Kargil crisis, Delhi (Where I spent my vacation) was gripped by a fever to do something for the country. The feeling of being an Indian was great and whenever anyone would hear about the sacrifices made by our brave Jawans, a wave of patriotism would hit them. The day the super six match was held between India and Pakistan, every Indian prayed hard that India won, for nothing else but for the sake of boosting the moral of the soldiers there at the frontiers. The prayers were answered and India

celebrated while Pakistan mourned. When my brother Vardhan and I were celebrating, even our dog went berserk as if enjoying India's win but the sound of the crackers scared her and she went under the bed.

As people became aware of the details of the condition in Kargil, they started doing whatever they could for the Kargil cause like donating money which is not as important as the letters written by the small kids to Jawans in Kargil and the list goes on. One of the popular quotes was:

"Doodh mange to khir denge
Kashmir mange to chir denge"

This event has united the country like never before. I hope that the fever and the enthusiasm continue.

Cdt P Ahluwalia
Class IV A

RIMC TREKKING EXPEDITION TO POOH SECTOR 1999



The successful mountaineers of the Pooch Expedition on top of the Chitkul Pass.

It is the nature of the human race to explore the unknown, unexplored and the remotest corners of the globe. As a part of this spirit, the RIMC cadets including the members of staff undertook an expedition to the lofty heights of the Pooch sector in Himachal. The expedition would not have been successful but for the efforts of Brig Anil Malhotra and his team of officers of 36 sector. It is a part of education given to the young cadets of RIMC which includes leadership qualities, forbearance, sportsmanship, adventurous spirit and initiative.

PREPARATION : The preparation started much before the due time and utmost care was taken to prepare our clothing mainly warm, shoes and the other things required for such an expedition. Blankets, jackets, water bottles, sleeping bags and mats were issued to us by the JQM store.

EXPEDITION : Expedition was to begin from Thangi on 2nd of June. But before that we had a day's halt at Kalka in the transit camp and for the rest of the acclimatization we were at Karcham trodding the nearby hills. We were well accommodated at 980 TPT COY (ASC) and were looked after by Lt.Col. Sahay, the commanding officer. In the process of acclimatization we trekked to villages called Urni and Kanda situated on top of the nearby hills. Rimcollian Brig. Malhotra arranged a very fine lunch for us at Bamyar camp in the beautiful valley of Sangla. The visit to Trout farm and the village temple led to the enrichment of our knowledge. The real expedition expanded over three days.

a) 2nd June :- The expedition was flagged off by Brig. Malhotra from Thangi after tea and snacks. It was the first day of our Expedition which included

trekking for seven hours covering a distance of 22 k.m. till Sheertingting. It was a mule track and the climbing was gentle. Twice we refreshed ourselves with tea and snacks at the ITBP camp.

b) 3rd June :- The day included four hours of trekking covering nine kms of steep climb. The halt was proposed at Lalanti, where we set up our tents and prepared our own meal. Eating during the snowfall gave us a different experience. Climate was very harsh that day.

c) 4th June :- It was the last day of our trek and the toughest one. It was the real test of stamina, will power and perseverance. Four cadets dropped out at Lalanti itself and rest of us went on with the trek. The day included thirteen hours of trekking which included three hours of almost vertical climb. Thirteen cadets led by the Commandant along with Mr.S.A.Ansari, Mr. Laxman Singh, Mr.S.Mishra, CHM Jagdish and Dhanraj completed the trek.

While at the top of the Chitkula, we thanked the Gods. We left our college flag as a permanent reminiscence of our ascent. After a tough and tiring descent to Chitkul village, we were received by ITBP personnel there. The hot lunch served at the place was the most delicious and we expressed our gratitude to the ITBP personnel for the care they had taken.

THE DAYS AFTER : - After the success of the expedition cadets had a wonderful time and enjoyed themselves at Karcham where they were praised for their daring endeavour. The most awaited get-together of all the officers of 36 Sector followed on the night of 5th June which was organized by Lt. Col. Sahay. There was good music, dance and food. The Commandant thanked Brig. Malhotra and his team of officers for their co-operation and help and presented them mementos as a token of our memorable visit.

Visit to BCS and departure of cadets

On our return journey we visited Shimla and the BCS. The clean and glittering market charmed us with its richness and the mild weather added more spice to it. The cadets left for their home destinations from Kalka on 8th June and thus the unforgettable expedition came to an end.

CONCLUSION :- The expedition was not just a toughening exercise but it introduced us to the hills of Himachal. Villagers, their language, dress and their customs added to the richness of our experience.

SNIPPETS FROM THE POOH EXPEDITION-JAN'99

ON FLYING:

Vivek shahi, after removing his pack

at the end of a hard days march, " Sir, I feel so light I could fly!"

WATER- WATER :

During the acclimatization stage one noticed that water discipline was almost non existent. Water bottles were always running dry and the cadets were forever looking around for the 'sources' of water. After some 'hard talk' the bottle was only put to mouth with the prior permission, later it was done only during the specified water breaks. The acclimatization, I thought, was complete when during a water break someone piped the question, "How many sips sir?"

THE GRACE :

What wouldn't a boy do to have a go at the food, especially when in the wild? And so one found that the food disappeared faster than it was laid out; the members of staff were routinely left out of battle. Mercifully, by the time we finished friend PV was saying "The Grace"! When he omitted to say the grace and was questioned, his reply was a classic, " It is a running meal".

MIND YOUR LANGUAGE :

- ☐ During the halt, "Where is Vivek Shahi ?"
"He was very behind."
- ☐ Sign put up in a shop:
Fixed prices- No bargains please.
- ☐ "Move Yaar", he said to the fellow who had firmly positioned himself in front of the best dish. " I am moving yaar"- the right hand; it was moving from plate to mouth.

Commandant

SPIRIT OF X-COUNTRY

1. Like some people are born great and have an aura inherent in them, there are also events and happenings, which achieve significance of their own. One such event, which brought fanfare and gaiety in R.I.M.C, was the recently conducted X-Country competition.
2. X-Country as a sporting event has a great importance attached to it in which physical and mental perseverance gets manifested. It is like a movement which spurs cadets to move higher, faster and farther.
3. The Inter Section X-Country competition was held on 07 Aug 99. It was marked by immaculate planning and thorough preparation. The staff, under the guidance of Mr. S K Tyagi, rose to the occasion and put in their best to make the event a great success.
4. Such was the grandeur of the event that our old boy Maj. Gen. (Retd) T S Verma, PVSM readily accepted our invitation to be the chief guest. The cadets were rejuvenated and recharged by the presence of a Rimcollian. Their 'josh' and spirit were seen clearly right from the beginning to the end. The indomitable spirit was vivid in many of these cadets, who were daring to go inspite of being declared unfit by the doctor because of viral fever. This had reduced the strength to almost the two third. The zeal and enthusiasm was writ large on the young faces especially the first termers who were so excited and thrilled.
5. Maj. Gen. Verma flagged off the run to a flying start. The Yeah, Yeah__ and its echo reverberated in the vale profound. The spirit displayed by the members of the staff was equally laudable.

They deserve our accolades for the interest evinced by them, ladies and gents alike. An overwhelming display of section spirit marked the finish. Manish of Ranjit section found himself being carried piggyback by section boys having collapsed 100m short of finish due to exhaustion. The others were found cheering to their hearts content to enable their section boys overtake the others. There were some seniors who displayed the section spirit by passing outstanding (standing out) comments like... " we won because the likes of us did not run".

6. The "josh" is borne out by the fact that there was a tie at the seniors level between Ranjit and Shivaji as both sections were adjudged first. In the juniors, Pratap clinched the first place. Overall, Shivaji won the Darshan cup for the X-Country. The event of Jul. term was over with an astounding success. Kudos to the cadets, members of staff and the employees.

