

E D I T O R I A L

The 4th issue of SPAN is just out. We hope it takes off some of your busy time for taking your mind rolling through the so familiar village of Moulampur and then round the world through the places where our ex-cadets have spread out. This time SPAN-4 is a quick issue to catch its flight from the next station. But as we bring out SPAN on a regular basis, our exchequer is pleading us. So all members and well-wishers of SPAN are requested to clear their dues or face one EXTRA DRILL each (Hey! I am serious!)

(The Executive Committee presents Rezaul Hasan (3/101) as the new Chairman of the Editorial Board. Waliul Maruf Matin, the past Chairman is released for taking up responsibility in projected community development projects of ORCA. The Executive Committee thanks him for his pioneering role as Chairman.)

TRANSITION

* A.B.M. Anwarul Islam (3/396), who was in the 4th Year in Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh, lost his maternal uncle towards the end of January, '82. His younger brother fell down from the speeding truck that was carrying the dead body of his uncle, and the boy died instantaneously.

We pray for the departed souls.

COLLEGE NEWS

SSC & HSC Exams: No sooner had the enthusiasm of the Inter Cadet College Sports Meet died down, the college atmosphere filled with hyper-charged tensions. The cadets are gripped with examination fever. The 15th batch cadets have just ended their S.S.C. Exam. and the 13th batch cadets face the H.S.C. Exam. from 6th May, '82. Before the final onslaught of SSC Exam., Cadet Snibly of the 15th batch wrote to the General Secretary: "Thank you for your inspiring letter. We are all busy with our studies. We will try our best to keep up the glory of R.C.C. in all spheres."

- We all pray you all pass out with flying colours!

News Etcetra:

* Capt Sharafat Hossain (Engineers) has joined as the 8th Adjutant of RCC. He passed out from MCC in 1975. ORCA sends him GREETINGS and we all expect to see RCC zooming to newer heights under his enthusiasm, drive and initiative.

* Nasir (14th batch) has become the new College Prefect. Other appointments are:

Pref.(QH) - Bayezid Sarwar

Pref.(PH) - Shafiqur Reza

Pref.(KH) - A.N.M. Toha

Coll. Cultural Pref. - Masud Kabir

" Games Pref. - Ahsanul Bari

" D.H. Pref. - Fatch Alam

We expect that RCC will attain new glories under their leadership. ORCA wishes them godspeed.

* In the field of sports, the indoor games competitions and school volleyball were won by Khalid House and senior football went to Tariq House. (This is sure to depress ex-Casinites.)

* College Inauguration Day (Feb 11, '82) and "Ekushey February" were celebrated properly befitting the days. On the 21st Feb, a lyrical ballad was staged by the cadets written and directed by Cadet Nasir.

- * Mr. Nazrul Islam has joined the Faculty while Mr. M. Abdul Qudus (II) and Mr. N. Mollah left RCC for Rangpur C.C. and Barisal C.C. respectively. RCC will miss them.

R.C.C..... I wish SPAN a brilliant and ever growing success." He is now an English Teacher at a teachers training college there.

EX-CADETS ORGANISATION (ECO), MYMENSINGH

Election: ECO, based in Mymensingh, and composed of ex-cadets of the four senior-most Cadet Colleges held its election on April 18, '82. Following are the new office bearers:

- * President - Dr. Asadullah Md. Hussain Saad (JCC)
- * Vice-President - Fazle Nasim Khan (MCC)
- * General Secretary - Dr. Laique Ahmed Khan (RCC)
- * Joint Secretary - Ismail Hossain (MCC)
- * Treasurer - Anwarul Islam (RCC)

* Fazle Nasim Khan, past General Secretary, Ex-Cadets Organisation, Mymensingh: "Congratulations. You and your editorial board have been really showing superb performance - please accept the sincerest wishes on my own and on behalf of all the members of ECO.... I've been a keen reader of your newsletters - and believe me - I go through each and every word of these ... Though I had not been a cadet of RCC, ... your activities always remind me of my good old days in my dear MCC. I don't know whom to blame for the 1½ hour spent in the SPAN-3". (11-4-82)

Community Development: On March 14, '82, the ex-cadets of Mymensingh went to a village about 1 mile to the south of the Agri Varsity Campus. According to pre-arrangement the ex-cadets delivered talks on personal hygiene and environmental sanitation to the young students of a free primary school. This was followed by distribution of "High Potency Vitamin - A Capsules" among the children so as to prevent blindness.

