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Chander's Notes



The Rimcollian Reunion becomes more and more popular and so does your magazine "The Rimcollian", which also is growing from strength to strength. As we head towards the centenary celebrations a lot of activity needs to be done and it is heartening to see a lot of old boys volunteering for the editorial team. So the sports centric outdoor bound school is getting cerebral, why not if a Gorkha could be converted to wielding the quill, "RIMC does wonders".

At the very outset on behalf of the fraternity I wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to the Commandant RIMC and his team for being awarded the Army Commander's Merit Card award for excellence in sending students to the NDA. We the old boys wish "Team RIMC", all the best in all future endeavors and wish them many more successes to come. We are also glad to notice that there is a noticeable trend to get more than a couple of students in the first ten rankings of the NDA merit list and we once again wish "Team RIMC", to ensure this becomes a normal six months routine affair not a one off event.

We also wish to thank the ROBA President, Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, VSM, ADC for his continued support and wish to apprise all that the Rimcollian Magazine has acquired a momentum of its own and regularly hits the stands twice a year. Rimcollians during the period under review have continued in the pursuit of excellence but however, as usual, as a matter of fact continue to post pictures in whats app but generally do not give a full account for wider publication and recording for posterity in the old boys' magazine. The course reunions have added a lot of colour and this year the "batch of '64 passing out in 1968 is celebrating 50 years of leaving school, happy reunion to them and any other course who are celebrating any anniversary.

This year we initiated the Calendar project which has been widely appreciated. We hope to make the Calendars an annual event and all points noted about the same. As suggested by some we are incorporating the calendar stories in the magazine for longer shelf life and wider circulation. The Camphor series too has acquired a momentum and happy to note that many more rapier wielding Rimcollians are turning into authors and have joined the writers' club.

I also wish to thank our sponsors without whom it would not be possible to pull out this magazine. I also wish to thank all those who have contributed articles for this magazine. May I once again request old boys to directly mail their articles to your editor. I must place on record the effort made by magazine team members specially the publisher Sidharth Mishra. Thanks are due to ROBA treasurer MS Bedi for providing the fuel for the project and the energetic secretary Deepak Ahluwalia.

I once again request those who did not don uniform to share their experiences with us. We are carrying a series in all the magazines titled "Beyond Uniform", which is the story of old boys who did not join the forces. These stories are very encouraging and show the grit and determination of the alumni. They are very motivating for the school cadets, and showcase the aspect of character building which is imbibed. Please do share your achievements with the rest. The challenge to keep this beyond uniform series requires some urgent pushing as I really have to scratch my bald head for your contributions. Please do be more willing to write for this theme.

I am also collecting stories with photographs of our teachers; please do send your articles about the same to me. We owe our 'gurus', special thanks. Happy Reading to All and do please continue to send your various contribution as they add to the essence and flavour of this magazine.

May the tribe prosper and "God Speed" to all.

VIVA RIMC

18th February 2018
Dehra Dun

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT



President ROBA

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- 1. New Year greetings to Rimcollians and their families. Good tidings of the past year continue to enthral the Rimcollian fraternity and wish the same trend this year as well.**
- 2. In the year 2022 RIMC would have completed one hundred years. This milestone would be a testament of our continuous hard work and successes.**
- 3. In our celebrations towards the centennial we plan to reflect on our educational history and strong bonding of our fraternity. One of our goals during the next four years would be to reconnect with our cherished alumni. I hope all of you will take a few minutes to pen down your experiences at RIMC and contribute to 'THE RIMCOLLIAN' publication.**
- 4. Over the next four years, we would be hosting several events to showcase our alma mater, rich history as well as celebrate our achievements. I urge everyone to assist in organising the events being scheduled for the centennial celebrations. Kindly volunteer in forming committees to the various events being proposed by Secy, ROBA. I have directed Secy, ROBA to finalise the events by the reunion celebrations of 2018.**
- 5. I also request all Rimcollians to contribute handsomely to the Centenary Fund so that a Corpus be raised by March 2022, to make the mega event grand and memorable.**

Wish you all Happy Holi.

May God bless the RIMC, Rimcollians and their families.

Jai Hind.

12 Feb 2018

Air Chief Marshal
Chief of the Air Staff

COMMANDANT'S DESK

“Learning gives creativity, creativity leads to thinking, thinking provides knowledge, knowledge makes you great”
— APJ Abdul Kalam



Col Vivek Sharma
(1985-91, Pra)

The creative learning to make our Cadets knowledgeable and great ‘scholar leaders’ has been the enshrined focus of our Team. It has been a journey of 21 months since I assumed the appointment of Commandant which has been full of thrills, challenges and very humbly I submit, immensely satisfying. The Residential School Curriculum demands the finest blend of synergogy from our Team and Category ‘A’ Military Training Institution entrusts us with the most honourous responsibility of nurturing the finest breed of ‘Scholar Leaders’. I had sought the blessings from our revered elders as well as experienced, fellow brother Rimcollians in April 2016 and had received innumerable inputs. In fact, that has been a perpetual feature all throughout the journey. It continues to be a source of strong support that I have enjoyed all through to simplify my task undertaken. Since the Rimcollians have attended the Reunion 2017 in great number and many Courses also do keep visiting us, we presume that the progress at the College is reaching the Fraternity frequently. We have also been sending a presentation, at the request of organising Rimcollians of various chapters, on the happenings at this end. Suffice to report that we are taking steady strides forward-from the deep rooted ethos firmed in by the predecessors and ably supported by the Rimcollians everywhere, to the best of their capabilities. Even as the blessings and prayers keep pouring in, which we need in abundance in the current times, we are grateful to the ROBA Office Bearers and the entire Fraternity for their immense support.

The endeavour and orientation of our Team remains towards mentoring the Cadets to be the future Leaders of our Nation with high morals and ethics. Since we are a premier Military Training Institute, the Armed Forces is a natural career through the NDA/NAVAC. It is here that our Cadets have done us proud by not just joining NDA/NAVAC in great numbers but securing the top places in UPSC All India Rankings. Two cadets were in first 10 of AIR amongst the Course joining NDA in July. Very recently, the Course that joined NDA in January had seven out of first 10 in All India Rankings, far surpassing the record set last year. The correct

recognition and pride comes from the fact that Cadet Sooraj Verma was specially invited from the NDA to partake of a feast at Rashtrapati Bhavan for topping the UPSC Merit List last year. The effects of a vibrant learning process at the College have also got amply reflected in the performance of our Cadets at the NDA and other Pre Commission Training Academies. The real pride and honour for our Fraternity comes in the unprecedented, as well as distinguished recognition to the College on being conferred with the ARMY COMMANDER CENTRAL COMMAND UNIT CITATION on the occasion of ARMY Day 2018. A historical moment and an unprecedented feat! We are grateful to our entire Fraternity and the predeceases who have set the right precedent for the college in the most trying times.

With all the humility and resolve for greater glories, our Team is moving forward undauntedly to continue the objective of nurturing the Young Leaders in our Cradle of Excellence by creating an ever vibrant eco system. We continue to take your suggestions and work on the aspects that had been suggested like-Social Responsibility towards energy resources amongst Cadets, Academic prowess, Respect for the Property, Moral Values, Ethical conduct etc. These have been given due impetus in a gradual manner, sensitising the young leaders for a better future. We have also been in the process of creating an environment which is infrastructurally sound, albeit without compromising on green space, habitat improvement of Cadets as well as Support Staff, especially employees, stressing on the need of enhancing the Campus, of course with a traditional touch. We look forward to presenting to you the College in its quintessential best through the festivities during the 96th Reunion. We also solicit your blessings in discharging our duties in the service of our Alma Mater.

VIVA RIMC.
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Commandant
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Dehradun Cantt 248003
12 February 18

COMMANDANT'S **APPEAL**

Respected Sirs,

1. It has been a journey of 21 months since I assumed the appointment of Commandant. It has been full of thrills , challenges and very humbly I submit, satisfying.
2. We solicit inputs on the following:-
 - Award Winners at Academies. As we having been progressing steadily towards centenary , we have also focused on updating our specific records. We have taken the details of all our award winners at NDA, IMA , NAVAC and AFA. Though we are nearly there for IMA & NDA, NAVAC and AFA seem to be the voids. Any leads or inputs from everyone will be great. In any case, we are compiling a board to be displayed during the Reunion for old boys to augment or point anomalies.
 - Colours / Blazers at College. Been receiving some inputs about the Blazer board not accurate. Inputs on the same will help us tally with Dossiers and update.
 - Appointments. There was an interesting discussion on the group about the raising of Chandragupta Section with intermittent Holding Section. We have also been having some special appointments during various times. A record of these will only be in order. Inputs on any other appointments from time to time so that we iron out the records.

Warmest and best regards

Vivek
Commandant
Rashtriya Indian Military College
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RIMC

MASTERS' LEAF



The Vice-Principal with the Section Masters and Dean Sports at the Reading Corner In the Masters' Club. The corner has been created with support from an old boy, Mr Sidharth Mishra.

Dear Rimcollians,

I feel so overwhelmed to have been invited to share my thoughts for the newsletter. Nearly a century ago, the founder of the school, Prince Edward had insisted in his inaugural speech that the school while following a modern curriculum would also keenly follow the age-old Indian tradition of Guru and Chela (Teacher-Pupil).

Having lived on the campus for more than two decades I can say with certain amount of confidence that both the teachers and the students of the RIMC have lived up to the expectations of its founder in the truest terms. No other school is known to extend such warmth and love for their teachers as Rimcollians have for their masters.

It was out of this love and affection for the masters that Col Arun Mangain during his tenure as the commandant initiated the project of building the

Masters' Club on the campus. The building was inaugurated close to the end of his tenure, next to the Catchpole Guest House.

The present commandant, Col Vivek Sharma has pitched in with the idea of making this structure into a lively place. With improved furnishing, audio-visual equipment and decision to serve meals to the Masters in the club has added life to the building.