-Lt. Col. Prem Prakash

1st TERMERS' PEN SKETCH

1. **Sundeep Karwasra** : This boy from Jhunjhunu likes to play football, cricket, volley ball and is interested in watching T.V, listening to music and rifle shooting. His ambition in life is to become a fighter pilot.
2. **George Francis** : This Keralite has a special interest in computers and art. He wishes to join I Mahar; his father is the CO. He is the main supplier of comics to this class.
3. **Rohit Tanwar** : This Haryani boy has keen interest in reading books and watching T.V. He aspires to be a fighter pilot.
4. **Rana Rudra Pratap Singh** : This localite from Dehra Dun loves to play snooker, pool and has interest in reading. He dreams to be an able officer in the Indian army. He won the first termers English debate.
5. **Chow Ronie Chowpoo** : This 'Nathu' from Arunachal Pradesh is good at football and cricket and loves to listen to music. His ambition in life is to become a pilot in the Indian Air Force.
6. **Rakesh Kumar** : This Bihari lad likes to play Cricket and football. He is determined to join the Indian Army.
7. **Vaibhav Sinha** : This agile Bihari loves the discipline and the daily routine at R.I.M.C. He wishes to become an Air Force officer. His father Col. B K Sinha is our old Adm. officer and thoroughly disapproves of anyone not joining 5 GR.
8. **Amihe Swu** : This Naga boy aims to be a Para Trooper and likes to play football, T.T. and is fully attracted by the glint of the discipline at the R.I.M.C
9. **Brajesh Kumar** : A young boy from Bihar believes in the motto "Work is worship". He is determined to join the Indian Army.
10. **Lokesh Shukla** : A peace loving boy from Rajasthan. He likes to play all sorts of games and wishes to become an officer in the Indian Army.
11. **Laisham Binoy Singh** : This Dingko Singh from Manipur likes to read comics and storybooks. He has the high ambition to become the Air Chief of I.A.F. He collapsed after the cross-country when the announcer erroneously placed him second amongst the first termers when he was in fact the first. He was solemnly evacuated to the C.H. and

discharged in two hours.

12. **Umesh Kumar** : This young and energetic boy hails from M.P. Popularly known as 'Mike Tyson' among his termers, he wants to be 'A Jack of all trades'.
13. **Brajendu Bhaskar** : 'The Medhavi of his class', he has keen interest in computers & quizzing. As a true son of the motherland, he wishes to serve the nation in every possible way. As a matter of interest, he is a fan of Usma Bin Laden.
14. **Harshal Borole** : This young 'Konkani' wishes to be the sensation Xavier of the R.I.M.C. He has the high ambition of becoming the naval chief. He did well in the cross-country run.
15. **Digvijay Singh Thakur** : A decent Rajput from Himachal, who likes to play Cricket and Chess, he wishes to join the Defence forces.
16. **Vaibhav Gupta** : A young Delhite, who has keen interest in stamp and coin collection, wishes to become an automobile engineer. Wg Commander Gsupta has not been able to get him say 'Fly I A F' as yet. The visiting NDTV team caught him in the Barbershop and asked why so many first termers chose to be fighter pilots. He said 'I don't know about the Army, but the non-swimmers are afraid of the sea and would rather crash than drown.'
17. **Nishant Rai** : A gentle boy from Hyderabad, who likes aeromodelling and reading books, is determined to join the Indian army. Though he is a nathu, he speaks fluent Telegu.
18. **S Gopinath** : This young 'Kadu' from Tamil Nadu likes singing and running X-Country. He is determined to join the Indian Army
19. **Ruchir Rakesh Khajuria** : A cheerful boy from J&K. he is good at Football and loves computers. He wishes to be a naval aviator. He sings very well, specially Punjabi songs.
20. **Siddharth Vishwakarma** : Brought up in the campus of R.I.M.C, is now ready to shape his future in R.I.M.C and join the Indian Army. He is son of our Hindi teacher and Ranjit Section Master, Mr. C S Vishwakarma. he likes Swimming and Cricket
21. **Kunal Rai** : A spirited 'Maratha' has interest in Golf, Tennis, Swimming and computers. He wishes to join the Indian Air Force like his father Sq. Ldr Rakesh Rai
22. **Anubhav Bhattacharya** : This 'Bongo' from Calcutta is interested in Chess, Rifle shooting and reading. He plays Cricket for a club in his hometown. He wishes to join the fighting arm of the Indian Army
23. **Kaushik Kanungo** : This Orriya likes to play Cricket, Football and Chess. Quizzing and music are his other interests. He too, like others, dislikes punishments. His ambition is to fly high in the Indian Air Force
24. **Pulin Kant Upmanyu** : A quiet and docile boy from Pratapgarh in U.P likes entertainment, reading, cricket and football. He dislikes disturbance and cheating. Though not decided what to join, he is a diehard N.D.A type.
25. **Shivesh Tiwari** : Also from Pratapgarh, this simple lad, quite surprisingly, likes wearing the O.G kit. He is into entertainment and reading. He too, like Upmanyu, dislikes interference, disturbance and cheating. He is the brother of Cdt Vinay Tiwari (Shivaji). He is yet to decide what to take up in the

coming future.

Cdt Venkat Parthasarthy
Class IV

PATRIOTISM

Patriotism has never gone in tandem with the modernization of the country. But in a country like ours where every one is concerned with his or her success in life. Patriotism is nearly forgotten. The steep incline of patriotism took place way back in 1857 during the first war of independence, when for the first time the whole nation came together as one. The anti Pakistan attitude is also a reason for the survival of patriotism in India. The recent Kargil episode has received those emotions that died in the 71 war. After the euphoria of the nuclear test and the Lahore trip, it looked like India and Pakistan would be allies in the new century. But the betrayal added to the fuel of rage. We have seen some glimpses of patriotism in the recent years when France, as a whole, celebrated their World Cup with great feeling of pride and joy for their motherland after a long time since the renaissance in the 17th century. The Kargil war was a media war, which was won by the Indians. Every Indian was able to get a 24-hour update on the crisis, which increased the involvement of the nation as a whole. Phrases like "They gave their today for our tomorrow" became very common. The two biggest crazes, Indian Cricket and the Bollywood came together to play a football match. There was a significant rise in the Defence fund. All these things do not happen always. I just wish that this tremendous spirit stayed for a little more time.

Joe Verghese.(C)
Class V

OBITUARY

1. Lt. D B Singh "(Ex R 1983-88) "Marine Commando" was attached to the Army unit at Bandipur in Kashmir. They were on a mission when an IED exploded, killing him.

He was affectionately called 'DB', by all coursemates. A tall, well built person who feared nothing in life, would speak little, smile more and prove his worth by actions.

We joined R.I.M.C together in spring term, 1983. We knew little about each other. We were a large batch of 39 cadets. We were unaware of each other's temperament, habits, likes and dislikes, pluses and minuses. It didn't take us long to know each other well. Here is an incident which always comes to my mind, whenever DB's name comes up.

It was athletics meet 1983. We all 1st termers were jostling around. DB and self, were left with only one chair vacant. The question was who would sit on the chair? Neither of us budged from that place. That chair remained vacant throughout the meet. We didn't let each other sit down on the chair. A small incident but we were quick to understand each other's temperament. Thereafter we became good friends.

DB got commissioned into the Indian Navy in the year 1994. We met again in Diving school, where his sole aim was to become a marine commando. The Clearance Instructor there normally said "yeh saab, pucca Diver material hai !" DB went on to become a diver and later a marine commando. A jovial and large hearted person, whom I met again in Pune. He was doing an intelligence course prior to

being sent to the valley. He was very enthusiastic and upbeat that he was going to be a part of the ongoing operations.

DB will always be remembered for being fearless, large hearted, jovial, selfless and his camaraderie. He would fear nothing and take great pride in doing things which others are afraid of. His act of valour, indomitable courage and exceptional character shall always remain a source of inspiration for us to emulate.

Today, we Rimcollians family, pray to the almighty to grant peace to his brave soul and solace to his family.

- Lt. Santosh Kumar. (Pratap 1983-87)

RIMCOLLIANS JOINING THE 101st COURSE NDA

1. Ashish Kumar (C)
2. Ashish Abhayankar(C)
3. Ahindra Dey(C)
4. Gaurav Rana(R)
5. Dhritishman Hazarika(S)
6. Biswas Nambiar(S)
7. Saunak Ghosh(S)
8. Priyadarshi Dhar(S)
9. Siddharth Jha(P)
10. Mayank Kanungo(R)
11. Veeraj Parab(P)

We wish them the very best of luck for their stay in NDA. We would also like to send our greetings to GC Ashutosh Kumar who joined IMA as the first Rimcollian in the +2 entry.

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Answers will be published in the next issue!!

Cue.: - Check out the time.

Compiled by Journalism Club

LETTER TO COMMANDANT

Thanks a lot for your wonderful and encouraging letter and the enclosed chronicle and the college magazine. Truly it was a great morale booster. I have not been

able to visit RIMC since I left in Dec'84, but God willing, will try to for the first Rimcollian day of the new millennium.

I have a mine blast injury and have lost part of my right foot. 'Am presently in R&R hospital at Delhi and will be going to artificial limb centre at Pune in 2-3 weeks. Should be fit and fine in about 4 months.

