

Once again the ORCA members rose to the occasion. The 10th and 11th blood donation functions were successfully completed at the BDRCS. Till date ORCA members have voluntarily donated more than 500 bags of blood. What better way could be found to serve the cause of mankind than to give a gift of life.

One of the burning problems in our society is the question of dowry system, more so in the context of rural Bangladesh. Through this editorial I call upon all the members of ORCA to give some thought on this problem and come up with ideas and proposals. Members please write to me care of General Secretary ORCA.

The 14th batch cadets from RCC bade adieu to their Alma Mater recently. Incidentally these were the dashing boys who helped to arrange the memorable Reunion'82. SPAN Editor and his team wish them and all other dear ORCA members a very happy Eid-Mubarak.

IN MEMORIAM

\* 2/Lt Abdus Samad Dablu(12/682) was happy when, after his passing-out recently, he got posting at Chittagong Hill Tracts. He looked forward to seeing action. It was as if an inexorable force drew him towards the hills. He could hardly see much action - a spray of bullets pierced through his throbbing chest on August 24, 1983. Before he passed away, he wrote to a friend about the "thrilling life" he was going through. The thrill continues in the hills, but without Dablu to go through that.

Dablu, as he is better known, was a jolly good fellow - lively and humorous. He stood 2nd from Hum. group in both SSC & HSC. He was outstanding in table tennis and he played basketball as well.

The hills of CHF was sooted with the blood of another martyr from ORCA: Lt Ahsanul Haq, (5/208) BirBikram, who died fighting in 1978. The sounds of shots that felled Ahsan and Samad still resound in our ears and we mourn for them - and pray for them - and for all those who have left us -- a little earlier.

\* In August, '83 a couple of weeks after his marriage Sqn Ldr Alauddin Chowdhury lost his father who was in Sylhet. Our deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences are for the bereaved family.

MAY THE SOUL OF THE DEPARTED, REST IN PEACE

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COLLEGE NEWS

\* Lt Col Nuruzzaman has joined as Principal of our Alma Mater. He was previously at FCC, prior to which he was at JCC. A highly experienced man in the art of administering cadet colleges, RCC can greatly benefit from his stewardship.

\* Lt Col Shamsul Huda, the Principal under whom RCC has shown exceptional performance in academics, games and sports and in co-curricular activities, has joined as Principal of FCC. We recall with great warmth, ORCA's close relationship with Col Huda. Specially Reunion -82 was a most memorable one.

\* Mr. D.A.K. Dewar has joined as Vice-Principal of RCC. Prior to this he was Vice-Principal of JCC.

SSC Results

It was dismaying. Only four positions out of first twenty from the 16th batch: Ahsan Kabir(Liton) - 4th., Irtazul Haque - 15th, Abdul Jabbar Khan - 12th., Saju - 16th. Congratulations - all of you ! Put in more effort for the HSC.

HSC Results

The 14th. batch have done gloriously: Mamdudur Rashid - 3rd, Firoz Mainul Haque - 4th, Niamul Bashir & Abdullah Al Mamun - 5th, Alamgir M.S. Hossain - 8th, Motiur Rahman - 15th, Shamsur Rahman - 16th and Hashem Ahmed - 17th. In Hum Gr. Mukhtarul Wadud topped the list.

That was great performance! ORCA wishes the whole 14th batch all the best in their search for a career. Meanwhile, 21 members of 14th batch have joined BMA. Most of the rest are toying for admission at Marine Academy.

## College Appointments

Prefect : Md Arif OH(C-840)  
Games Prefect : AFM Zahangir KH(C-845)  
Cultural Prefect: Zakirul -KH(C-818)  
Dining Hall : Hussain-TH(C-856)

## House Appointments -KHALID HOUSE

Prefect : Ziaul C-815  
Asstt. Prefect : Mesbahul C-830  
Games Prefect : Redwanur C-839  
Cultural Prefect: Ekramul C-824

## QASIM HOUSE

Prefect : Matin C-846  
Asstt. Prefect : Murshed C-822  
Games Prefect : Ashraf C-819  
Cultural Prefect: Md Fansur C-828

## TARIQ HOUSE

Prefect : Mamun C-838  
Asstt. Prefect : Amin C-832  
Games Prefect : Musa C - 826  
Cultural Prefect: Shibli C-814

## HUES AND FACETS :

### Marriages :

- Our very own dear Hamid Bhai(1/1) to Sabira Khatun on April 18, 1983.
- 2/45, Zahid Hassan Khan to Rehana on 28th April, 1983.
- 5/214 Dr. Laique Ahmed Khan to Ferdousi, a 5th year student of Mymensingh Medical College, on 5th June 1983.
- 6/27 Enamul Haque to Rita on 3rd June, 1983.
- 7/33 Tayeful Islam got married at Bogra on March 10, 1983.
- 6/315 Dr. Aminul Islam Khan and 6/312 Zahiruddin Apu both got married on 12th Aug. 83 - one in the evening and the other at noon.
- 1/21 Sqn Ldr Alauddin Chowdhury to (SPAN not yet informed) in Sylhet in August, '83.