When we masters gather at the club for lunch it provides us the opportunity to have an impromptu conference and we discuss matters regarding academics and other affairs in an informal atmosphere. This has helped us address many issues collectively.

Here I must also mention the contribution made by a very steadfast Rimcollian, Mr Sidharth Mishra, a very well-known author, towards uplifting the ambience of the club. He has parted with a share of his treasure of books which have been placed in two bookshelves which his

think tank – Centre for Reforms, Development & Justice, has provided.

During his recent visit to the school and the club he mentioned that he would send another consignment of books to fill some of the vacant bookshelves. He has also promised to organize academic activities with his think tank at the club for the benefit of the masters. We are looking forward to it.

These books are now being issued to the club members who are reading them with great interest.

During the reunion, the Old Boys would feel happy to visit the Masters' Club. They are always welcome to spend some time with their teachers at this now lively place.

With Warm Regards,

PRASHANT K SHARMA

Vice Principal

February 14, 2018

Dehradun



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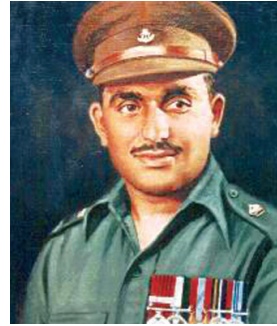
Dehradun is home to Rimcollians - the alumni of Rashtriya Indian Military College. Founded on 13 March' 1922, this school has provided leaders par excellence. Its founder Prince Of Wales, later King Edward, had said, "It is the first few blows on the anvil of the life that give the human weapon the set and temper that carry him through life's battles." As the college moves towards celebrating the centenary of worthy existence, we unveil a series of true stories of gallantry in pictures, recalling our contribution to the nation and the society.



KASHMIR CONFLICT 1947-49



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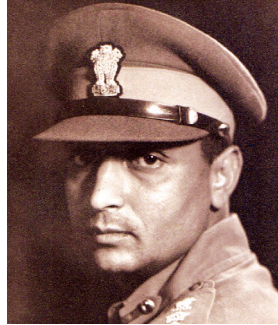
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WHAT INDIA HOLDS today in Jammu and Kashmir is thanks to military achievements. What we don't hold in J&K is due to failure of diplomacy and lack of sanction to further military operations. J&K Conflict of 1947-49 was a tribute to the officers of the Indian military who had never commanded large scale troops in action under the British as most of them were up to the rank of Majors and Lt Cols. In 1947, when J&K was attacked, they not only handled 50 battalions but dismantled and reassembled tanks, marched hundreds of

kilometres on hilly terrain and also sorted out the logistics nightmare from an ill prepared position. It spoke very highly of their professional competence and military training. The Indian Air Force added teeth to the Army operations.

And Rimcollians were there everywhere from planning accession of the princely state to saving Srinagar, recapturing Rajauri, opening up Zoji La and defending Leh. They had to be there as they were trained to lead in most adverse situations.



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ACCESSION OF JAMMU & KASHMIR



Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, National Conference leader Sheikh Abdullah, J&K's Maharaja Hari Singh and Defence Minister Sardar Baldev Singh at a meeting in Kashmir in 1947

THE HERO



LT GENERAL
KASHMIR SINGH KATOCH



PADMA BHUSHAN

LIEUTENANT GEN KASHMIR Singh Katoch was son of Major General Janak Singh, the officiating Prime Minister of J&K at the time of accession of the princely state to India. Kashmir Singh was commissioned in Frontier Force Rifles and won a Military Cross during World War II. In September 1947, the Maharaja requested India for an officer to head State Forces. Colonel Kashmir Singh Katoch was chosen for the job, but he advised Maharaja to appoint

much senior officer Brigadier Rajinder Singh as Chief of Staff. Katoch was appointed 'military adviser' to the Maharaja. Brigadier Rajinder Singh was killed in action within the first few days of the Pakistani invasion. Following the accession on 26-27 October 1947, the State Forces came under the Indian Army with Colonel Katoch as its commanding officer. He was decorated with Padma Bhushan for service in Kashmir.



BATTLE OF BADGAM

THE HERO



MAJOR
SOMNATH SHARMA



PARAM VIEER CHAKRA



Last known photograph of Maj Somnath Sharma taken on October 31, 1947 at Safdarjung airport just before boarding flight with his company to Srinagar. His left hand can be seen in plaster cast

ON NOVEMBER 3, 1947, soon after Maharaja Hari Singh of Jammu & Kashmir signed instrument of accession to India, landed Maj Somnath Sharma in Srinagar with D Company of 4th Kumaon under his command to defend the airport from tribal marauders. He defended Badgam and secured the airport by making supreme sacrifice and embracing martyrdom.

Completely outnumbered in an unequal battle, his last words were, "The enemy is only 50 yards from us. I shall not withdraw an inch but will fight to the last round." Battle of Badgam proved to be the turning point in hastening the process of integrating J&K to India. For his act of bravery Sharma was decorated with Param Veer Chakra.



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SECURING KASHMIR



7th Light Cavalry Stuarts at Zoji La. The tanks were moved up without turrets to keep the plans secret and then reassembled before the decisive push

THE HERO



GENERAL
KS THIMAYYA



PADMA BHUSHAN

IN NOVEMBER 1948, Maj Gen KS Thimayya became commander of the 19th Infantry Division in Jammu & Kashmir, where he drove the raiders and the Pakistan Army regulars out of the Valley. Leading the surprise attack in the forward-most tank at Zoji La on 1 November 1948, he succeeded in driving out the entrenched enemy and led the eventual capture of Dras,

Kargil and Leh. Despite best of relations with Kashmir leaders Sheikh Abdullah and Bakshi Ghulam Mohammad and Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, Thimayya's pleas to give him three more months to drive the raiders back to Muzaffarabad fell on deaf ears as the political leadership opted for ceasefire. He was awarded Padma Bhushan for his service in J&K.



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BATTLE OF ZOJI LA

THE HERO



BRIGADIER
KANHAIYYA LAL ATAL



MAHA VEER CHAKRA



The war memorial at Zoji La in Jammu & Kashmir, which has witnessed crucial battles during the wars with Pakistan

ON 01 NOVEMBER 1948, Brigadier Kanhaiyya Lal Atal was commanding the 77 Parachute Brigade which was responsible for the operations in Zoji La (J&K). Brig Atal pushed his tactical HQ with the leading battalion well forward when they were held up at Pindras. The detailed planning, preparation and execution of the entire ops were carried out under intense

wintery conditions with great determination, consummate skill and boldness. Later, as the leading battalion was held up four miles short of Kargil, he personally led two companies over a difficult mountainous track, at great personal risk, which took him to the rear of the enemy and ultimately into Kargil. He was awarded Maha Veer Chakra for this act of bravery.



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BRIDGE OVER KISHENGANGA



The Tempest formed the backbone of the IAF's fighter fleet and almost single handedly dominated the critical ground support role during the 1947-49 conflict in Jammu and Kashmir

THE HERO



AIR VICE MARSHAL
RANJAN DUTT



VEER CHAKRA

During the Kashmir operations of 1947-48, Wing Commander Ranjan Dutt served as the SASO of the IAF's sole Operational Group. He planned and personally flew several attacks on the Kishenganga Bridge, a key and heavily-defended, chokepoint. On his third such attack on 2 November 1948 he scored a direct hit on the bridge. His Hawker Tempest

aircraft was heavily shot up, but he nursed it back to Jammu. When he landed, Lt Col (later Maj Gen) Zorawar "Zoru" Singh, Military Cross (another RIMC alumnus), is said to have taken one look, and burst out saying, "My God!!" and authorized an immediate issue of a round of brandy. Ranjan Dutt was decorated with the Veer Chakra.



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CONQUERING SKY OVER GURAIS

THE HERO



AIR MARSHAL
CD SUBIA



VEER CHAKRA



In the close support role, intrepid fighter pilots like Sqn Ldr CD Subia accurately and repeatedly attacked enemy positions at Gurais, Zoji La, Pindras, Rajauri etc.

In September 1948, Squadron Leader Daviah Subia showed great courage whilst operating over the J&K area. He inspired all his Squadron (10 Sqn) pilots to press home the attack, despite odds. He flew over 70 sorties in a period of a month and a half, often operating under adverse conditions and from difficult airfields. It was

partly due to this officer's courageous and relentless attacks that the resistance of the enemy at Gurais broke down. The excellent air operations conducted by this officer largely contributed towards the successful capture of Gurais by our land forces. He was awarded Veer Chakra for this act of bravery.



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RECAPTURE OF RAJAURI



The Stuart light tank used by Zorawar Singh is now an exhibit at the War Museum in Rajauri. It bears both his name and his motto: Fortune Favours The Brave

THE HERO



MAJOR GENERAL
K ZORAWAR SINGH



MILITARY CROSS

It was on Baisakhi 13th April 1948, that the Indian Army recaptured Rajauri town from Pakistan. After a grueling six-hour drive covering some 14 miles, in which the tanks of Central Indian Horses crossed Tawi river no less than eight times, the task force reached Rajauri at 5.30 pm. Immediately intense and accurate fire was unleashed. The element of sur-

prise created bewilderment in enemy ranks; the sudden arrival of an armoured force caused dismay. The Pakistanis quit. The 27 year old commandant of the CIH, Lt Col Zorawar Singh, had by his brilliant command of armour and his daring use of the Tawi river as his axis of advance conducted one of the most outstanding light tank exploits of all time.



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LADAKH SAVED

THE HERO



Tricolour firmly hoisted at Leh by 8th Gorkha Rifles, which is presently commanded by a Rimcollian. It has had several Rimcollian COs in the past



The Indian troops and the first jeep air-lifted to Leh in Dakotas by IAF

Taking stock of the situation, 19 Infantry Division Commander Major General KS Thimayya ordered that one company of 2/8 Gorkha Rifles under the commanding officer be airlifted from Srinagar to Leh on 23 August 1948. The remaining part of battalion moved from Ferozepur on foot across the Rohtang pass reaching Leh on 18 September. Before air lift, the Commanding Officer was appointed the Military Governor of Ladakh.