Lt. Gen. Grewal, AG and other Rimcollians have been visiting regularly and are a great source of inspiration.

Please convey my best wishes to all the cadets and members of the staff.

- Major J S Jaggi

A RARE DISTINCTION

Air Marshal Vinod Patney ('P' 1952-56), AOC-in- C Western Air Command, has earned the rare distinction of being the most decorated officer of our defence services.

A PVSM and a Vr C, Air Marshal Patney has been awarded the Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medal for his role as commander of all air operations during the Kargil conflict.

RIMC is proud of him

एक अभियान

वो लम्हे कैसे भूल सकते हैं हम,
काफिले को जब बढ़ने का हुआ हुकम।
आये कैसे भी रास्ते बढ़ते रहे कदम,
मुश्किलों में भी हमारी हिम्मत न हुई कम।

चढ़ने के लिए किसी का खून था गरम,
तो किसी के जोश में था बहुत दम।
काफिले में हर किसी का एक था करम,
कुछ भी हो पार करना है हमारा धरम।

कुछ की हालत देखकर आता था मुझे रहम,
कुछ को गिरता देखकर जाता था मैं सहम,
वहाँ की सड़ हवाओं से बदन हो जाता था नम,
बर्फ में तो हाथ-पैर जैसे जाते थे जम।

किसी को इसकी परवाह नहीं कैसा है उसका जिसम,
सब चाहते थे पार करना पहाड़ का चरम।
गिर कर चोट खाने का भी नहीं था हमें गम,
पार होने की खुशी बन गयी आज दर्द में मरहम।

'सिराज अनवर अन्सारी'

(Mr. Ansari was part of the Pooh Expedition)

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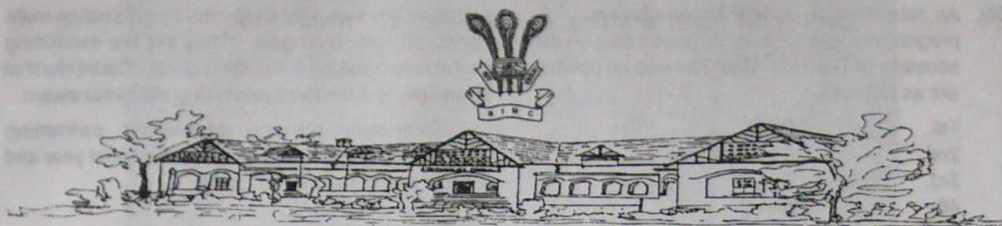
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Mr K Kumar receiving the RIMC Masters Tie from the Comdt on the Teachers Day.

EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

The last month has been full of different activities and competitions. The main event was the Kashi Naresh, All India Hindi Debate, in which our debaters did very well. The swimming and football competitions were also very keenly contested and we saw some exciting races and matches.

From this issue we have some new features like a poll by the cadets on questions relating to their stay here and many more.

On the national scene another round of General Elections has been forced on the electorate. A govt with a clear mandate would do good to the country.

The midterm exams are round the corner and everyone's looking forward to the mid term hikes.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Four teams of three cadets each went to Cambrian Hall for a written Cartography Quiz.

1st Team Anuj Chandra
 Subeg Singh
 Dheeraj Kumar

2nd Team Narendra Verma
 Aditya Dutta Roy
 Roland Singh

3rd Team Rahul Choudhary
 Venkat Perumal
 Aditya Sood

4th Team Ateesh Krophra
 Arun Singh
 G Vijay Rajan

The team comprising Ateesh Krophra, Arun Singh and G Vijay Rajan qualified for the final round.

- A team comprising Manish Lanjekar, Vamsi Krishna and K Anabarsu went for a science quiz to Welham Girls. They came 6th.
- Bhaskar, Vamsi and Varun went for a GK and Environment Quiz to Welham Girls, where they landed up in the 4th position.
- Inter Section Swimming Competition was held from 27th to 29th August. The section positions are as follows :-
 1st. Shivaji
 2nd. Pratap
 3rd. Ranjit
 4th. Chandragupta

5th. An Inter Section Variety Entertainment programme was held on 5th September on the occasion of Teachers Day. The section positions are as follows :-

1st.	Ranjit
2nd.	Chandragupta
3rd.	Pratap
4th.	Shivaji

6. The Inter Section Football competition was held from 3rd to 10th of September.

The section positions are as follows :-

1st.	Ranjit
2nd.	Shivaji
3rd.	Pratap
4th.	Chandragupta

7. The College Squash Team comprising Ankit Uniya, D Thapa, GG Raturi, PV Mohan, Pinku, Karan Sharma and Aditya Sharma took part in a tournament at Mayo College Ajmer.

8. Kashi Naresh All India Hindi Debate was held on 11th of September. Twelve Schools in all took part. The school positions are as follows :-

1st.	RIMC, Dehradun
2nd.	Motilal Nehru Sports College, Rai

3rd. Alwar Public School
Cdt Anoop Sharma of the RIMC was adjudged the Best Debater.

9. Cdt Anoop Sharma and Cdt Anshul Bhatt went for an extempore Hindi Debate to Doon School. Cdt Anshul Bhatt came 5th and Cdt Anoop Sharma 1st. RIMC bagged the trophy.

10. Kit Inventory was held for the College on 12th of September 99.

11. Squash Team comprising Ankit Uniya, D Thapa, PV Mohan and GG Raturi took part in the Nationals held at Delhi in Sept.

12. A football match was played between classes 1 and 1A. The score was 4-1 in favour of class 1; the top scorer being Cdt Binoy Singh of Class I.

13. A programme of mock election campaigning was done in RIMC by the senior classes in Hindi and classes I & IA in English on the 9th and 13th of September respectively. It was great fun.

INTER SECTION SWIMMING COMPETITION RIMC, DEHRADUN

This year the swimming competition was important since it was the last one of the millennium. A very high standard of swimming was seen this time. We saw some nailbiting finishes and a good display of section spirit.

There was a fight between Pratap and Shivaji till the end. After the swimming tests Pratap Section was leading the way followed by Shivaji, Ranjit and Chandragupta, but gradually Shivaji covered up and finally took away the cup by 0.4 points. Brig Charanjit Singh, one of the senior most old boys of RIMC was the chief guest of the function.

Cadet Aditya Sharma (S) was adjudged the best

swimmer. He was ably supported by his section mate Cadet Bharat Mamgain. They set the swimming pool ablaze breaking 3 college records. Cadet Harshal Borole (R) got the most promising swimmer award.

Thus came the end of another swimming competition. We look forward to the one next year and hope to see the same standards.

RIMCOLLIAN NEWS

1. Rimcollians Nominated for Higher Comd Course beginning Jun 99

- (a) Col A Chakravarty Inf (ex 'P' 1968-72)
- (b) Col KM Balsara, Inf (ex 'S' 1968-73)
- (c) Col Rajesh Singh, Arty (ex 'C' 1967-71)
- (d) Gp Capt TK Venugopal, AF (ex 'S' 1964-69)

2. Rimcollians for LDMC

Col I Narayan, Inf (ex 'R' 1969-73)

3. Ex - Cdt Award Winners

(a) NDA Jun 99 :- ACC BK Chaitanya, Gold Medal

(b) IMA Jun 99 :- ACA Vijavant Singh Sword of Honour & Gold Medal

Our congratulations to all the above.

4. Guest Speaker to IMA

Col VY Gidh (ex S 1967-72), CO 14 PUNJAB (NABHA AKAL) was nominated from the Eastern Sector to deliver a talk to IMA GCs on 'Junior leadership in Counter Insurgency Environment' on 27 May 99.

5. Obituary :- Wg Cdr JBK Singh (ex C 1965-70) passed away due to stomach ailment in a forward airbase somewhere in Rajasthan in May 99. He was comdg a Helptr Msl Sqn and was an experienced helptr pilot; having done his staff course in 1987. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

OBITUARY

Mr SR Jayaswal, one of our old masters passed away on 28th of August 1999. Mr Jayaswal joined RIMC in 1958 and went on to become the first section master of Chandragupta section. After a fruitful stay of ten years (1958-1968) at RIMC he left to join as principal of a central school

He had been very closely associated with RIMC even after his retirement.

In his death RIMC has lost an old friend. We express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and pray for the departed soul.

AH DHARAMBIR

It was 5th Sept 1999 (Teachers Day) when the Commandant, Col Arun Mamgain, honoured me as an Old Retired Master of RIMC by presenting the RIMC TIE. He announced that it has been designed specially for RIMC Masters by Maj KC Anand (one of the distinguished Adm Officers during my Service career at RIMC).