MAY THEY LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTERWARDS!  
BHABIS WELCOME TO ORCA.

## DONATIONS

- \* US \$ 60 by 1/8, S.I. Siddique in continuation of his scholarship of Tk. 200.00 per month since January, '82. The scholarship is named after his lovely daughter "Sama Jahan" who left us for eternity.
- \* US \$ 50 by 3/93, Afzal Ibn Noor from Windsor University, Canada.
- \* Tk. 2400/- by Mr. Tareque Solaiman of 12/27 Sir Syed Road, Mohammadpur, Dhaka (presently a Chemist in Saudi Arabia) to ORCA Scholarship Fund(1983)

Tk. 2400/- by Engr. Galive A. Sattar (2/52) to Scholarship Fund(1983)

- \* Tk. 600/- by Rezaul Hasan to Scholarship Fund(1983).
- \* Tk. 1200/- by Sadirul Islam to Scholarship Fund (1983)
- \* Tk. 350/- by Mr. A.K.M. Akbar an ORCA well-wisher. to Blood Donation Club.

## ESTABLISHMENT

- 1/14 FM Aziz has joined National Local Government Institute, Dhaka in May, 1983.
- 3/81, Dr. Syed Fazlul Ali has joined the hospital of Bangladesh Diabetics Association, Dhaka.
- 4/53 Dr. Azizul Haque Rouf has been posted to Manikganj.
- 4/158 Dr. Lakiul Islam Faruqui has joined Kumudini Welfare Hospital at Mirjapur.
- 5/220 Dr. Firoz has been posted to Chittagong Hill Tracts.
- 4/512 Dr. Ferdous has been posted to Raypur, Dhaka.
- 4/172 Dr. Nure Alam has been posted to Dhaka District.
- 4/182 Dr. Abdul Barri has joined A.M.G.
- 4/498 Dr. Rafique has been posted in Rajshahi District.
- 4/141 Dr. Ahsan Habib is posted to Gabtali, Bogra.
- 3/91 Dr. Ali Ashraf is in the Emergency Ward Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.
- 6/299 Ferdous Hossain has joined the Deptt. of Economics as Lecturer University of Rajshahi.
- Otin Dewan 6/314, is the new executive of Highspeed Shipping, Chittagong.
- 7/334, Yawer Sayeed respectively joined a private sector bank(please confirm)
- 7/377 Mujibur Rahman joined BADC at Fabna, left it and joined Bangladesh Leaf Tobacco Company and is posted Kushtia.
- 7/376, after completing his B.Sc from BUET, Golam Mowla is working in Chittagong.
- 9/465, Rafiqul Huda is working as Assistant Manager of a Tea Garden in Sylhet.
- 8/395 Mustafa Kamal Runi has been selected recently as a Magistrate.
- 2/65 Mustafa Ahmed Qaiser worked as Assistant Director, Film and Lubrication Deptt. Govt. of Bangladesh. He received a Diploma in "Modern Management"

- t) 2/40 Anisur Rahman has set up an Engineering and Architectural Consultancy Firm. ORCA members may please contact him.
- u) 7/359 Mahfuzul Haque has joined Janata Bank, Shukrabad Branch, in June '83. He has also qualified in BCS (Administrative)

#### PROMOTED

- \* Alauddin Chowdhury 1/21 and Golam Towhid 1/6 from Flt. Lieutenant to Squadron Leader.