His orders from General KS Thimayya were, “You will defend Leh at all cost.” Meanwhile, Zoji La was captured on 1 November and Kargil on 23 November, where Thimayya and Brigadier KL Atal played decisive roles. The Gorkha troops advancing from Leh linked up with those advancing from Zoji La on 24 November. The cease fire followed on 1 January 1949. Ladakh had been saved as part of India.



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LAYING THE LoC



Lt Gen KM Cariappa planning the twin line-ups of Poonch and Leh with Brigadiers Sarda Nand Singh and UC Dubey and Lt Gen SM Srinagesh

THE HERO



MAJOR GENERAL
UDAY CHAND DUBEY



SERVICE MEDAL 1947

March 1948. Maj Gen UC Dubey joined the first batch of students at the RIMC in 1922 and was selected for King's commission from Sandhurst in 1928. Taking over the Command of 2nd Dogra in November, 1947, he led the battalion into the Kashmir valley to fight against the Pakistani marauders. The battalion moved to Uri in March 1948. While operating in this

sector the battalion accomplished several tasks including the almost insurmountable Uri-Poonch link-up. For the gallantry displayed, the unit earned Battle Honour Uri and theatre honour J&K. Dubey lived to be a centenarian passing away at the age of 100 on 21 April 2009. He had celebrated his 100th birthday at Infantry Hostel in Delhi Cantt on 28 March 2009.



GUNS & CANNONS

THE HERO



LT GENERAL
KP CANDETH



PADMA BHUSHAN



A 3.7" howitzer pounds invading tribal concentrations in Kashmir

Participation of Indian Artillery in J&K commenced with the first flights of Dakotas, which transported 1 SIKH Battalion to Srinagar on the morning of 27 October 1947. Personnel of 2 Field Regiment (SP) and 13 Field Regiment donned uniform of 1 SIKH and proceeded as a composite company of the battalion. It operated as infantry till first week of November 1947 when four 3.7 inch howitzer reached the area. Thereafter they took

over the guns and drove out the infiltrators along Srinagar - Baramula road. Later artillery proved to be battle winning factor in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. Artillery played a dominant role in recapture of Poonch, Rajauri, Tangdar, Tithwal, Dras and Kargil. Col KP Candeth, commissioned in 1936 into 28 Field Brigade of Royal Indian Artillery, oversaw large part of artillery action during the conflict.



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CEASE-FIRE & KARACHI AGREEMENT



Pakistan's erstwhile Foreign Minister Lt Gen Sahibzada Yakub Khan at the RIMC during the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in March 1997 with his schoolmate Maj Gen Virendra Singh. Both actively participated in J&K in 1947-49 and agreements reached thereafter.

By December 1948, India had come to a dominant position in the war. What India holds today is what the forces were able to capture till the United Nations' resolution brought ceasefire. In fact senior army officers who were conducting operations did not know till the last minute that the ceasefire will be effective from midnight 01 - 02 January 1949. Indian losses were 1,104 killed and 3,154 wounded, whereas Pakistani losses were 6,000 killed and 14,000 wounded. India gained control of the two-thirds Kashmir whereas, Pakistan gained roughly one-third of Kashmir. Most neutral assessments agree that India was the victor of the war as it was able to successfully defend about two thirds of Kashmir

including Kashmir valley, Jammu and Ladakh. There were Rimcollians on both sides of the divide, who having fought a grim war for their respective countries then helped restore peace. The military representatives of India and Pakistan met in Karachi from 18 July to 27 July 1949 under the auspices of the Truce Sub-committee of the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan. The members of Indian delegation comprised, Lt Gen SM Shrinagesh, Maj Gen KS Thimayya and Brig SHFJ Manekshaw. Pakistan delegation was led by Maj Gen WJ Cawthorn with Maj Gen Nazir Ahmad and Brig M Sher Khan as members.

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BHAGWAD GITA - A NON-RELIGIOUS INTERPRETATION

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You have read my article "Dreams of Parachuting and Skydiving" published in The Rimcollian magazine (also in the files of Yahoo Group). You may also have read my story "Para dropped Into War - The Story of the Tangail Paratroop" in the book "LIBERATION Bangladesh - 1971 (Bloomsbury India)".

The adventure continues. A new book has been born - "THE BHAGWAD GITA - An interpretation for the needs of today in the language of today;"

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Millions were killed in religious wars in Europe, millions were killed in the name of communist ideology in Russia, China and elsewhere and millions are being killed in the the Middle East today. Hence there must be errors in the interpretation and explanation of Spirituality.

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our word to say.

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I have tried to open as many secrets of Gita as possible and also explain them.

Please connect to the website of Pothi.com and in the category Philosophy you will find the book.

Once read, I shall welcome your comments and suggestions. ■

Warmest Regards,
Shamsher Singh
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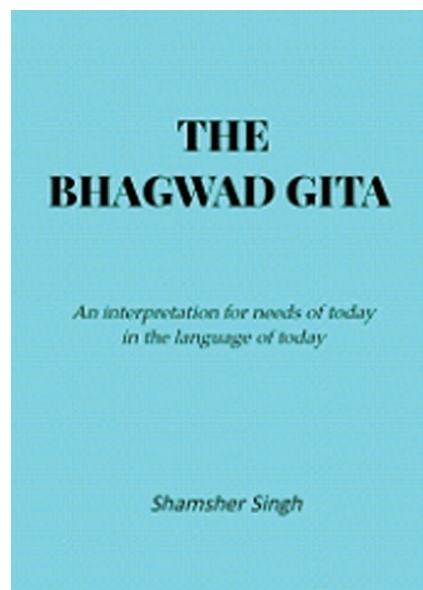
— by Capt **Shamsher Singh**, VSM (1958-63, PRA)

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An alumni of the Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehra Dun. Commissioned in the Indian Army, in Gorkha Rifles in 1967. Volunteering for para trooping, he joined the elite



Parachute Regiment and participated in para trooping operation during the war for liberation of Bangladesh in 1971 (account in the book Liberation Bangladesh 1971 - Bloomsbury India). He pioneered skydiving as a sport. Created the Indian Skydiving Institute at Agra in 1979 alongwith his wife Chantal, a French skydiver. Thereafter, he settled in business in France before retiring in 2008. ■

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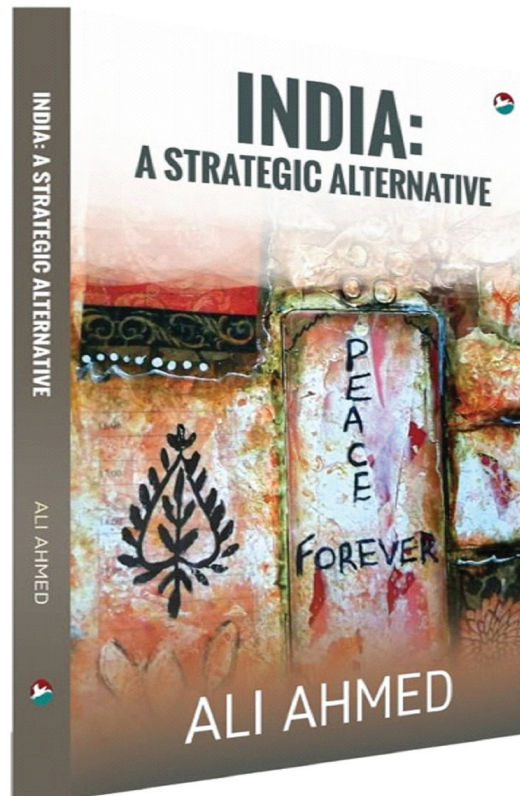
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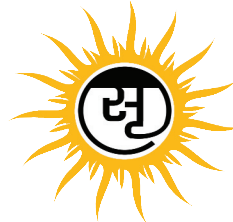
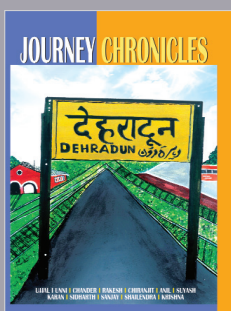
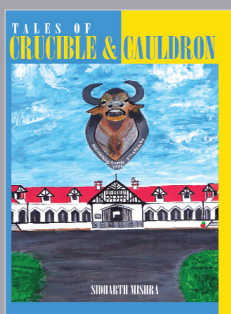
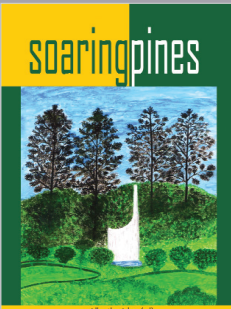
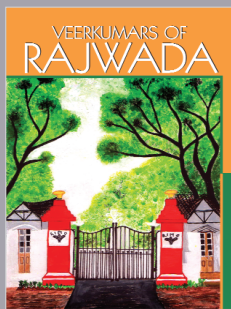
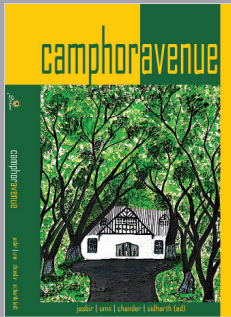
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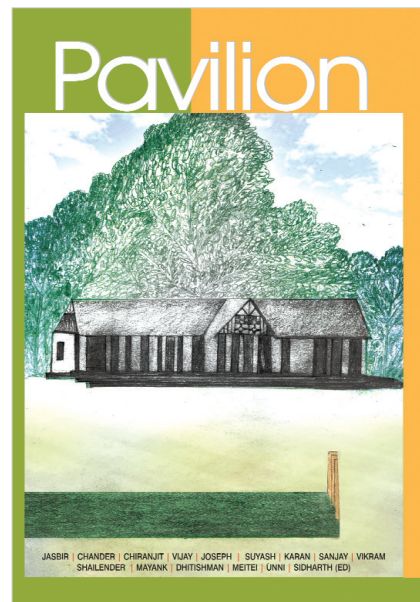


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IN MEMORIAM

COL SHIVAJIRAO AMRUTRAO MOHITE (KITCHENERS, 1938-45)



On 6 September 2017 was a sad day as the Rimcollian fraternity learnt about the demise of Col SA Mohite at Pune. The funeral held at Kailash Crematorium, Pune was attended by a number of retired officers, relatives and well-wishers. All arrangements including the Guard of Honour were done by 2 MARATHA LI, Col Mohite being an illustrated Maratha officer. Col Shivajirao Amrutrao Mohite, nicknamed Minnie, belonged to a military family whose four generations have served with distinction in the Maratha Regiment for over 100 years. Born in Pune in 1927, he studied in St Paul's School, Belgaum before joining the Prince of Wales Royal Indian Military College in August 1938. His elder brother Hambirrao Mohite (College No 351) was his two-years senior in Kitchener's Section, while another Mohite, Hanmantrao Martandrao Mohite (College No 42, Kitcheners) who belonged to the second Course, had been in the College from 1923-26.