It was about 15 minutes before dinner that in the



RANJIT SECTION : the winners of the Inter-Section Variety Entertainment programme.

(Mr LN THAKUR)

senior Ante Room, Lt Santosh told me about Dharambir. Standing there I was in another world of 12 years back. The teenager lad Dharambir had his rigid approach to life. You tell him something and he was easily offended. Once as Section Master I checked him about his studies. He was weak in my subject, ie, Maths. For a fortnight he was sitting in the class with his head down all the time, and did not respond.

Holi is one of the festivals when cadets take liberty with the masters, and play colours. They visit their residence in herds. After all, they are away from their parents. Dharambir came along with other cadets, but was standing aloof. I went to him, but he was indifferent as usual. Other cadets encouraged him to play Holi with me. At my residence, speciality used to be 'KANJI', the fermented Indian beer made of black carrot and mustard seeds. It is in the 'Holi Season' changing weather that it can be relished. All were enjoying a glass of it. Suddenly Dharambir rushed to the dining room, picked up the drum of 20 lit Kanji and brought it outside in the verandah. In the presence of all he took that steel drum to his mouth and started drinking Kanji straight away. All of us were laughing at his act. He satiated his thirst of rustic love to his Section master, who will never forget those moments.

You give sweet and ripe guavas to the cadets, but they will accept it half heartedly. Innocent comments were always there, the 'Kucha' guavas stolen in guava raids at midnight in the darkness were tastier. And Dharambir was like that. Very hard from outside but soft with a gok'en heart from inside.

After he passed out from RIMC, there have been only two memorable meetings. He was sitting in NDA Canteen in the company of girls. He avoided me, but talked to my wife. Second time, in 1998 RIMC Annual Athletics, a tall full grown Haryanvi Jat was standing before me with a smile. He sat beside me and said that he had come for a Mountaineering course. My wife asked him about his marriage. He was carrying a Mobile phone hanging on his belt. He was taking it out after every 2-3 minutes and said "I will talk later". That was our last meeting. I wonder many a time why such pains are destined to man.

FOOTBALL ' 99

Out from water, moving to land. Inter section swimming was soon followed by the soccer mania. This year football competition were held from 4th to the 10th of Sept.

This year too the fields were sparkling with the excellent standards of football esp in the Juniors & middles.

We saw superb performances in juniors by Ankush, and a no. of 1st termers like Francies, Ruchi and Sandeep. Binoy too played wonderful soccer. Shivaji and Pratap scored the 1st position followed by Ranjit and Chandragupta.

In the middles section the electric team of Ranjit comprising stalwarts like Khatri, Subeg and Toshi drew with an extremely charged up Shivaji; the score being 3-3. Ranjit and Shivaji shared the first position followed by Pratap and Chandragupta.

Raja came up with a dazzling performance as expected to put his Section at the first place in seniors Chandragupta Pratap and Shivaji followed.

Finally, the cup for Inter Section Football Competition 1999 was won by Ranjit. Shivaji, Pratap and Chandragupta followed suit.

We expect the same high standards for the years to come.

Venkat Parthasarthy (S)

VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT CUP - SEP 99

On the 5th of September, on the occasion of Teachers Day, a Variety Entertainment Competition was held. All the four sections put up an excellent show. The chief guest was naturally the academic head, Mr KS Ahlawat, our Vice Principal. Other old teachers and old boys also graced the occasion. The judges for the competition were all associated with the field of dramatics.

The first section to begin with was Shivaji. "Kalyug Ka Ramayana" was the title of their play. The

story was the ante thesis of the original story and it had the audience rolling on their sides with laughter. Next was a dance by the so called Kit Room Boys on the song "Chandralekha, which roused everyone's spirit.

The second section was Chandragupta. The title of their play being "The Other Side". It was a story based on the death sentence by electrocution practised in the US. The main role was that of the person who performs this ghastly act, which was very nicely portrayed by Ravi Kant. Next was a foot tapping dance number "Music I like". Finally we had a boy very nicely imitating Laloo Prasad Yadav and his exploits.

Next to perform was the Ranjit Section. "Aakhir Kyon" was a play based on the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, very beautifully adapted from the novel "Freedom at Midnight". Cdt Bhaskar Shukla played the role of Mahatma very well indeed.

Last was Pratap Section and they enacted the play "Court Marshal" very well. The story was about a sepyo who is troubled by his senior officers and had a dramatic ending. It was followed by a group dance the main attraction being Cdt Nilesh Paneri and his acrobatics. They also presented some musical pieces on film and patriotic songs.

Finally the results were announced. Ranjit Section was adjudged the best followed by Chandragupta, Pratap and Shivaji. Then as a token of appreciation the staff members were presented with mementoes. Also a new tie was introduced for the first time only for the teaching staff. Everyone had a good time altogether and it ended with a hearty dinner.

Anoop Sharma (P)

JANAMASHTAMI

India is a land of festivals. Many kinds of festivals are celebrated in this country. People of different religions celebrate the festivals in different ways. Deewali, Holi, Dushera and Janmashtami are the important festivals of India.

The birth of Lord Krishna in the prison where his parents were imprisoned is celebrated as Janamasthmi. All of us would have read about the legend of Lord Krishna or heard from elders about him. Lord Krishna, as all of us know, appeared on the earth to put a stop on the evil in mankind. There was prosperity in his province. He gave Arjun the teaching of Bhagwat Gita during the 'Battle of Mahabharata'.

Janmashtami is celebrated all over India with full devotion. In Northern India people make a small dome of mud or clay in their house and display toys, specially of Lord Krishna. In Maharastra, particularly Mumbai, a "handi" or an urn containing curd and cream is hung above the ground. And the menfolk make a human pyramid and try their best to break the handi. Meanwhile ladies from nearby buildings throw buckets of coloured water on them in order to fail their attempt. This reminds us of young Krishna who was affectionately called "Maakhan chor". In other parts of the country the festival is celebrated in different ways. In RIMC the whole college was called at the temple in the evening. As the strength of the college is nearly 250 so the whole college was able to sit inside the

temple. After that a speech was given by the cadets on the festival. After the prayer "prasad" was distributed which consisted of fruits and sweets. We all enjoyed it. Many of us spent the day fasting and had a grand dinner after the function.

Abhishek Joshi (R)

A TRIP TO AJMER

Our college is blessed with good squash players from the beginning as the history suggests.

This time our squash team went on a trip to Mayo College Ajmer.

The team left Dehradun on the 2nd of September.

We reached Delhi and boarded our train at night. Our journey by bus as well as by train was pleasant and enjoyable.

Our competitions started from 4th of September.

In the competition six teams participated.

Our college was having an under 13 as well as an under 15 team

Our under 13 team played with Welhams and Mayo College in the first round but, unfortunately they were unable to win.

In between matches we also went to see various places in Ajmer.

Our under 15 team played very well. They defeated Modern school, Bishop Cotton and Welham Boys. They qualified for semi finals.

Then on 7th we went to Puskhar. There we saw the famous Bramha temple which is the only one of its kind. We also saw the Pushkar lake.

While coming we stayed in Delhi for a day. We took a bus at night and reached college in the morning.

It was a pleasant trip, and it gave the cadets experience and a chance to see, play and learn quality squash.

Karan Sharma (P)

Class IA

THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN

The attraction of this month was the election campaign held in the college.

In this campaign a cadet each of class I and I A represented his section.

Pratap section was represented by Cdt Adil Ahmed and Cdt Rohit Tanwar. The name of their party was 'National Shammers Alliance'. They presented a funny manifesto which was appreciated by the cadets as well as the staff members.

Ranjit section was represented by the 'Cafeteria Party' and it was lead by Cdt Anvesh Murti and Cdt DV Singh. They made the full college feel hungry by their speech.

Then came the turn for Shivaji. Their 'Dopers Party' requested every one to sleep in the Assembly Hall itself. In between many cross questions were also asked.

The Chandragupta section came up with aggressive ideas and tried to modernise life in RIMC.



Aayush Giri the proud winner of the Best Cadet Trophy at the Passing out on 13 Aug 99

Their 'Liberation Front' came up with ideas like there would be Chinese food for breakfast everyday, Italian for lunch and American for dinner and opening up of a restaurant in RIMC. They were represented by Cdt Asoom and Cdt Amihe Swu.

Over all it was a good entertainment for all the cadets. It was impressive as the cadets presented it with no stage fear which helped in the development of their personality and character. It was conducted well by Cdt Rudra Pratap, a first term, and Cdt Manish Das.