* Engr. Siddiqur Rahman, from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, writes: "My thanks to all those who have donated already (to the RCC Scholarship Fund). Love and regards to my ORCA near and dear friends I miss them so much". (6-3-82)
- We miss you, too!

ECO has been trying to arrange a "BCCG Vaccination Camp" in the village at a future date to immunize all the children against T.B. Arrangements for distribution of sanitary latrines in the village are also being made with the appropriate authority.

* Maj. Talehul Mowla Chowdhury (2/53), conveyed through Rezaul Hassan, (3/10), best wishes and 'dca' to everybody of ORCA and has invited ORCA members to visit him at EDU Sector, Halishahar, Chittagong. (A.N.K. Maheeduzzaman - 3/84, has already availed this invitation)

Intramural Games Competition: To boost up the spirit of ex-cadets, a lively competition "exclusively for the ex-cadets" has just been concluded. Table tennis, Carrom (both singles and double) and chess were the items included.

* M. Ashraful Haque (3/73), has conveyed best regards to all ORCA members and he has asked prayers from all "so I can make more and continuous contribution to ORCA to achieve all the noble objectives it has set forth." (12-4-82)

MESSAGE

* In words charged with emotion Engr. M. S. Ahsan Reza (4/193) wrote from Khartoum, Sudan, "My routine life had the first ever break since Oct. '81. The object was "SPAN" very kindly sent by Mirza Manirul (3/86) from Saudi Arabia. In a moment the time machine took me a long way back (Let us) prove that our bonds were not merely a need but based on emotions of inner

* M. Masud Hasan, Vice-Principal - ... wrote, "We hope our ex-cadets will march forward in years to come. Best wishes for all ORCA members..." (14-3-82)

* M. Ghansuiddoha, a former lecturer ... (1978 to '79) wrote from ...

Let's start something new on a broad base.... I am ready for all round help within my reach.... My regards and best wishes to all CRCA members." (18-3-82)

- * Suzi Ahsanul Haque Manik (8/407), writes from USA (20-3-82) that he is well and is working in Los Angeles to earn some money before embarking for higher studies. He rightly hopes "to send some subscription soon." WE ARE WAITING!
- * Saifal Islam (12/651), has asked for the wishes of all CRCA members for the success, at BAF Training Wing, of himself and of Humayun (12/654). YOU HAVE OUR BEST WISHES.
- * Anwar H. Chowdhury (9/483), has conveyed "Bengali New Year's greetings to everybody."
- * Through a beautiful card, Sobhan (12/662), has wished all CRCA members, on behalf of 12th batch, on the occasion of the Bengali New Year - 1389.
- * College Prefect Nasir has also sent wishes on the Bengali New Year, to CRCA members.

CRCA wishes "SHUBO NABOBARSHO" to S. Hasan and his batch mates, to all units of RCC and to ALL CRCA MEMBERS.

MATCHES & MATCHES: CONGRATULATIONS

- * H. Faridul Islam Anel (5/240), has boldly performed one of the most difficult task (hope we are right) of life: getting married. He performed the nuptial ceremony on April 9, '82 in his village home near Chapai Nawabganj, soon after completing his Masters in Social Work from Rajshahi University.
- * Fayyaz Alam (4/177) stealthily married his cousin in Dinajpur on Jan 4, '82. Reporter: Mosharraf Hossain (4/173)
- * Selma Akhter (6/307), pursuing studies in USA, pursued and married an American lady, recently. Reporter: Capt Aly Azam (6/78)
- * B. Ure he could hit a four in the (Pub. Adm.) exam, Otin Dewan (1/14) hit a towering six by

Informed quarters say Otin plans to become TATA/BIRLA of Bangladesh. Reporter: Capt Aly Azam

KUDOS to newly married couples. And no news of any matches in the last two months (March and April). Married members seem to be very much alive to the No. 1 problem of the country. But wait for some news in this regard in SPAN-5.