While writing this obituary, I could access the RIMC archives, and see the records of then No 395 Cadet SA Mohite.

His dossier in RIMC seems quite interesting, as he spent six years and nine months in the school, from August 1938 to May 1945. His father Capt AR Mohite, who was among the first officers to receive the Kings Commission in 1922, was posted in Waziristan with the 1st Battalion, 5 MARATHA LI. The unit later moved to Italy during WW II. The reports indicate that Shivajirao was good in English, satisfactory in other subjects but weak in Mathematics. His English teacher mentions that the cadet was full of ideas and never afraid to talk about them, while his Mathematics teacher was disappointed with his progress in his senior terms. The Section Master, Maj MC Philips, MC, OBE (Retd) found him a promising cadet though he had slackened down in between due to an arm injury.

Maj Philips and the subsequent Section Master, Mr WV Berkeley were also impressed as he became a good boxer and represented the College against the Doon School. The Principal, Mr JGC Scott (ex-Royal Navy) and later Mr JC Pritchard were both pleased since he had shown distinct improvement and was a member of the college Boxing, Hockey and Cricket teams. The dossier contains an interesting letter written by Mr Pritchard to his father, then Col AR Mohite in October 1944, recommending

that in the best interest of the cadet, his son stay for an additional term in the College as he was not sufficiently mature (in terms of age!) to appear before the GHQ, No 1 Selection Board in December 1944, and that he should do so in May 1945. His father readily agreed to the suggestion as this also gave an opportunity of taking the Army Certificate 'A' Examination in May 1945, after completing the Senior Cambridge Examination in December 1944.

Cadet SA Mohite joined the Officer's Training School (OTS), Mhow in May 1945, where an interesting incident took place. At the OTS there were a large number of British cadets, some of them being ex-rankers. At the Inter Battalion Boxing Meet, Mohite found himself in the ring against a British 'Tommy'. In the first round after shaking hands, they took a step back. As taught at RIMC, he went into the attack. His opponent kept moving away when he went on the offensive and there was a loud cheer particularly from the Indian cadets – which further goaded him into the attack. In the next couple of minutes, he found himself on a stretcher in the dressing room – 'clean knocked out'! His Company Commander, Maj Johnson from the Frontier Force was trying to revive him and saying "Well done sonny – never mind you were KOed". Mohite



Cadet Mohite in College Cricket Team

was unaware that his opponent was a British Army boxing champion in his weight, which was however known by Maj Johnson. Mohite's courage in the ring however assured him of his commission next year.

Col SA Mohite had a very illustrious career during his 24 years of service. He was commissioned in 1 MARATHA LI in March 1946, the battalion where his elder brother, Capt HA Mohite "Dada" (Mickey) was serving, and his father, Col AR Mohite and grandfather Sub Maj RR Mohite had served with distinction during the two World Wars. The unit having returned from Italy, moved to Japan in April 1946 as part of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOAF); and was located in Hamada on the northern coast of Japan, an hour's drive from Hiroshima. Brig KS Thimayya, DSO was the Brigade Commander. The battalion returned to India in August

Instructor. He was selected for an Advanced Course and an expedition to Kesarkangri in the Ladakh Range.

Capt Mohite attended the Staff College Course at Wellington in 1954-55 along with Maj (later Maj Gen) Samir Sinha, 2 Para (Maratha) who was his senior in RIMC and a life-long friend. Capt Mohite had a passion for hunting and horse riding and had shot his first panther at Purandhar in 1951. Wellington was a sportsman's paradise and so he hunted on most Sundays with the pack of Ooty hounds. He won in the Ooty Gymkhana races, did tent pegging and also shot a tiger! After the Staff College, he was posted as DAAQMG in 50 (I) Para Bde at Agra while Maj Samir Sinha was the BM. Maj Mohite was subsequently posted to 2 Para (Maratha) in Baramula and Maj Samir Sinha joined as 2IC. Upon promotion, Lt Col Mohite took over command of 1 MARATHA LI at Bhuj in September 1963. He was selected to represent the Southern Command team in the clay pigeon shooting event of the Services Shooting Competition at Calcutta. Though he had never seen a clay pigeon before, he won the Services Championship, beating the previous year's

champion – an Air Force officer! When the COAS, Gen PN Chowdhury visited the unit in Bhuj, he enquired from him that since no Maratha unit had served in Ladakh till then, and would their unit up to it? He readily agreed and the unit moved to Ladakh in 1964.

After a year in Ladakh, the unit was suddenly moved to the Kashmir Valley during the Indo-Pak War in August 1965; the task being close protection of the Srinagar airfield. Radio Pakistan had falsely reported that the airfield had been captured by them! One of the tasks allotted to the unit was to search for enemy infiltrators in the villages and jungles near the airfield. During a search operation by one of the companies, they lost a young officer while the Company Commander, Maj Vijay Oberoi was severely wounded in the leg. As Lt Col Mohite stood at the operating table of Srinagar MH throughout the night, the surgeon said, he did not expect Maj Oberoi to survive – but he did, and had to have his leg amputated. He rose to be Vice Chief of Army Staff and Lt Gen Oberoi, who actively participates in mini Marathons is an idol for the rehabilitated soldiers. The battalion moved to Ladakh in July 1966 and Lt Col Mohite relinquished command of the unit in February 1967, being posted as SI, JC Wing, Mhow

Col Mohite retired from the Army in 1970 and settled in Pune. During the 1971 War he volunteered to be recalled as a reservist. Later he got a job as Commercial Manager with Sandvik Asia, a Swedish International company in Pune, where he served for eight years. After being bored with a desk job, he went for a trip abroad, and later did six years as a Manager with Manjri Stud Farm near Pune, owned by Madhav Rao Scindia, HH Gwalior and erstwhile Railway Minister, where he resolved the unruly labour situation. While on a trip to Mahabaleshwar, a hill station which he often loved visiting, he was offered a job as Manager of the Tata property there. During his tenure in Mahabaleshwar from 1988 to 2001, he managed to improve its functioning and remove the encroachments in their 40-acres property.

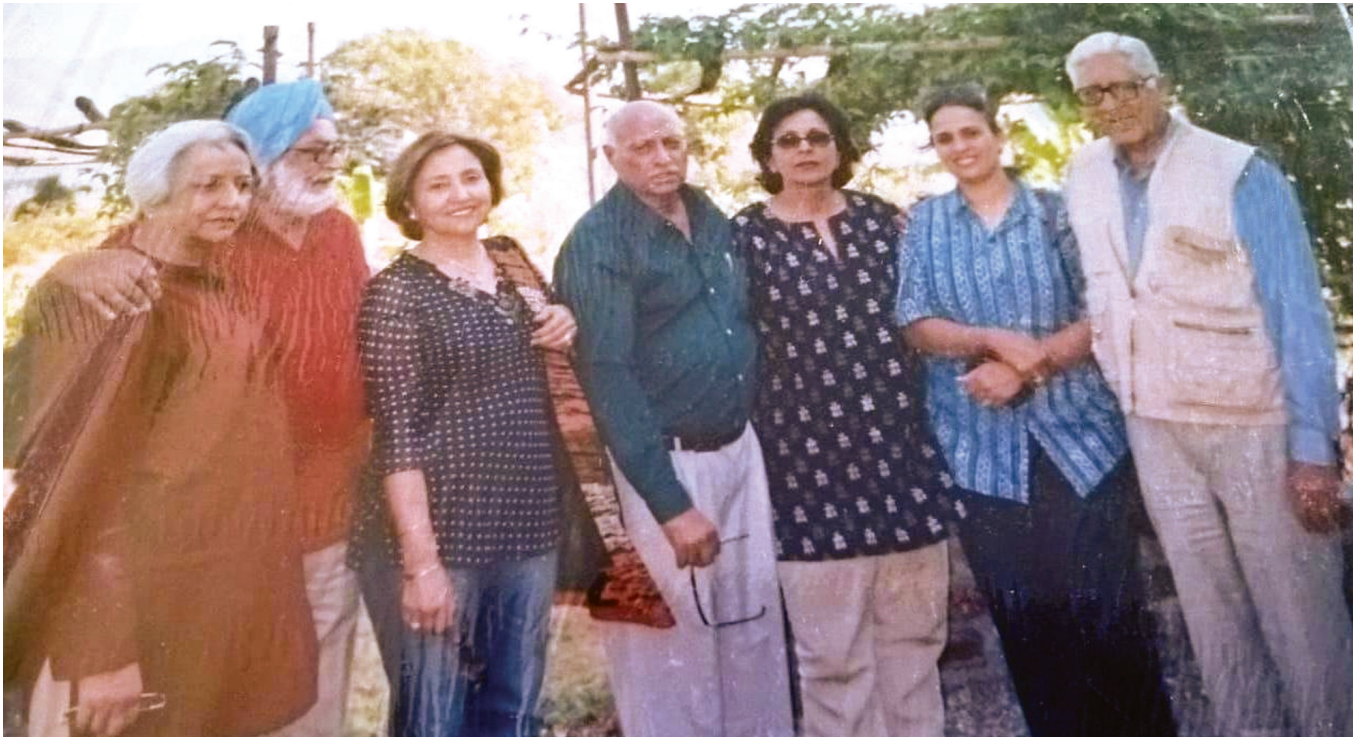


Col Mohite's Study Corner

1947 and was located at Bombay. It took part in the Junagad operations in end-1947 and later moved for operations to J&K in early 1948. Capt Mohite was posted as ADC to GOC Bombay Area in 1949 where he accompanied the GOC for the Hyderabad operations. As Adjutant of 1 MARATHA LI, he had the unique honour of being the Colour Bearer during the laying up of the King's Colours of all the pre-war battalions, Infantry Centres and Indian Navy, in a solemn parade at the IMA on 23 November 1950. The next year he went on a four-month leave to the UK and Europe. In UK, he called-on several RIMC ex-teachers. Soon thereafter, he underwent the Himalayan Mountaineering Course in Darjeeling, where Maj Nandu Jayal was Commandant and Tenzing Norgay (of the Everest fame) was the Chief