Karan Sharma (P)

A RARE ACHIEVEMENT

Aayush Giri, as I remember was one of the best debaters our college has had. He also was crazy about sailing on the high seas, ie, to join the Indian Navy. A poster of a sea Harrier adorned the wall in front of his study table in Middle Dormitory. He did pass the written and the SSB comfortably but the Medical examination took a bit too long so he could not make it in the board exams. Not one to give up he continued to work hard and then did well in the next board exam getting 70%.

Still the seas called him and he joined TS Chanakaya (MUMBAI), a training establishment, in the Pre sea batch there. He did exceedingly well there in all subjects. And there he achieved something which delighted not only his mother but all of us at RIMC. He won the BEST PASSING OUT CADET award and stood first in the course with top marks in two functions.

Presently he has reported back to his company and is going to attend various small courses like First Aid Course, Basic Fire Fighting and Personal Survival etc. Before starting his career in the Merchant Navy. He says his first trip may be on an Oil Tanker !! Well, we wish him HAPPY SAILING !

Varun Gidh (S)
V A

EXAMINATION

I studied the whole night for exams were near I did not sleep but my thinking was clear I knew all the answers and thought my marks

would be the best,
But I failed all the same for I slept through the test.

Anubhav Bhattacharya (R)

ELECTIONS

I got up and read the newspaper
Elections was all I could find

67% voting was in Bellary
It all blew up my mind.

Congress houses a foreigner
was what Advani remarked,

BJP doesn't fulfil promises
some congress worker barked.

All this waste of Rs. 6000 crore
bothered me a lot.

Why can't food be given to poor
was my immediate thought.

I finally thought of a five year term
which can be ended by the court.
This should be the system of our elections
so that more people vote.

AD Roy (R)

QUOTABLE QUOTE

That day, dripping wet in the rain, with our rain coats on and digging with showels we looked like some POWs (prisoners of war) digging our graves.

Cdt Joe Varghese
on 'Shramdaan'

HUMOUR IN UNIFORM

A new coupon system was introduced in the college and so no cash was to be found on the person of any cadet and soon inspections were to be taken.

The Assistant Administrative Officer, Capt Salil Mongia, addressed the cadets "There will be surprise inspections after lunch today at 2 o'clock".

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE NO 1



The first ever Inter Class Quiz in progress

Well it's based on time, ie, 24 hours in a day.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X

So the world GIFT will be written as 7968 the letters Y and Z are left out.

Now for this week's puzzle - PUZZLE NO 2 :- Decode this message

TAUMEGARIOCSARIRIVRIV SAG PAC SAGUAT
LIBARIOCS - AQUMEG RIV SAG GEMRIV LEO LEO
AQU

Clue : A men's shirting & suiting company.

COMMANDANT MAIL BAG

Some examples of RIMCO Lingo during our time.

"Dorm in Dorm after Dinner"

"College in PT kit Saturday after tea"

"Dal Sir is asking"

Abhijit Bhattacharjee

"As a former editor of the Chronical it gives me great pride to see the new magazine flourishing and bearing fruit, thanks to the efforts of the editorial team and the staff members. The first termers sketch was very good. And thanks to the net we can now get the Chronical hot and fresh.

- Alok Raturi (P)

I have been posted to Goa recently. I am giving the details of some of the other Rimcolians who are stationed here.

Lt M Bindu Prakash (C) -	SO Budget (Logistics Div) HQ Goa, Area Vasco Goa
Lt Ashok B C" Gupt (C)	310 Sqn INS Hansa Dabolim, Goa
Lt Anil Kumar Singh (C)	310 Sqn INS Hansa, Dabolim, Goa
Lt E Ramakrishna (C)	National Hydrographic School C/O II Q Goa Area, Vasco Goa - 403 802

So the Chandu's are ruling the roost at Goa. Lt S Supradeepan (P) is presently ADC to the Governor of

Orissa. He is tying the 'Knot' in Sep. More news in my next letter. ALL THE BEST TO THE YOUNG RIMCO'S. BE THE BEST IN THE FIELD YOU HAVE CHOSEN

Lt ESVS

TIPS FOR THE WEEK

GYM SPECIAL

- * Do warm up for at least 15-20 minutes before starting Gym.
- * Do Not Do Squatting Exercises with Weights.
- * 15 to 20 repetitions in at least three sets each for one exercise or muscle give the best result.
- * Have a high protein diet like eggs when doing gym.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY !!

Leaving the world in your hands, make it a better place to live in!! Can we really not survive without eating food from across the wall? Do we really need cash in a campus where you can get anything if you ask for it? Should we really have to stealthily keep cash hidden to buy disease?

Hygiene is the main stay of prevention for all communicable diseases. Hand washing, balanced diet, clean clothes, safe drinking water, clipped nails and a little care of yourself will care for you all as no doctor ever can. Also "a stitch in time saves nine", do go for your treatment religiously and regularly.

Dr Saumya Anand

BEST WISHES !!

I wish you all the best for your present and future with a heavy heart as I leave for Gaya, Bihar for National Polio Surveillance project for the World Health Organization (WHO). Hope you all keep fit and healthy. Goodbye!!

Indeed I will miss you all very much.

Yours only,
Dr. Saumya Anand.

उभरती हुई प्रतिभा बृजेश मिश्रा

शिवाजी कक्ष के बृजेश मिश्रा ने इस वर्ष अन्तर्कक्षीय हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता के कनिष्ठ वर्ग में प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त करके सबको प्रभावित किया है। उनके इस उल्लेखनीय प्रदर्शन को देखते हुए वाडिया हिमालयन भू विज्ञान संस्थान में आयोजित अन्तर्विद्यालय हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता में उन्हें कॉलेज का प्रतिनिधित्व करने का मौका दिया गया। यह एक बड़ी प्रतियोगिता थी जिसमें तेरह विद्यालयों के छब्बीस प्रतियोगियों ने भाग लिया। उन्हें इस प्रतियोगिता में कोई पुरस्कार नहीं मिला, पर उनकी शैली, आत्मविश्वास और प्रस्तुति की निर्णायकों एवं उपस्थित अतिथियों ने भूरी भूरी प्रशंसा की। कॉलेज को अविष्य में इनसे बहुत आशाएं हैं।

गौरव सोनी

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राष्ट्रभाषा, मातृभाषा

हम सबकी है आन।

देश ज खंडित होना कभी,

गर इसको हम अपनायेंगे।

सर्वधर्म सद्भाव भाव को,

प्रसन्नचित्त हो गायेंगे।

प्रेरणा दायिनी, कल्याण कारिणी

गूंजे चहुं दिशि गान।

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अनूप शर्मा की उपलब्धियाँ

वर्ष 1999 राष्ट्रीय भारतीय सैन्य कॉलेज की हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता की टीम के लिए उपलब्धियों से भरा रहा इसमें कैप्टेन अनूप शर्मा (प्रताप कक्ष) के योगदान को भुलाया नहीं जा सकता।

इस वर्ष हिन्दी वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिताओं में उनका प्रदर्शन निम्नानुसार रहा :

(अ) लेडी लिनेल अन्तर्विद्यालयीय हिन्दी वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता : यह प्रतियोगिता वेल्हम

गर्ल्स स्कूल द्वारा प्रतिवर्ष आयोजित की जाने वाली प्रतिष्ठित प्रतियोगिता है। इस प्रतियोगिता में विषय प्रतियोगिता प्रारंभ होने के एक घण्टे पूर्व दिया जाता है। अनूप ने इस प्रतियोगिता में भाग लेकर सात स्कूलों के चौदह प्रतियोगियों में प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त किया।

(ब) काशी नरेश वाग्विभूति नारायण सिंह अन्तर्विद्यालयीय हिन्दी वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता : यह प्रतियोगिता आर.आई.एम.सी. द्वारा प्रतिवर्ष आयोजित की जाने वाली देहरादून की सबसे प्रतिष्ठित हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता है। इस वर्ष यह प्रतियोगिता 11 सितम्बर को आयोजित की गई। इसमें बारह विद्यालयों ने भाग लिया जिनमें आठ विद्यालय बाहर के थे। अनूप ने इसमें प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त किया। उनके इस प्रदर्शन पर नगर के सभी समाचार पत्रों ने प्रशंसात्मक टिप्पणियाँ कीं।