TRANSFERS

- * Flt Lt Tawhid (1/6) has flown to BAF Base Chittagong from Base Basar in March, '82, to be stationed there.
- * Major Shah Zakaria (1/33) has been posted to 15 Field Regiment Artillery, Mirpur Cantt., Dacca. Prior to this, he was Adjutant of 1 Karraphuli Bn, BNCC, Chittagong University.
- * Major Manish (2/74) has been transferred from Comilla Cantonment to the CMLA'S Secretariate, beginning mid April, '82. A 'depot of help' for CRCA is back to city.
- * Maj Knairul Alam (3/78) is the adjutant of Rangpur C.C. from Feb '82. Capt Monwar Hossain (3/125) is Adjutant in Pabna C.C. from Sept. '82.
- * Major Harun (3/131) is post to Dhaka March, '82, in the Directorate General, Defence Purchases, Dacca. He was previously in Chittagong Cantt.
- * Captain Mabbubul Hasan (6/309) has been transferred from Comilla Cantt. to Rangpur Cantt. Reporter: Major Manish (2/74)
- * Lt Fazle Qader (7/356) is transferred from Mirpur Cantt. to 107 Signal Coy, Tangail Cantt. Reporter: Capt Aly Azam (6/278)
- * Mr. Farhad Ahmed (ex-lecturer from 1966-'79) is moving from MCC to Barisal C.C. Reporter: Capt Aly Azam

ESTABLISHMENTS

- * M. I. (Retd) Bazlur Rashid has dissociated himself from the post of Project Director, Roots Ltd., East Shabazpur, Sylhet. He is presently involved in a pisciculture project in his former place. BEST OF LUCK!
- * Engr. Emran Hossain (1/260) who has completed his M.S. in Engineering from Arizona State University has taken up job in U.S.A. (Details not available).
- * A.M.M. Masudul Haque (3/85) has joined Dacca Bar in April, '82, as an Advocate. He has brought home a Master's in Int'l Law from USSR. (Right man in the right place).
- * Engr. Ahmed Khan (5/214) is the newest addition to the proud bunch of ORCA doctors. He has passed out in March, '82, and is presently undergoing internship at the Nymensingh Medical College.
- * M. Nasiruddin (5/213) on April 26, '82, has joined "Guru Griha" - the pre-cadet tutorial of Mr. A.R. Khan - the founder teacher of R.C.C. Inside has in his pocket an M.A. in English from RU.

PROMOTION

- * Al Hassan (1/267) - Captain to Major. CONGRATULATIONS! Major Hassan is Staff Officer to the CO, 9 Infantry Div, Dacca.

UNDERGOING COURSE

- * Flt Lt Alauddin Chowdhury (1/21) is undergoing Flying Instructors Course at SAF Base Motiur Rahman, Jessore.
- * Major Aminul Karim (4/149), Lt Aminul Hasan (8/414) and 2/Lt Zulfiqar Hyder (9/486) are undergoing courses at School of Infantry & Tactics, Jalalabad Cantt., Sylhet.
- * Lt Alam (9/447) is undergoing course at School of Combat Engineering, Dayarampur, Rajshahi.

SEPARATION

- * M. Aminul Islam (3/109) after long two years service with CARE Bangladesh has said goodbye to Comilla

BON VOYAGE

- * Monwar Hossain (1/9) left for Japan in early April '82, for a six-months course in telecommunications.
- * Monwar Hossain (2/62), who recently left BTV, is flying for Saudi Arabia on May 6, '82, on a job assignment. (This is no joke - take it as granted.)
- * Rezaul Hasan (3/101) hopped quietly to FRG for a business trip from Feb 27 to Mar 3, '82. It was a very well-kept secret.
- * Ishtiaq Ahmed Karen (4/155) flew off to Singapore on March 28, '82, on a job assignment as Architect in a private firm. He left behind his better-half - Mrs. Safina (Munni) who followed his track on April 30, '82 (sadly missing the film she longed to see: ANAND (Indian feature-film) being shown on that day through ORCA Cine Club). GOOD-BYE - BOTH OF YOU!

IN CITY

- * Engr. Manzur Rahman (1/262), who went to Iraq only five months back on a job assignment, was back in Dacca towards the end of April to pick up his wife and child. He left with his family on May 6, '82.
- * Khondoker Motiur Rahman (3/95) is at last back to Bangladesh. He is back with a Master's in Petrochemical Synthesis and with a Russian wife. WELCOME TO BANGLADESH.