Father & Son Mohite



Mohite's with his Rimcollian friends

My close association with Col Mohite and his family started one fine morning in January 1971 when I was called over to our Section Master, Mr RC Sharma's house. Col Mohite had brought his son Vikram for admission to the RIMC, and I was introduced to them, being the Junior Dormitory Commander in Shivaji Section. Col Mohite's parting words to me in the dormitory were, "Vikram is a good boy but he tends to be careless and naughty at times – so please look after him". Vikram was a fine lovable child but always up to some mischief. The naughty lad was in no mood to study, neither in the classes nor during the evening study period. The Rimcollians of our times shall fondly recollect the pranks he played - like switching off the lights in the Education Block during the evening preps or hiding behind the boxing ring while the entire College searched for him. These pranks many a times got me and Gurkirat Singh, the other dormitory commander in trouble. Vikram left RIMC in December 1973 and it was very sad to learn about his untimely demise due to a stomach ailment in 1998. Unfortunately, Vikram's mother too passed away the following year as she could not bear the

loss. Col Mohite stayed with his daughter-in-law Geeta Mohite and grandson thereafter.

Col Mohite was a very lively person, whose enthusiasm and sense of humour was a source of motivation for the younger generation. Apart from the various activities like para jumping, shikar and golf which he enjoyed during his Army days, he had a great passion for travelling. He once drove all the way to Kalimpong and Gangtok to celebrate

Christmas with his 94-years old British CO. He enjoyed visiting his Rimcollian friends Gen Samir Sinha, Col Rony Virmani, Col Rajbir Yadav, Col Kumi Anand and Col Dhar. Col Mohite realized in 2012 that he had not visited Bhutan – he asked me to find out if any Rimcollians were posted in HQ IMTRAT. When I replied in the affirmative, he made a trip there! He also did his last para jump during the Para Brigade Golden Jubilee Celebrations in Agra in 1991!



Col Mohite's last photograph with the NDA Cadets

In early 2000s, Col Mohite purchased a piece of land near the Mulshi Lake, about 50 kms from Pune where he constructed a lovely farmhouse and planted over a hundred trees. At times, he would spend his weekends there and invite friends and Rimcollians over. He enjoyed reading and had a flair for writing. He would often show me folders containing his articles, or 'Random Reminiscences' or 'Newsletters' as he loved to call them, which he had so meticulously preserved. Another rack contained stacks of books and magazines – on RIMC, Maratha Regiment and wild life. Capt HA Mohite proudly showed me the Battalion history wherein Col Mohite had vividly narrated his experiences of his command. Col Mohite was keen that his grandson join the Indian Army and continue the family tradition, but it did not work out. Post his demise, when I requested Geeta Mohite, she kindly permitted me to go through the folders so as to prepare the obituary. Capt Mohite once mentioned that not admitting their youngest brother Shahaji Mohite in RIMC in end 1940s was their only regret in life. He was overage by the time they tried to do so - he joined the Doon School and again went on to command 1 MARATHA LI. His son also later commanded the unit and is now serving as a Brigadier.

An interesting incident is worth mentioning. After a trip to the Italian battlefields where our battalion had fought during WW II, I was to deliver a talk in Pune University in 2014 on "The Battles of Monte Cassino". A large number of retired officers were also present and I had invited the Mohite brothers. They both came well-dressed in their Regimental attire, while his elder brother, Capt HA Mohite, who had fought as a 2Lt during the Fourth Battle, proudly wore his medals – the Cassino medal, Italian Star, WW II medal, Occupational Force in Japan medal and the Independence medal. After the talk, I was invited over by Col Mohite where his elder brother proudly narrated anecdotes of World War II days!

Col Mohite had great Rimcollian spirit and both brothers would regularly



attend the Reunion in Pune every year. Col Mohite was not keeping well since a year. He had just completed 90 years in February and I invited him for the Pune Reunion in March 2017. He willingly attended the same, though against medical advice. It was his last Reunion; incidentally the photograph taken with the junior NDA cadets was the last photo of his life!

In November last year, I presented the Mohites with the set of wall and desk Rimcollian Calendars, 2018. They were overwhelmed; Capt Mohite proudly remarked – “How nice, the

theme is the Kashmir Conflict 1947-49, my brother had taken part during the J&K operations as a subaltern, he would have loved these calendars!” Col SA Mohite was a legend, he shall be missed by all of us. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs Geeta Mankar, daughter-in-law Mrs Geeta Mohite and grandson Shivjeet. On behalf of the Rimcollian fraternity, we all pray for the departed soul and offer our condolences to the bereaved Mohite family. He continues to live in our hearts. ■

— Col Vijay Gidh, VSM (Retd)

IN MEMORIAM

CAPT NEIL ROY ABBOTT (1937-43, RAW)



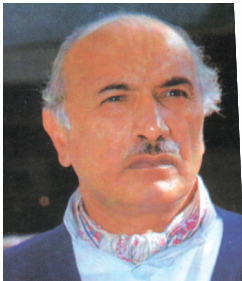
Capt Neil Roy Abbott who passed away on 23/11/2017 was a Rimcollian, fourth generation of British whose family made a big name in Jhansi U.P

He was called an uncrowned King of Jhansi. Yes 70% of Jhansi once belonged to Abbotts. Still same names are there like Abbott market, Abbottganj, Weilganj, and Abbott Road. Jhansi Hotel, the best hotel in Jhansi, was started in 1905 by his grandfather. Capt Abbott was a great man who spent all his life for others. He was a man of discipline. He made 3 schools, 5 temples, road for the villagers totally on his expenses. He was a Malguzar in Sagar Dist of Madhya Pradesh. In the 1960s he received an award from government -- "Krishi Ratna". A great man who lived like a king all his life. ■



AIR MSHL ASGHAR KHAN, Hpk, HQA (1933-37, RAW)

First PAF chief Asghar Khan dies



Islamabad: Asghar Khan, veteran politician and the first Pakistani air force chief after the country gained independence from Britain, has died. He was 96. Khan was born in Jammu & Kashmir in northern India in January 1921. He was a World War II veteran fighter pilot and originally served as an officer in the British Indian Army. He joined India's Air Force in 1940. He then moved to Pakistan where he became the first Pakistani air force chief. Before him, British officers held top military posts in newly independent Pakistan.

Khan entered politics but his centrist Tahrik-e-Istaqlal party did poorly in the 1970 polls. He emerged as top rival to Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in 1977 but alleged poll rigging led to a public uprising and subsequent military takeover by General Ziaul Haq. Khan, known for his humble demeanor, left politics in 2012. Pakistan's military and civilian leadership expressed condolences over his death. Khan was undergoing treatment for a chest infection at the Combined Military Hospital in Rawalpindi. AGENCIES

IN MEMORIAM

CDR AMITABH DUTT (1980-84, CHA)

Following appeared in one of the community magazine. Cdr Amitabh Dutt is a Rimcollian who passed away on 3 Aug 2017.

Commander Amitabh Dutt

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Sudden Sad & untimely demise of Amit on 03 Aug 2017 is a big loss to our family.

I am standing at your funeral to say goodbye, I am here at your funeral ready to mourn and cry.

I remember all those moments we spent together. I remember all the jokes we shared.

I wonder why this relationship could have lost. It is a chance to say goodbye now.

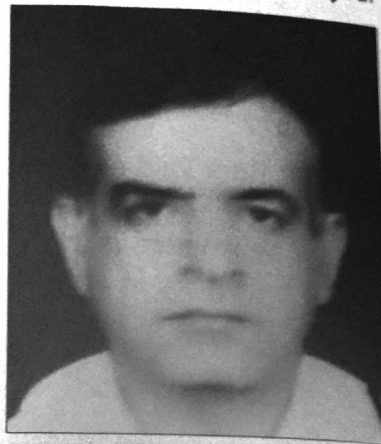
I am trying not to shed tears. I hope I am able to write this tribute to my nephew (My real sister's son) without breaking up too much—Commander Alok Mohan.

Amit was a talented child. He did his schooling from RIMC Dehradun, after which he joined NDA and got commissioned in the Indian Navy. He joined first batch of MARCOS marine commandoes of Indian Navy in 1988. As a commando he participated in several anti terror operations and exhibited high standard of professionalism. Amitabh held three black belts, karate, tekwondo and unarmed combat. He took part in operations against Tamil tigers (LTTE) as a Navy seal. Amit's first cousin was honoured with gallantry award during IPKF operations at Sri Lanka. His first cousin's name was Major Shah Maluk Bahadur Dutt who was martyred during IPKF operations at Sri Lanka. His dad's elder brother Shamsheer Jung Bahadur Dutt was martyred near Rome in the second world War. He was also honored for the act of bravery. Amit had led a team of commandoes during 26/11 attack on Mumbai by Pakistan terrorists and freed several hostages in Hotel Trident.