(ख) कमला जीवन दर अन्तर्विद्यालयीय हिन्दी वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता : यह प्रतियोगिता दून स्कूल द्वारा प्रतिवर्ष आयोजित की जाती है। विषय प्रतियोगिता प्रारंभ होने से दो घण्टे पूर्व दिया जाता है अनूप ने इस प्रतियोगिता में भाग लेकर पांच स्कूलों के दस प्रतियोगियों में प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त किया। उनके इस श्रेष्ठ प्रदर्शन के कारण आर.आई.एम.सी ने चैम्पियनशिप भी प्राप्त की।

(द) अन्तर्विद्यालयीय हिन्दी वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता : इस वर्ष 24 सितम्बर को वाडिया हिमालयन भू विज्ञान संस्थान में यह प्रतियोगिता आयोजित की गई। इसमें तेरह विद्यालयों के 26 प्रतियोगियों ने भाग लिया। अनूप ने शानदार प्रदर्शन करते हुए इसमें भी प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त किया।

इसके अतिरिक्त उनके अन्य श्रेष्ठ प्रदर्शन इस प्रकार हैं :

वर्ष 1997	काशी नरेश वाग्विभूति नारायण सिंह अन्तर्विद्यालयीय हिन्दी वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता - प्रथम
वर्ष 1997	महारानी गंभीर कुमारी देवी, अन्तर्विद्यालयीय हिन्दी वाद-विवाद - प्रथम
वर्ष 1997	अन्तर्विद्यालयीय हिन्दी काव्य पाठ प्रतियोगिता वेल्हम ब्वाइज स्कूल द्वारा आयोजित - तृतीय

वर्ष 1998 अन्तर्कक्षीय हिन्दी वाद विवाद
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- द्वितीय

वर्ष 1999 अन्तर्कक्षीय हिन्दी वाद विवाद
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- प्रथम

अनूप देहरादून में सर्वश्रेष्ठ हिन्दी वक्ता के रूप में स्थापित हो चुके हैं। अखिल भारतीय स्तर पर उनसे अभी और आशाएं हैं। मुझे पूर्ण विश्वास है कि वे इसे पूरा करेंगे।

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प्रतियोगिता

मानसून की अंतिम फुहार के साथ दून घाटी में वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता का वातावरण अपने चरमोत्कर्ष पर पहुंच जाता है। इस वाद विवाद के वातावरण में आर.आई.एम.सी. में आयोजित काशी नरेश वाग्विभूति नारायण सिंह अन्तर्विद्यालयीय हिन्दी वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता कुछ खास महत्व रखती है। इस वर्ष यह प्रतियोगिता 11 सितम्बर को सम्पन्न हुई। इस बार देश भर के 12 स्कूलों के 37 प्रतियोगियों ने पूरे उत्साह के साथ प्रतियोगिता में भाग लिया। प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन ऐतिहासिक भगत हॉल में कैडेट अंकुर कौशल और डी.पी.एस. राठौर की अध्यक्षता में किया गया। प्रतियोगिता का विषय था 'पाकिस्तान से शांति वार्ता नए कारगिल उत्पन्न करेगी' पक्ष एवं विपक्ष दोनों वर्गों के प्रतियोगियों ने अपने सुंदर तर्कों एवं अलंकृत शब्दों के प्रयोग से विषय के हर

पहलुओं पर प्रकाश डाला एवं पूरी सभा को प्रतियोगिता के अंत तक शब्दों एवं तर्कों के मायाजाल से मंत्रमुग्ध कर के रखा। प्रतिवादक वर्ग ने भी जटिल प्रश्नों के प्रहार किए जिसका वक्ताओं ने सटीक जवाब दिया।

प्रतियोगिता में प्रथम स्थान का पुरस्कार आर.आई.एम.सी. के अनूप शर्मा को, द्वितीय पुरस्कार मोती लाल नेहरू स्पोर्ट्स कॉलेज की अमृता दहन, तृतीय स्थान इसी कॉलेज की आरती मलिक एवं चतुर्थ स्थान आर.आई.एम.सी. के अंशुल भट्ट को प्रदान किया गया। प्रतिवादक वर्ग में प्रथम स्थान आर.आई.एम.सी. के भास्कर शुक्ला को प्रदान किया गया। इसके अलावा कई विशेष पुरस्कार भी प्रतियोगियों को प्रदान किए गए।

प्रतियोगिता के निर्णायक मंडल के सदस्य थे - डा० अशोक राघव (पुलिस अधीक्षक, सतर्कता विभाग) डी०बी०एस० कॉलेज के डॉ० श्री राम शर्मा तथा डी०एस०वी० कॉलेज की डॉ० निधि शर्मा। सभा के मुख्य अतिथि हिन्दी जगत के प्रमुख हस्ती एवं तार सप्तक के कवि श्री जगदीश चतुर्वेदी थे जिन्होंने अंत में प्रतियोगियों को पुरस्कृत किया। सभा के अंत में कमान्डेंट महोदय कर्नल अरुण ममगाई ने सभी प्रतियोगियों की सराहना की एवं सभी अतिथियों को भेंट प्रदान की।

अंततः आर.आई.एम.सी. ने अपने रिकार्ड को बरकरार रखते हुए इस बार भी प्रतियोगिता में प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त किया, द्वितीय स्थान पर मोती लाल नेहरू स्पोर्ट्स कॉलेज रहा और तृतीय स्थान पर अलवर पब्लिक स्कूल की टीम रही।

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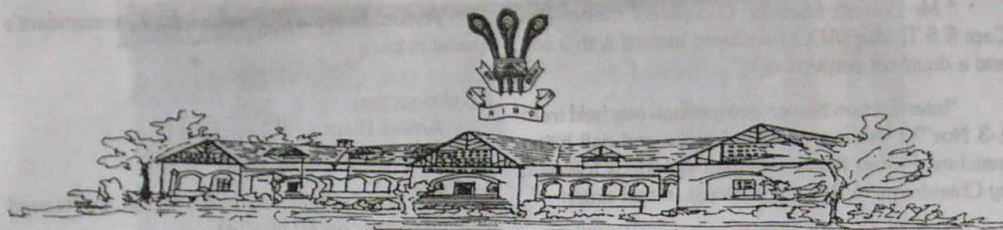
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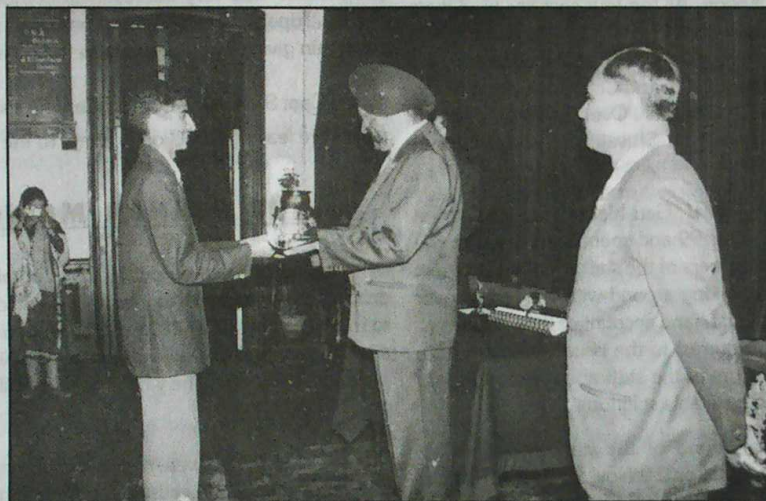
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Cad. Captain Ankur Kaushal receiving the "Sword of Honour" from the Chief Guest, Maj Gen Manjit Singh on The Graduation Ceremony of the 146th course. Looking on is the Offg Comdt, Lt Col Prem Prakash, SM

EDITORIAL

Dear readers,

We have come to the end of term and now the final exams and Boards are on every one's mind. We had athletics and other competitions and, of course, the mid term hikes in the beginning of October. There were more of outdoor trekking hikes this time and they were welcome as I gathered from boys.

The Orissa cyclone was certainly unfortunate and hopefully we learnt some lessons from it. And the military coup in Pakistan too is a matter of concern for us, particularly considering the strong relations between army and the Islamic fundamentalists.

This is my last letter as the editor and I wish and hope that the journalism club shall continue the good job it is doing.

WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

NEWS IN BRIEF

*The Commandant, Col Arun Mangain, is currently in Bangalore in connection with the

interviewing officers' course. He shall be back in the College towards the end of December.

* Anoop Sharma (P) won the first position at an on-the-spot Hindi Debating competition organized by the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun, on 24 Sep '99. He was presented the winner's trophy by the noted scientist and writer Dr. Jayant Narlikar.