SPAN REFLECTORS

- * We are thankful to S.I. Siddique (1/8), Miftahul Amin (4/145) and Golam Sarwar (4/151) for their task of mailing photo-copies of SPAN to members in USA, Canada and Australia.
- * We are also thankful to Mirza Manirul Hasan (3/96) for reflecting photo-copies of SPAN-1 and 2 to members in Middle East and Europe. He is now in Canada and his work is being carried out by Abdul Latif (10/544) who is studying engineering at University of Petroleum and Mining, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, where Manirul previously studied.

DONATIONS

WE START WITH BOUQUET 'THANK YOU'

- * Two members from 4th batch have contributed to ORCA Fund \$ 15 each. They wish to remain anonymous.
- * Engr. S.I. Siddique (1/8) has so far sent from New Jersey, U.S.A., \$ 50 for ORCA Scholarship Fund.
- * Mosharrif Hossain (2/37) has announced a donation of Taka 100/- per month towards ORCA Scholarship Fund.
- * Dr. Laique Ahmed Khan (5/214) has donated Taka 110/- towards ORCA Fund. (apart from his membership subscription.)
- * Mr. H. Chowdhury (9/483), popularly known at RCC as Momin, has sent for ORCA \$ 15, apart from \$ 4 which he previously sent. He writes: "I am giving you my word that I will contribute \$ 10 every month as long as I will be working." GREAT! This money will be deposited to ORCA Scholarship Fund.
- * Mr. Tareque Solaiman of 12/27 Sir Syed Road, Mohammadpur, Dacca-7, a well-wisher of ORCA, has donated to ORCA Scholarship Fund, Tk. 1000/-.

THANKS FOR THE LION-HEARTED DONATION.
WELL DONE MEMBERS KEEP UP THE SPIRIT

LAST OF THE 'RAJEANS'

12th Batch: 12th batch cadets are about to be absorbed in different institutions. Among them 6 have joined BMA, 2 in BAF Academy, 1 in Naval Academy and 1 in Marine Academy. Only 5 have enrolled to become Engineers and 11 have taken up the noble profession of becoming Doctors. We shall also see two Physicists and 3 Pharmacists. Jahangir Nagar University is also privileged to have 2 of our future Economists enrolled. Rest of the boys, as we are told, are suffering from "fly-abroad" phobia.

We all wish them GOOD LUCK and Bon-Voyage in future life.

16TH INAUGURATION DAY CELEBRATIONS

February 11, 1982, was the 16th inauguration day of RCC. ORCA celebrated this occasion through a ceremony in the

Guest was Lt Col (Retd) M. Mustafizur Rahman, who was at that time Minister-in-charge, Ministry of Commerce. Special Guest on the occasion was Mr. Nur Mohammad Khan, the then State Minister, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Sports and Culture. The 11th batch members of ORCA were accorded reception and ORCA Cine Club was formally inaugurated.

The Institute was decorated with big-sized colourful banners and festoons. The back-screen of the stage of the air-conditioned auditorium was pasted with ORCA monogram and banners. The ceremony was largely attended by members, wives of members, ORCA associates and guests. Mr. Islamuddin Joarder, Mr. A.R. Khan and Mr. Souja Hyder - who were present as faculty members of "Ayub Cadet College" during the grand inauguration ceremonies on 11 February, 1966, graced our occasion. Mr. Tamizuddin Ahmed, who recently retired as Ground Superintendent of RCC for 15 years from its inception, was also present.

The Master of Ceremonies was A.N.M. Waheeduzzaman (3/84). The ceremony started with Telawat-e-Quran and English translation - both rendered by Joint Secretary Anis Ahmed Khan. Vice-President Major (Retd) Tanzeem Hasan in his short speech, recalled the sixteen years of the existence of RCC. He then introduced 11th batch members present, to the Respected Guests. Junaid Masroor (11/627) spoke on behalf of 11th batch, pledging to dedicate themselves to the nation. General Secretary Abdul Hamid in his speech gave a profession-wise statistical breakdown of ORCA members. He reminded the ex-cadets of their special obligation to the country. During the course of his speech, he introduced the members of ORCA Cine Club and announced the names of members awarded ORCA Scholarship - 1981.