Amit was a calm person who believed in Action more than speech. He was blessed with a rough & tough body but soft heart and a noble soul. We all love our life, but a commando lives to save other's life. Amit lived his life as a commando.

On hearing this sad news one of his batch mates has expressed following sentiments:-

"I haven't met a person with stronger will and endurance than him...his appetite for life was insatiable...and despite being incredibly strong, he was never a bully...he was always going out of the way to help people..he was a kind person". We all family members are proud to have this courageous child who spent his entire life for national cause. Our family members participated in various freedom movements of India before partition. Our family has a tradition to join military service and we are proud Amit kept the family tradition



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LEARNING FULL CIRCLE

As I bid adieu to the muse of my Epilogue for Regalia 2018, I know very well I have another think coming. I shall have to keep my word with Brig CS Thapa, who, at most of the events at the College, coaxed me to transcend the folds of Regalia and traverse the newer realms of the prominent Bi Annual, The Rimcollian. Little did I realise then, that having been at the empyrean precincts of the RIMC for more than a decade now, as one of the four member Team of female Masters, seen 23 Courses catalyze into Leaders of Men, lived and experienced the change occurring simultaneously with five helmsmen handing batons over and having the singular privilege of penning down Editorials for Regalia since 2007, I'll be shrugging off my cloistered entity to jog down the memory lane and submit to the Hony Editor's request to write for the esteemed columns of 'The Rimcollian'. This opportunity has enabled me to trace the threads that have sewn together a great CONNECT-a CONNECT that a thoroughbred civilian like me could not have imagined in the wildest of dreams. Hence, my heartfelt gratitude goes to the entire Editorial Team of 'The Rimcollian'.

RIMC has allowed and helped me to burgeon on a path of self discovery from a mere classroom Master to one who is ready to learn at every step- facing challenges with equanimity.

I remember my first day at the Academic Block, being introduced to the 160th Course. I cannot help but smile to think that I was as diffident as most of the First Termers are, as, behind me, I had a mere twenty year tenure of teaching experience at very junior level. To be handling a bunch of robust adolescents was rather a tall order which happened with a fair amount of ease as the lessons I had derived out of handling my own adolescent child came to my rescue! It was love at first sight...You have to fall in love with what you do...that's the mantra. So, parenting at home translated into



parenting at work place. The ice thawed in no time!! The Cadets greeted and accepted me with such warmth and affection that there's been no looking back ever since.

If it's about Love, it's also about Balance. It's about how a conscientious mentor brings up the mediocre and the weaker lot to the required standards of a class; very well cognisant all along that the intelligent ones are not to be riddled with neglect. A teacher of a second language like English encounters various classroom challenges that appear in the form of a very strong mother tongue influence. This called for tremendous patience, diligence and consistency. My explorations and experiments helped me imbibe all these virtues – the virtue of Balance and the virtues that constitute the indomitable RIMC Spirit - a Spirit that enfolds and embraces all of us.

Journeying along, I could sense a tangible Change brought about in the methods of teaching-learning through technology and media. Ringing in the new became imperative. Conduct of various activities like Recitation, Debate, Talks, Conclaves, Public Speaking, Spell Bee and Creative Writing took over in a big way. Cadets were also smarter, beckoning me to change! And change I did.... As, I knew very well that the trees that stand obstinately while withstanding a storm get uprooted, but those that bend, perpetuate with changing times. I changed because my lessons no longer took place, cooped up, only in the classrooms of Tudor

architecture. They extended way beyond...In the Pavilion, the Mess, Bhagat Hall, LRC, Thimayya Auditorium, Ante Rooms, Administrative Block, in fact, transcending the very RIMC portals. The ride on the crest of waves aboard Taringini or cruise in the cerulean Andaman and Nicobar waters helped me swim across unknown waters of my soul through the Cadets' narratives. Whenever the Cadets would successfully complete the Siachen Trek, scale Banderpunch, Deo Tibba, soar in the clouds on the pinions of hot air balloons or summit Everest and their narratives of regrets and achievements unfold from their backpacks, I lost myself in the wind,

mist and mountain snow but not before it had enthused me with an aplomb to move ahead. I thought I was undergoing an ersatz enrichment but when confronted by trying moments, I would recapitulate the fortitude, resilience and intrepidity displayed by the Rimcos that scoured lessons for life which were no longer vicarious. Through their falling I realised I had the strength to get up, through their bruising I realised I had the power to heal. The Pugilists' bailiwick, which was once my bête noir, told me in no uncertain terms that I was not defeated when I fell; I was defeated when I refused to get up.

The woman in me never for a moment gave up or was intimidated despite ubiquitous male presence but, commanded tremendous respect, regard and reverence that has overwhelmed me, urging me to give back manifold.

All I can say is that the RIMC portals are the philosopher's stone that have a tremendously uncanny ability of transforming lives. My calling has thus made me strong enough to stand alone, be myself enough to stand apart and be wise enough to stand together when the time comes. ■

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RACHNA MALHOTRA
(Master, RIMC)

ICONIC SEA HARRIER Adorns RIMC Campus

Vice Admiral Bimal Verma, AVSM, ADC (1971-75, RAN), Commander-in-Chief, Andaman & Nicobar Command (CINCAN) gifted decommissioned aircraft Sea Harrier-654 to Rashtriya Indian Military College on 02 Feb 2018. After being in service for as long as 33 years, Sea Harrier-654 was decommissioned by the Indian Navy in 2016. This is not the first time that such a gesture has been made by the forces towards the prestigious RIMC, which is considered to be the feeder institution for NDA, Indian Naval Academy and other wings of the armed forces. The college campus is now dotted with various weapons and equipment given to it by the forces. These include an IAF aircraft and an Army tank. ■



Vice Admiral Bimal Verma, AVSM, AD Calong with Lt Col Vishal Singh, Adm Officer Unveiling the Sea Harrier



Officers in front of the Sea Harrier

Vice Admiral Bimal Verma, AVSM, ADC With Cadets of 1st Term

THE NDA POP NOVEMBER 2017

Col VY Gidh, VSM (Retd)



Brig Zubin Minwala & Capt (IN) Rastogi with medal winners

The bi-annual Passing Out Parade (POP) at the National Defence Academy (NDA) is always a much eagerly awaited event. It is often made more joyous when the medal winners happen to be Rimcollians. It was a nippy Thursday morning when we witnessed an impressive POP of the 133rd Course NDA on 30 November 2017. The temperature had dropped to 12 degrees Celcius which is quite low by Pune standards, and the local newspaper headlines read “Pune is colder than Mahabaleshwar”!

Maj Gen Raimberdi Duishenbiyev, Chief of General Staff, Armed Forces of Kyrgyz Republic was the Reviewing Officer (RO) for the Parade. 250 cadets, who included 152 from the Army, 27 cadets from the Navy and 71 from the Air Force, graduated from the academy as they passed through the portals of the prestigious Khetarpal Parade ground overseeing the picturesque Sinhgad Valley. In addition, 14 foreign cadets

from friendly foreign countries such as Afghanistan, Bhutan, Vietnam and Maldives also passed out. This is not the first time the NDA had invited a foreign dignitary as the RO of the parade. Long before Gen Duishenbiyev, and in a different era, Chinese Premier Chou En-lai was the first foreign dignitary to review the parade on 01 December

1956. Decades later, in 2004, Gen Pyar Jung Thapa, the Chief of Army Staff, Royal Nepal Army was the RO. And more recently in 2011, Gen Md Abdul Mubeen, the Chief of Army Staff of Bangladesh Army reviewed the parade. The foreign dignitaries are comfortable at NDA as till date over 700 cadets from 28 foreign nations have passed out from



Gen Yash Malhotra and Col VY Gidh with the medal winners

the NDA. Currently, two Kyrgyz cadets are undergoing training at the academy.

Addressing the passing out cadets, Gen Duisenbiyev said, "In a few years, you will serve in military units ... difficult but interesting service awaits you. Solving complex and responsible tasks will require complete dedication from you, high discipline, exacting to yourself and your subordinates. You will be commanders, whose words will be followed by brave soldiers. You will lead them by your example and moral image. You will become elder brothers and advisors for them. I am more than sure that you will adequately bear your mission of serving and defending the motherland."

The Passing Out Parade is the most spectacular among the many end-of-term events at the NDA. The parade at the Khetarpal Parade Ground comprises of about 1000 participating cadets bidding farewell to their senior colleagues. A masterly display of drill movements, synchronised with the accompanying band, creates a long-lasting memory for the participants as well as viewers. The haunting strains of Auld Lang Syne and the Adjutant on his charger accompany the passing out cadets to The Final Steps (Antim Pag). Before the main parade, the outgoing Army Commander of the Southern Command, Lt Gen PM Hariz, NDA Commandant Air Marshal JS Kler and Deputy Commandant Rear Admiral SK Grewal, received the General Salute from the cadets.

Academy Cadet Captain Arjun Thakur won the prestigious President's Gold Medal (PGM) for standing first in the overall order of merit while BCC Shashank Shekhar was awarded the Bronze Medal for standing third, both being Rimcollians. On a personal note, after the parade, it was nice to meet to meet ACC Arjun Thakur and BCC Shashank Shekhar and their proud parents during the High Tea at the Salaria Square. Arjun Thakur hails from Hamirpur in Himachal Pradesh where his father is an English teacher in a government-run junior college. Since his childhood, he had dreamt of becoming



Gen Yash and Mrs Malhotra with PGM Winner

an Army officer and was inspired by his great grandfather and uncle, who have served in the Army. Thakur's RIMC classmate and a close friend, Shashank Shekhar is the son of a private school teacher from Bihar. During a RIMC visit to Andaman and Nicobar Islands, he saw the Indian Navy from close quarters and decided to join it. It reminded me of the trip to Andamans we had organized for the RIMC cadets in December 1994 when I was the Administrative Officer. The Rimcollians posted in Andaman had gone out of the way to ensure that we had a wonderful time and I am sure many cadets were motivated to join the Indian Navy.