* RIMC bagged the runners up trophy at the Welham Boys Quiz conducted on 29 Sep '99. Varun Gidh (S), Bhaskar Shukla (R) and Vamsi Krishna (C) comprised the College team.

*An On-the-spot painting competition was organized by Col Brown's Cambridge School on 6 Oct '99 in which RIMC cadets got three prizes. The winners are:

Group "C" : Arindham Goswami (First)
L Binoy Singh (Third)

Group "D" : Kranti Kumar (First)

* RIMC stood fourth in the annual Friends of Doon quiz held at the Doon School on 15 Oct '99. The College was represented by Varun Gidh (S), Bhaskar Shukla (R) and Vamsi Krishna (C)

* Mr Ganesh Sharma, Computers master and Capt S S Thakur (AEC) have been blessed with a son and a daughter respectively.

*Inter Section Squash competition was held from 1-3 Nov'99. After a couple of tense and nail biting matches ,Pratap finally emerged victorious followed by Chandragupta,Ranjit and Shivaji in that order.

*In the Inter Section P.T. competition Ranjit put up an excellent show and won the cup. The positions were as under:

Ranjit
Shivaji
Pratap
Chandragupta

*In the Inter Section Basket Ball competition some very exciting games were held this time, particularly , in the juniors division. All the four sections tried their best but in the end it was Ranjit who bagged the first position. In the seniors division the major attraction was the match between Pratap and Chandragupta in which the latter scored 111 points . Overall, Ranjit emerged the winners followed by Shivaji,Chandragupta and Pratap.

*The DGMT, Maj Gen Mahesh Vij visited the College on 9th Nov' 99 and spent a full day with the cadets and the members of the staff. He made the visit very informal by mixing around with the cadets over tea and getting a first hand account of their problems. He took a lot of interest in the issues relating to the cadets and members of the staff and promised to do his best to find out suitable solutions.

* The final round of the inter section Quiz competition was held on 10 Nov' 99 and turned out to be one of the most keenly contested rounds of Quizzing ever at the RIMC. The competition ended as a tie between Pratap and Ranjit at the end of the stipulated time and rounds. Four attempts were made to break the tie but the scores didn't change. Ultimately both Pratap and Ranjit shared the Cup. Section-wise positions and scores are as follows:

Pratap	:	124	points
Ranjit	:	124	"
Shivaji	:	100	"
Chandragupta	:	99	"

*The date for the class V and class VA boards was postponed from 12th to 29th Nov ' 99 due to the late NDA results and SSB calls.

*Mr R C Chaturvedi became a grandfather when his son Capt Nitin Chaturvedi ("C" 85-89) was blessed with a daughter on 2 Nov' 99 at Ambala.

*Inter Section Extempore English debate was held on 7 Nov' 99 and there was marked improvement in the standard over the last year's performance by the cadets. The results were as follows:

Juniors Section

V.Perumal (C) - First
A.Murty (R) - Second

Asoom Sharma (C) bagged the Commandant's special prize.

Seniors section

Anshul Bhatt (C) - First
Anoop Sharma (P) - Second.

*Mr.Brijesh Chauhan,Physics Master, was blessed with a daughter on 10 Nov'99.

* Children's Day was celebrated with a lot of enthusiasm. The function was held on 13th Nov instead of the 14th Nov. due to the terminal examination which started on 15th Nov '99. There were a number of items - a Ghazal by Mr Dhrubo Das, Dance by Mr Ganesh Sharma and Mr Ansari, a Rajasthani song by Capt S S Thakur and finally the play 'Gaddha' in which each and every member of the staff took part. The programme was very interestingly compered by Mr Sanjay Tripathi. The evening concluded with Mrs S Mangain giving away presents to the cadets.

*Capt S Thakur(AEC) and Capt Dinesh Bhardwaj (AEC) are leaving RIMC on posting to the valley.

THE MALHAR MAGIC

It's raining heavily outside. As I admire the tiny droplets shattering my window, an incident comes back to my mind. It was a fine summer afternoon more than a year ago when the incident occurred which has me puzzled even today. The whole thing is still imprinted on my mind.

That day we were having a vocal performance by a renowned female artist in our Bhagat hall. I was a member of the reception committee. Punctually, the artist arrived. Formalities were exchanged and after having played my role I preferred not to see the performance and stayed outside the hall. Frankly, to me it was to be a long and an uninteresting evening and I had no desire to be a part of this occasion.

The program started while I wished it would get over soon. It had grown quite dark when I suddenly heard a loud commotion inside. I went and peeped from the door at the far end of the hall to learn that the cadets were imploring her to sing Raga MALHAR. The Raga of bringing rain had no idea if it was she who proposed to sing and asked for their consent or it was the cadets expressing their wish to hear the famous Raga. Raga? Rain? To me this relationship was as abstract as time itself. Meanwhile she had agreed to grant the request. I was elated. Not only will I get to hear this famous piece of famous music but also to learn the authenticity of its claim, I thought to myself.

Half an hour later, clouds roared. A minute later the first drops met the Earth; a second later I was speechless. For sometime I was rooted to my spot. This couldn't be true. I argued with myself. Either it was real magic or the biggest coincidence of the century. Nevertheless it was raining and raining heavily. I didn't learn the reason behind it that evening nor will I ever know but the experience I had will remain one of the



The Chief Guest, Maj Gen Manjit Singh addressing the cadets on the Graduation Ceremony on 27th Nov ' 99

most memorable ones of my life.

Meanwhile as I recollect this incident it is still raining outside. So, are the gods singing MALHAR this time?

Varun Gidh

MY VOYAGE

I wanted to go on a voyage.
The voyages of Sindbad, Columbus and many more,
Were full of zeal and adventure.
This made me plan the venture.
I started off my voyage to self discovery.
I boarded the ship with the parameter of moral values;
The ocean of my heart was vast and unlimited.
I explored some gems but there also was some rubbish,
Which made my voyage slow and sluggish.
I returned to the shore, with my heart sore and heavy.
Imbued with retrospection for a fast recovery,
I ended my voyage to self discovery.

- Sumit Kumar

THE INVINCIBLE

Life is like a sweet symphony,
For those who are men of destiny;
For they write their own fortune,
Which others just can't tune,
For they are invincible.
Life is mere determination,
For they bear no humiliation;
The world is subdued by them,
Who work hard all the time,
Now, and then.

-Anoop Sharma

Athletics Round up

Athletics is perhaps the most important sporting event of the RIMC sports calendar of the year. The last inter section athletics meet of the millennium was held with a lot of enthusiasm and vigour. Competitions were held in the three traditional divisions, viz , 'A', 'B' and 'C' from 29 to 31 Oct ' 99. The chief guest for the finals on the 31st was Maj Gen Ajay Sood ,VSM,GOC 14 Inf Div. The standard of the competitions was very good and a couple of college records were also broken. Adding colour to the competitions were the usual old boys race, musical chairs for the ladies and the famous tug-of-war between the cadets and the members of the staff which ultimately turned out to be a 250 vs. 25 contest.

In terms of outstanding individual performances the following cadets deserve special mention as they were declared the best athletes of their respective divisions.

R K Singh	(A Div)
G M S Khatri	(B Div)
Raja Sherpa	(C Div)

After an impressive march past by all the Sections ,the Chief Guest gave away the prizes and certificates to the winners. Final Section positions were as follows:

First	: Ranjit (134)
Second	: Chandragupta (95)
Third	: Shivaji (87)
Fourth	: Pratap (55)

Vikram Sharma (R)

TELEVISION

Television is a thing which entertains,

And reduces a teenager's mental strain.

This is what teenagers say,

Who are fine and not insane.

Television is not at all good,

It is like a fire in the wood,



Maj Gen Manjit Singh, GOC UP Area, releasing the RIMC calendar on the occasion of the Graduation Ceremony on 27th Nov '99

This is what parents say,
And this is what they always would.

-A.Kulkarni.(C)

Heard in the corridors

*The new grace:

O Lord, we thank Capt.Salil Mongia for what we are going to receive.

*Rumour of the day -Assembly

* College, What is the date on 11th?
There will be a night fall-in after lunch.
There may be a surprise rollcall after dinner.
I will make you roll in the wet rains.

*Hang your shoes outside. Do not hang them inside your socks; and I don't know how you do it.

-Capt Salil Mongia

GRADUATION CEREMONY **27 NOV 1999**

The graduation ceremony of the 146th course was held on 27th of November 1999. Maj Gen. Manjit Singh, GOC UP Area, was the Chief Guest at the ceremony. A large number of parents and guardians of the passing out cadets also attended the function. It was indeed a very proud moment for the parents to see their sons graduate after successful training at the RIMC.