Chief Guest Lt Col (Retd) Mustafizur Rahman termed the celebration as one pertaining to "sweet sixteen". He stressed that even though a great amount of money was being utilized for cadet colleges, the expenditure was worth the results being obtained. He emphasized that cadet college products have always come forward in times of crisis. He reminded the ex-cadets that the country was craving for able and dynamic leadership which ex-cadets could provide. The Special Guest spoke of his special fascination for cadet college products. He exhorted

After a vote of thanks from compere Waheeduzzaman, guests and members were escorted to a sumptuous tea party in the lawn of the Institute. Even though there were great eaters present, quite a bit of the relishing food-items were left out.

The ceremony was rounded off with a showing of Satyajit Ray's film "SHAMAPTI". As usual, it was punctuated by power failures.

BASKETBALL: ORCA VS JEXCA

On Feb 13, '82, in the basketball court of DMC Hostel, lean and thinly-built ORCA Players battled against tall and stoutly-built JEXCA Players.

The uniformly dressed Jexcan's in full kit, really looked invincible. But at the end of the tenth minute of play, the score was 8-0 in favour of ORCA. The Jexcan's fought back to narrow the margin to 9-10 at half-time (trailing behind by just 1 point). After half-time it was touch-and-go for most of the part. When the Referee, Major (Retd) Taneem Hasan, blew the whistle to call it a day, ORCA was leading by 29-25 points. Scorers (For ORCA):

Jashim (9th) 12 pts, Shamim (10th) 9 pts, Nazrul (7th) 6 pts, Syed (11th) 2 pts. At the end, both the teams got three cheers. Apart from that ORCA treated the Jexcan's with apple-sized "balls" and JEXCA treated ORCA members with orange squash.

ORCA members were then ushered into the room of Anis Ahmed Khan (6th) to be feted at a party thrown by him. It was simply grand. Jashim asked Anis "What would you have done if we had lost?"

ORCA NEWS

ORCA Souvenir-'82: The long awaited Souvenir is coming out in June '82. The Publications Committee is still waiting for articles (in Bengali or English) and advertisements. The money from advertisement collection (after meeting printing costs) will go to ORCA Scholarship Fund. THIS IS YOUR SOUVENIR - MAKE IT A REAL SUCCESS.

Class Representatives: There seems to be some confusion about Class Reps. Here is the list:

Please clear up your dues to receive future copies of SPAN. Our bank account title is "Old Rajshahi Cadets Association".

Major (Retd) Taneem	1st Batch
Engr Galive Sattar	2nd Batch
Waheeduzzaman	3rd Batch
Mosharraf Hossain	4th Batch
Md. Younus	5th Batch
Abul Barkat	6th Batch
Firoz Jan	7th Batch
Md. Alamgir	8th Batch
Jashim Ahmed	9th Batch
Mofazzal Hossain	10th Batch
Qazi Fazle Alamgir	11th Batch
Javed Iqbal	12th Batch

Blazer: The Chairman, Governing Bodies of Cadet Colleges, has not agreed to a proposal of the Principal, Rajshahi Cadet College, to bear from the College budget, the cost of the pocket (with monogram) of college blazer. (This cost comes to around Tk. 100/- per piece). Maj (Retd) Taneem Hasan says that he will personally take up the case with the Chairman.

Blood Donation Project: Courageous volunteers from ORCA will be donating blood for blood bank, sometime in the last week of May, '82.

Reunion: The Vice-President and General Secretary have handed over a formal written request to the Principal for making it possible to hold the next reunion sometime around July, '82 (if possible). The Principal has graciously agreed to forward a proposal on this aspect, to Maj Gen Sadiqur Rahman Chowdhury, Chairman, Governing Bodies. Let us wait and pray and see.

ORCA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

"I had long realised the necessity of forming a fund for offering Scholarships to needy ex-cadets. In fact, I have seen some ex-cadets, including a class friend of mine, on the verge of despair and aimlessness because of financial handicap" - Golam Sarwar (4/151) from USA. LET US TRY TO ENSURE THAT SUCH DESPAIR DOES NOT AFFLICT IN FUTURE, ANY OF OUR STUDENT-FRIENDS. Members abroad may send their generous donation in the F/C Account payable to: MIRZA MANIRUL HASSAN, A/C No. HDS/DLR 29823, Janata Bank Foreign Exchange Br., 57 Purana Paltan, Dacca. Local members may send drafts payable to: OLD RAJSHAHI CADETS ASSOCIATION. Send donations to Abdul Hamid, General Secretary, 8/16-A, Sir Syed Road, Mohammadpur, Dacca-7, Bangladesh.