The audiences were thrilled to witness the breathtaking aerobatic display by the Surya Kiran Aerobatic

Team of the Indian Air Force. This was the first time that a nine aircraft formation performed during the parade as in the past, the aerobatic team would perform with a six aircraft formation. Team Surya Kiran which was raised in 1996 with the Kiran MK-II aircraft, was resurrected with the Hawk MK 132 aircraft in 2015 and has steadily grown from six to a nine-aircraft team this year, reclaiming its position among the world's finest nine-aircraft display teams. Some of the NDA Alumni got an opportunity to attend the Commandant's Tea held for the VI term passing out cadets on 25 November where the Surya Kiran Team was also invited. It was a proud moment when two young pilots in their impressive orange flying suits walked up to me and introduced themselves; they had been



Gen Malhotra & Col Gidh with the medal winners

cadets during my tenure as a Battalion Commander and even remembered my full name! Some officers of 33rd NDA Course also attended the POP to commemorate 50 years of their passing out from the NDA. Another highlight was the presence of veteran actor Nana Patekar. The 66-year old actor is known to have undergone 35 days of military training for the 1991 film Prahar, which he had written and directed as well as starred as a protagonist.

The passing out course consisted of 20 Rimcollian cadets, of which 15 were from the Army, three from the Navy and two from the Air Force. It was heartening to learn about their achievements while at NDA. In addition to winning the PGM, ACC Thakur also won The Chiefs of Staff Trophy for maximum contribution towards Jointmanship and Silver Medal for being the Best All Round Army Cadet. BCC Shekhar won the Silver Medal for being the Best All Round Naval Cadet. BCC B Gogoi was declared the Best Cadet in OLQ and PT, and was awarded a Blazer in PT. DCC S Sawant was adjudged the Best Shooter and was awarded the Commandant's Silver Medal for being the Best Cadet in performance in outside competitions. BCA A Maikel Singh was declared the Best Sportsman of the Passing Out Course. He had been awarded a Blue in Athletics and missed winning a Blue in Boxing due to a wrist injury in his V term. Meeting Maikel and his proud parents after the parade reminded me of the Inter Section Boxing Finals at RIMC during March 2014 which I had the opportunity of witnessing. Pratap Section was leading, and was confident of winning the Competition. It was the final bout of the evening between Cadet Elijha Sanga of Pratap and Cadet Maikel of Shivaji. However, Maikel easily beat Sanga in what was expected to be a closely-contested fight, and Shivaji was declared the winner by one point!

As the year progresses, the news of achievements of Rimcollians in other spheres continue to trickle in, including the as-usual dominance in the All India UPSC merit list for NDA. Rishav Saha (174th Course, Pratap Section) was



Comde Naphade and Col Gidh with BCC Gogoi

THE PASSING OUT COURSE CONSISTED OF 20 RIMCOLLIAN CADETS, OF WHICH 15 WERE FROM THE ARMY, THREE FROM THE NAVY AND TWO FROM THE AIR FORCE. IT WAS HEARTENING TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS WHILE AT NDA. IN ADDITION TO WINNING THE PGM, ACC THAKUR ALSO WON THE CHIEFS OF STAFF TROPHY FOR MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS JOINTMANSHIP AND SILVER MEDAL FOR BEING THE BEST ALL ROUND ARMY CADET

awarded the prestigious President's Gold Medal during the POP held at the Indian Naval Academy on 22 November 2017. Saha had distinguished himself while at INA and won several awards including a double golden torch, best in Navigation, Service Subjects, OLQ and was the Flotilla Cadet Captain of his INA Course. The Rimcollians in IMA are also maintaining their high standards with AUO Chandrakant Acharya expected to win the coveted Sword of Honour and President's Gold Medal during the December 2017 POP. ACA Pratyush Mohanty had won the Sword of Honour during the POP in December 2016 and ACC Avinash Chhetry in June 2017. Incidentally, all three had earlier won the President's Gold Medal while passing out from the NDA.

Lastly, at the NDA POP, another first was the presence of one Master and 21 cadets of Class IIIA from RIMC who visited Pune and attended the POP. I met the young cadets in the NDA Cadets Mess after the parade. When asked about their impressions of the parade, they said that they were thrilled, it was an excellent show and they were fully motivated to join the NDA and the Armed Forces. We all are confident that they will uphold the high standards and excellent performance of their seniors. ■

Long live RIMC!



ACHIEVEMENTS BY THE RIMCOLLIANS AT JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Col VY Gidh, VSM (Retd)

During the Junior National Squash Championships 2017-18 held in Mayo College, Ajmer from 23-29 October 2017, 05 cadets from the NDA Squash Team and 04 cadets from RIMC participated in the tournament. The most notable performance was that of Cadet Vaibhav Chauhan (O/138 Course NDA & Shivaji 2013-17) who played some

superb squash to reach the quarterfinals and achieve a career best ranking of India No 6. It is a significant achievement given the fact that he is just a first term NDA cadet. Young Vaibhav showed great temperament, grit and resilience to beat higher ranked opponents in crucial matches. We hope to have a national champion in squash soon from RIMC.

The NDA team has been training rigorously during the past one year under the OIC Squash Sqn Ldr Kumar Gaurav (Shivaji 2002-06) who has been a part of the Services Squash team as well. The cadets have attended various coaching camps with the IAF Squash team and have been fortunate enough to have the guidance of Mr Ritwik Bhattacharya, who needs no introduction. ■

ROVING EYE

HIGH TEA WITH PRESIDENT ROBA AT VIZAG

Lt Cdr Suraj Aiyappa (I 58/C)

The Naval Rimcollians at Visakhapatnam had the privilege of interacting with Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa, PVSM AVSM YSM VM ADC, the Chief of the Air Staff and President ROBA over tea on 07 Sep 17, on the sidelines of his official visit to Visakhapatnam. At the outset, it was indeed a great feeling for all Rimcollians at Visakhapatnam to see "Interaction with EX-RIMC Officers" as part of the official itinerary of the Chief of the Air Staff's visit despite his tight schedule, which showcased to one and all the strong bond that Rimcollians share.

Rear Admiral V Srinivas, the Flag Officer Submarines and the senior most Rimcollian at Visakhapatnam was

missed during the event and so were other fellow Rimcollians at sea and out of station. The twenty Naval Rimcollians in attendance ensured that the Air Chief did not miss out on his birthday celebrations away from home by organising a cake cutting ceremony featuring a cake with our Academic Block etched on it. The Air Chief received his "tea share" of Scotch Eggs before they were charged upon. He lightened the atmosphere by sharing memories of his time at school and taking a dig at Pratap section. A presentation on activities of our Alma Mater over the last three months was played thereafter. Chandraguptians left no stone unturned in taking advantage of the Air Chief being a "section-type"

by cheering "Ya Chandragupta" with every slide showcasing Chandragupta Section's victory.

Everyone couldn't help but remember the good old days at RIMC and all were thrilled to see the numerous achievements of the school at various events. The Air Chief Marshal urged all officers to lead from the front and live up to the expectations of being a Rimcollian. Mementoes were exchanged and the Air Chief concluded the interaction in true Rimcollian spirit by cracking a joke. Personally, it was once he left that I truly realised I was talking to the Chief of the Air Staff, because in the thirty odd minutes that he spent with us, the only thing I felt was that I was talking to a Rimcollian.

HYDERABAD GTG @ RSI ON 10 SEP 2017

Dear Rimcolians,

The Hyderabad Chapter of ROBA, about 40 odd young old boys, led by the youngest old boy Gen Bakshi (1941-47 Robert vintage), met at RSI for our bi-annual war games, on 10 Sep 17 (Sunday). For a change, the all arms full-fledged war on broad frontage was fought in board day light, in the Card Room of RSI, instead of the usual clandestine nocturnal battles in the ditch cum bund (DCB). The naval elements remained submerged in the pool.

There was a reason, for not going into the DCB this time, you see, chairs are not allowed in DCB. This occasion called for chairing a General Body Meeting (GBM) of ROBA/Hyd Chapter, by Generals Arigapudi, Rajender and Gossain, all of them well preserved 'batlees', hidden in Baolis personally dug

by Nizam Asaf Jah to keep them 'cool', before they sprouted their beans in RIMC (55/S, 58/R & 59/R vintage). The GBM was attended by the ardent and totally loyal minions of the three batlees of the Baolis. Ever Ready/Never Reddy batteries with a few Mallu unchangeable batteries thrown in (Bull Gopal, his uncle and 4 yrs younger, that is me, and kido Arvind) were in attendance. I assure you that for a change, all batteries were fully charged (except the Mallu batteries, which were completely discharged like radio sets of 7 Bde in Namkachu, due to the previous Onam battle with Maha Bali Ping Pong from North Korea).

GBM meeting started at 1100 hrs with no beer, and not even shaker-para, only moral lecture from Cdt Capt Rajendra Sir. So we vetoed out the three illustrious governing members, despite their valiant and most selfless service to

keep the flock together and elected a new committee to chair the future meetings with beer and shaker-para, back in the DCB, a more inspiring place to fight battles than the ruddy card room. With utterly butterfly old boys spirit and affection, the three Baoli Batlees were given standing ovation, well deserved thunderous applause that shook RSI and made the birdees (ladies) to run off to the golf course to go hide in the 9th hole. When Pakis come to bomb, 9th hole is the best place to hide. Gen Rajendra lamented that he is '58' model Ambassador, now past 70, with dim head lights. He desired to stop driving the battery gang, to retire himself because we were bad guys from Hydera-Bad. Very Bad. Raj Sir had planned a brilliant coup d'etat to replace himself and so the dud batteries of Hyd had no choice. Gen Rajendra Sir had single handed

managed the affairs of the Hyd ROBA chapter and so we collectively sang his praise, for his most illustrious and dynamic efforts to keep the flock together and requested him to continue his efforts as our guiding light house despite dipping his headlights. His Amby is fine, still runs up the hill and doesn't require push start like mine.