The function began with the customary address by the officiating commandant, Lt. Col. Prem Prakash, SM, in which he described the achievements of the college during the term and especially of the passing out course. He also gave some important and valuable advice to the graduating cadets which will help them in their future life. This was followed by the prize distribution where a large number of cadets were presented book-prizes, certificates, merit cards and college Blues for their outstanding performance in various activities. The

graduating cadets were presented parchment certificates highlighting their accomplishments in curricular and other fields.

Speaking on the occasion, Maj Gen Manjit Singh congratulated the graduating cadets on their successful training at the RIMC. He extolled the contribution made by RIMC to the armed forces of the nation and called upon the young boys to live up to the high standards of the institution and its rich traditions.

The following awards were given away on the occasion :

- (a) Highest marks amongst cadets of class X and below: Cadet Dev Prasoon (P) (89.6)
- (b) Second highest marks in class X and below :Cadet Ashish Kumar (S) (88.2%)
- (c) Highest overall marks amongst cadets of class XI : Cadet Anoop Sharma (P)(87.6%)
- (d) Second highest marks in Class XI : Cadet Alok Kumar (P) (85.9%)
- (e) Highest class average : Class IA (76.83%)
- (f) Second highest class average : Class II (74.3%)
- (g) Maximum improvement over last term's results: Cadet Chintan Joshi (C) (16%)
- (h) Best debater of the term:
 - Hindi: Cadet Anoop Sharma (P)
 - English: Cadet Anshul Bhatt (C)
- (i) Blue for excellence in Hindi Debating : Cadet Anoop Sharma (P)
- (j) Blues for excellence in sports :
 - Cadet Abhik Mukherjee (P) Football
 - Cadet Sandeep D'Souza (S) Football
 - Cadet K Anbarasu (R) Athletics
- (k) Sports Blazer : Cadet Raja Wangdi Sherpa (R) Football
- (l) Gen Manoharan's trophy for excellence in computers was awarded to cadet Arjun Singh Rathore(C).
- (m) Col D H Parab cup for being the most helpful boy of the term was awarded to Cadet Section Commander Anoop Kumar Rawool (P).

- (n) The Din Dayal cup presented each term to the Section attaining maximum proficiency in mathematics was, this term, bagged by Pratap Section.
- (o) The Wavell Sword presented to the College by the Wavell Section old boys is awarded each term to the passing out cadet adjudged best in character and integrity. This term the winner is cadet captain Ankur Kaushal(C).
- (p) Finally, the Sword of Honour. Presented to the College by the former Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal N C Suri, an illustrious alumnus of this institution, it is given away every term to the graduating cadet who is adjudged the best all rounder of his course with special reference to officer like qualities. This term it was awarded to cadet captain Ankur Kaushal(C). The sword carries with it a cash prize of Rs 5000/- presented by the K C Mahindra Education Trust.

-Anoop Sharma

OLD BOYS NEWS

* Lt Lovkesh Thakur, IN, ("R" 85-89) got married to Sapna on 17 Oct'99. The marriage function was held at the DSOI, Dehradun, and was attended by a number of staff members. Heartiest Congratulations and best wishes to the new couple.

* Captain VK Chhiber('C'1968-72)has been promoted to Deputy General Manager, Marketing, Royal Enfield Motors and is presently based at Jaipur. Our heartiest congratulations to him.

* Lt Santosh Kumar, IN,(Pratap 82-87) married Vandana on 23 Nov'99 at Muzaffarpur. Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to the new couple.

OBITUARIES

It is with profound grief that we report the passing away of the following:

Mrs Nikki w/o Capt Sariputta Wangdi ('P' 1964-68) passed away in Pune on 02 Nov 99.

Maj B S Chandel, father of Maj Vikramjit (Ex Ranjit) passed away at Hamirpur on 23 Nov 99.

Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

IN MY TIME

Those from Ranjit Section of 60's and 70's will recall the famous stories of Late Mr G S Bisht recalling anecdotes of yesteryears and saying "सोझह साल पहले की बात है।"

Knowing fully well that many of us were not even then, it is best left to the imagination of readers her the narrations made were based on facts or designed to humour us.

Well friends, we are very familiar with the famous phrase of self aggrandisement "in my time.....or when we were here....."and the likes. We all (talking here only of Rimcollians and our environment) boast of our times and feel elated in exaggerating and bragging about the happenings-real or imaginary. There is a requirement of analyzing this phenomenon of felt/conceived/misconceived perceptions. My aim here is ,of course, to throw open the issue and arouse thoughts of the readers. The aim is also to enable readers to give vent to those feeling and views which benefit the cadets and help improve the lot of RIMC whose excellence we are all striving to achieve. Real or imaginary thoughts and experiences can be compared with those of successive era and shared with each other for whatever worth these may be.

To begin with I will touch upon three issues only. Firstly the NDA result. A very sentimental issue and of vital importance being our primary objective. We have our senior as well junior Rimcollians who generally boast of their results. "Well gentlemen ,in my time, we had 100 % result; in our batch 80% got through". Little realizing that all these facts available with us defy such claims. There is no pattern or trend in so far as NDA results are concerned. There have been ups and downs. The need of the hour is to generate high level of motivation amongst the cadets. The task of cadets has been made tough by two Board exams, one in Class III A and the other in Class VA when they are also busy with their NDA and SSB. Hence , I must give credit to the present day cadets who have done much better than ,say , during my time when only four of us first timers made it to the NDA!!! So that was my time!!

Secondly the board exams. Till 1988 RIMC had internal exams at X and XI levels. There were obviously no failures! Now cadets have to undergo two Board exams, one in III A and the other in VA along with SSB and NDA second attempt. And for many Rimcollians who may not be aware the fact is that these exams are conducted by MT-15 (AEC Dt). However RIMC has the autonomy since this exam is affiliated to the CBSE. It should be appreciated that cadets are hard pressed for time for Board exams in VA. The main reason for this tight schedule is that RIMC cadets are taking two NDA exams and two Bd exams a year. Obviously, therefore, tremendous pressure on Classes V & VA in their final year. How to afford them more time for studies is the moot question since the routine and activities remain the same. In effect we should have sympathy for these cadets and motivate them to utilize the available time to the maximum. Some views on this are definitely solicited since this was one important area of concern during the recent visit by the DGMT.

Third issue, of course, is of non permanency of masters. There is an annual turnover of 15 to 20% of masters at the RIMC. Ad-hoc-ism is having a telling effect on academics. The solution definitely lies in better pay and perks and promotional avenues comparable to good public schools. While plans are afoot to raise a corpus to pay the master in-house, resources are limited at present. Other ways to ameliorate this situation through recruitment by UPSC and direct recruitment



A scene from the play 'Aakhir Kyon'

etc are also being pursued.

So these are some of the realities which are quite different from "our times" and we must recognize the same before condemning the present lot. Unfortunately many of us Rimcollians are not aware of things happening at the College. The visits during Reunion and hearsay from our course mates and other Rimcollians just give us "a bird's eye view". And, of course, the commandant's report giving our balance sheet is shortly forgotten after the Commandant's Dinner.

I shall touch upon motivational aspects and additional changes amongst the cadets in subsequent issues.

Lt Col Prem Prakash, SM
A O
(Officiating Commandant)

COMMANDANT'S MAILBAG

"I am currently in the middle of preparing various proposals and applications for grants and fellowships to support the work in Howrah. Some new initiatives are also being worked on. I am also awaiting intimation about leaving for the cyclone hit areas of Orissa as a member of a rapid damage assessment team on behalf of the central govt.

-Mr V Ramaswamy

PUZZLE NO 3

This one will be a test of your knowledge about your country. It's all there- Indian History, Indian People etc.

Fill in the blanks:

1. L _ _ _ _ .
2. N _ _ _ _ .
3. D _ _ _ _ .
4. I _ _ _ _ .
5. A _ _ _ _ .

Clues:

1. Champaran.
2. Seat of learning in Bihar.
3. Lord Rama comes home.
4. Emergency.
5. Indian SAM.

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE NO 2

The clues ZODIAC.

Start from the first Zodiac sign Aries till the last one Pisces. Take the first three letters of each for the letters A to L and reverse them for letters M to X. The letters Y and Z are not included. It's somewhat like last time. So girl will be coded as LIBSAGRIVPIS. The message reads: Boat arriving at Kori creek

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