We didn't give a chance to the 2nd gen batteries, remember Rimcolians never volunteer. So the new team was told to change into PT rig and haunch to the dais to occupy the vacated chairs. Gen Rao, Col Balagopal and Col Arvind took over the helm of Hyd Chapter, looking sad and forlorn, because the Baoli Batlees handed the baton to them. The GBM closed with thunderous applause wishing the new team to continue front rolling at the same pace, and to signal to the birdees

to return from 9th hole to join the party.

And then the party began at the stroke of 12 bells. For a change, we had an unusually large number of young old boys, with their wives and children, serving officers doing courses in and around this very bad Hydera place. Gin & Tonic / Vodka Lime were the most preferred drink, making the barman rather sad. King-Phisher is hiding in UK, so beer has gone flat, lost hope (hops) and zest. When the boys had reached 7th heaven, the birdees commanded, and ordered lunch fit for a King. Personally I don't recollect what I ate other than scotch eggs, but I do recollect that there were many exotic and nostalgic things heaped on my plate. Despite my Doc's advice, I ate the pudding too, can't afford to miss the pudding, the elixir of the old young boys.

We dispersed from RSI in four directions, at four bells, when navy upped their periscope.

As proof of the momentous things that happened, there are photographs in the link below. Click on the first photo, and then simply use the arrow to see the whole album.

Rimcollian Get together 100917 - Google Drive

Don't miss the trio, the two beauties (Generals Bakshi & Arigapudi Sirs), with the youngest, newly commissioned old boy, just old enough to be the grandson of the young beauties, the two Generals !!!! Wow, what a gang of spirited Hyderabad batteries, always Ever Ready & Never Reddy !!!

Cheers to all,
Till we meet again.

Unni Kartha

BANGALORE REUNION – 2017



RIMCOLLIAN GET TOGETHER AT VIZAG



RIMCOLLIAN GET TOGETHER MISAMARI: 17 DEC 2017



RIMCOLLIAN GET TOGETHER AT DELHI



PROMOTIONS

Maj Gen to Lt Gen

Lt Gen CP Mohanty, AVSM, SM, VSM 1973-78, SHI

Brig to Maj Gen

Maj Gen DJ Singh 1974-79, SHI

Col to Brigadier

Brig M Khalid Zaki 1981-86, PRA

Brig Vishal Agarwal 1981-86, RAN

Brig IS Samyal 1982-86, RAN

APPROVED FOR MAJ GEN

Brig Sanjay Singh, SM**, VSM 1976-81, PRA

Brig Sanjeev Khatri, VSM 1978-81, SHI

Brig Alok Kacker 1977-81, RAN

APPROVED FOR LT GEN

Maj Gen ST Upasani, SM, VSM 1972-77, CHA

Maj Gen Nav K Khanduri, VSM 1975-79, CHA

HONOUR / AWARDS

PVSM

Lt Gen BS Negi, PVSM, UYSM, YSM, SM, VSM**, PhD 1970-74, CHA

Air Mshl C Hari Kumar, PVSM, AVSM, VM, VSM, ADC 1971-75, CHA

AVSM

Lt Gen PS Jaggi, AVSM 1971-76, RAN

YSM

Brig CS Dewgun, YSM 1980-84, PRA

VSM

Brig Vikram Varma, VSM 1981-85, SHI

Brig Shivender Singh, YSM, VSM 1974-79, PRA

Sena Medal

Capt Sarangthem Shyam, SM (G) 2005-09, CHA

Brig Rohit Chaudhary, SM 1981-85, RAN

Col Rakesh Nair, SM 1984-90, RAN

Maj Tejas Candade, SM 1995-99, PRA

MEDAL WINNERS PASSING OUT FROM NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY

30 MAY 2017

1. ACC Sanyam Dwivedi
 - President's Silver Medal
 - Best Naval Cdt
 - Best in OLQ
 - Best in Drill
2. Cdt Shivtej Sawant
 - Blazer in Shooting
3. CSM Lalit Kumar
 - Best Sportsman
 - Comdt's Special Prize

Nov 2017

1. ACC Arjun Thakur
 - Presidents Gold Medal.
 - Best in Joint man ship.
2. BCC Shashank Shekhar
 - President's Bronze Medal.
 - Best Naval Cadet
 - Overall Best in the Course
3. BCA A Maikel Singh
 - Best Sportsman.
4. BCC B Gogoi
 - Best OLQ and Blazer in PT.
5. DCC Shivjet Sawant
 - Best Marksman.

In addition to Blazer in PT, 12 Blues and Half Blues have been awarded to Rimcollian Cadets in various disciplines.



PASSING OUT NAVAL ACADEMY 22 NOV 2017



Sub Lieutenant **Rishav Saha** (2009-13, Pratap)
won the following at NAVAC

- President's Gold Medal
- Seven Star Torchee (only one to achieve so in the history of this Academy)
- Double Golden Anchor
- Best in OLQ
- Won Medals (Aquatics & Water Polo)
- Best in Applied Electronics & Comm
- Best Midshipman in Navigation
- Best Squash Player
- Best in Work Project
- Best in Service Subject
- Best in Seamanship
- 27 Book Prizes
- Flotilla Cadet Capt of 93 INA Course



Sub Lieutenant **Tanmay Patbhore** (2007-12, Chandragupta) awarded Telescope at NAVAC

GCs PASSING OUT FROM INDIAN MILITARY ACADEMY

10 JUN 2017

1. ACC Avinash Chhetry
– President's Gold Medal
– Sword of Honour
2. BCC Ashutosh Banathia
– Best in Tactics
– Best Sportsman

09 DEC 2017

1. ACC Chandrakant Acharya
– Sword of Honour
– President's Gold Medal.



Chief of Army Staff of Bangladesh Abu Belal Muhammad Shafiu Huq presenting Sword of Honour to Chandrakant Acharya during Passing Out Parade at IMA in Dehradun

NOMINATED FOR HCC/HDMC/HACC/NHCC

We are proud of the following Army nominations for the aforementioned courses:

1. Ravi Kumar
2. Shailender Arya
3. Ravinder Thotar
4. Rajneesh Giri
5. Pallav Mishra
6. Abhas Awasthi
7. Rajeev Ahlawat
8. VJ Kurian

Heartiest Congratulations

There May Be Many More...

UPSC CIVIL SERVICES (2017)

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| 1. Mr Manuj Jindal | (2000-04, PRA) | 53rd Rank |
| 2. Mr Gokul Mahajan | (2007-11, SHI) | 564th Rank |

Heartiest Congratulations

A C K N O W L E D E G M E N T

Dear Rimcollians,

Want to place on record the yeoman service provided by the following Rimcollians year-after-year in helping raise a huge corpus for the magazine fund through advertisements and promoting product sales. Without their help it was not possible.

- Air Cmde Sanjay 'Jack' Jayaswal
- Col BK 'Biru' Sinha
- Cmde N Anil Jose Joseph
- Mr Sidharth Mishra

Great team effort. Much appreciate the support for a noble cause.

— Maj **MS Bedi**, SM
Honorary Treasurer



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APPEAL FROM THE ROBA SECRETARY

Dear Rimcollians,

1. I am pleased to inform you that we are in the process of updating the ROBA Directory and personal profile of Rimcollians. Very few have responded till date. You all are once again requested to provide the following information at vspundir@yahoo.com :-

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| First Name | Premature Retirement- |
| Surname | Business- |
| Nickname- | Married- |
| College Number- | Permanent Address- |
| Section at RIMC- | Present Address- |
| Course joined with- | Present Appointment- |
| Course Passed out with- | Decoration |
| Course joined NDA with- | Permanent Phone Number- |
| Course passed put from NDA with- | Current Phone Number- |
| Service joined- | E mail id- |
| Corps/Regt/Arm - | Name of Wife/e mail/number- |
| Didn't join NDA- | Name of children- |
| | Siblings at School- |

2. Those of you who have sent in their details already may please ignore. Further, it is also requested that any changes occurring in future in the above particulars may kindly be intimated to ROBA Cell, RIMC and Delhi imdt for updating.

3. I would like to apprise the Rimcollian brethren about the minimum contributions to be given by the Rimcollians for the betterment of the alma mater, which are enumerated below:-

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| (a) ROBA Membership Fee | - Rs 3000/- | } One time subscription.
Any additional contributions voluntarily
are welcome. |
| (b) ROBA Trust | - Rs 5000/- | |
| (c) Magazine Fund | - Rs 2000/- | |
| (d) Centenary Fund | - Rs 27500/- | |
| (e) Cadet Contingent fund (for needy cadet) - any amount (as per wish) | | |

4. In view of the above, all Rimcollians are requested to pay their dues. All the above donations are exempted under section 80G of IT. Kindly pass on the information to Rimcollians of your course and those who are living around you.

5. We would be celebrating the Centenary Anniversary in less than four years from now. In the AGM held in Mar 17 volunteers were requested to form various sub-committees. The message was posted on rimcollians@yahoo group also. But the response is not encouraging. Active participation from all of you is very essential in planning and coordination of the mega event. Generation of funds is also another vital aspect. Towards this endeavour, it is my humble request to please come forward with ideas and suggestions..

Warmest regards,

Yours sincerely,
Chandra

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LAST POST

RANK & NAME	Yr at RIMC	Section	Date
CDR AMITABH DUTT	1980-84	CHA	03 Aug 2017
COL SHIVAJI RAO MOHITE	1938-45	KIT	06 Sep 2017
LT GEN KUNWAR CHIMAN SINGH PVSM	1939-45	RAW	Sep 2017
MR ARUN ISWARIAH	1969-73	PRA	01 Sep 2017
MR NIRMAL KUMAR BARUAH	1968-73	PRA	16 Oct 2017
CAPT NR ABBOT	1937-43	RAW	23 Nov 2017
AIR MSHL ASGHAR KHAN HPk, HQA	1933-37	RAW	05 Jan 2018
LT COL DALJEET SINGH	1941-48	RAW	09 Feb 2018





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