#### TRANSFERS

- \* Lt Col Rezaqul Haider, a former Adjutant, is now CO of an infantry battalion at Savar Cantt.
- \* Major Touhiduzzaman Shikder another former Adjutant, is now in Adjutant General's Branch, from his posting at CHT.
- \* 1/33 Major Shah Zakaria from Mirpur Cantonment to Chittagong Cantonment and then back to Mirpur Cantonment.
- \* 3/78 Major Khairul Alam from Rangpur Cadet College to Girls Cadet College at Mymensingh.
- \* 6/258 Aminul Islam Bhuiya from Chittagong to Sharail upgr. Thana as Magistrate.
- \* 2/37 Mosharrif Hossain from Zareen Tea Estate; Srimongal to a Tea Estate in Chittagong.
- \* 2/63 Major Eskander Majumdar from Dhaka Cantt. to Chittagong Cantt.
- \* 3/112 Major Abu Hannan from Chittagong to Savar Cantt. He has been a great help for ORCA.
- \* 5/207 Capt. Munun, AMC has been posted to Khagrachari, Chittagong Hill Tracts.
- \* 6/278 Capt. Aly Azam Khan from Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, to Savar Cantt.
- \* 7/356, Capt. Fazle Quader is in Mymensingh Cantt.
- \* 7/367 Capt. Anwarul Sabir is in BDR HQ, Dhaka after 2 years of stay in CHTs
- \* 8/393 Capt. Mazharul Hannan Khan, after a brief stay at Dhaka Cantonment, is now posted at Savar Cantonment as OC Static Signal Coy. During his stay in Dhaka he was a great help for ORCA.
- \* 9/491 Flying Officer Alangir has been transferred to B.F. Base Matiur, Jessore from B.F. Base Bashur, Dhaka.

#### BON VOYAGE :

- \* 1/13 S.S. Alam from CHIEF Dhaka went to USA in April for two months official tour.
- \* 3/101 Rezaul Hasan (editor span) from MCC Dhaka for 3 months on an official business went to U.K., U.S.A., Canada, Tokyo, Hongkong, Singapore and Bangkok.

#### WE ARE PROUD OF YOU !!!

- 5/129 Capt. Mahtabur Rahman, Leader of Army Cultural Troupe - appeared in TV & Radio singing to enchanted audience.
- 3/135 Monjurul Haque working in Marketing Research Consultants of Bangladesh is helping ORCA members in search of job, with short time assignments. Doing a great job indeed!
- 3/288 Nazrul Islam Rumi the National hop-step and jump champion for the last 7/8 years recently participated in the "SPARTA-KIAD" Championship held in Moscow, USSR.
- 7/371 Mahmood Ali B.S. Course in Engineering at USA having secured 4 'A's and a B received Deans Commendation.

#### IN CITY

- 5/219 Engineer Abdul Quayum from Baghdad, Iraq where he is working as an Engineer. He stayed here for about a month during June - July '83.
- 1/17 Sadeq Afzal quickly passed through Dhaka from his previous work place (Abu Dhabi) to his new work place (Saudi Arabia).
- 4/150 Aminul Islam was in Dhaka for the last 3/4 months - taking break from his life as a sailor in the seven seas.
- 2/47 Sadirul Islam is in the city for the last two months from Jaidu, Libya where he is an English Language teacher.

#### GRADUATION

- \* 4/498 Dr. Rafiqul Islam and 5/249 Dr. Zafrul Islam from Dhaka Medical College and
- \* 4/506 Dr. Syed Ahmed from Rajshahi Medical College.
- \* 6/305 Dr. Anis Ahmed Khan from Dhaka Medical College
- \* 6/315 Dr. Aminul Islam from Dhaka Medical College.
- \* 6/380 Dr. Mahfuzar Rahman from Dhaka Medical College.

ANYBODY LEFT OUT PLEASE INFORM EDITOR SPAN

#### TRAINING ABROAD.

- \* 5/246 Major Arooq Ahmed in China | To attend
- \* 6/274 Capt. Zahurul Alam in China | a 4-month
- \* 6/304 Capt. Abdul Hafiz in China | course.
- \* 11/629 Lt. Imroz Ahmed in China - for 6-month course.

## BIRTHS

- \* To Mr. & Mrs. Monowar Hussain(1/19) daughter nick-named Momo.
- \* To Maj. & Mrs. Shah Zakaria(1/33) a son named Shahriyar.
- \* To Mr. & Mrs. Taslim Shakur(1/17) a son - no sooner had the couple reached Sheffield, U.K., for the Ph.D. work of the father.
- \* To Mr. & Mrs. Sadirul Islam(2/47) a son named Samir - on 23rd Jan. '83.
- \* To Mr. & Mrs. Habibul Islam(1/2) a son born a couple of months back.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE COUPLES!

## STUDY

- \* Capt. Sharafat Hossain, who as Adjutant during Reunion '82 made a great contribution in making it a most memorable one, has joined Rajshahi Engineering College from the Engineers Corps.
- \* Roema, wife of Galib 2/52 is in 1st year at Chittagong Medical College.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- \* We received Eid Greetings from :-  
Shafaat Ahmed (3/117), in Libya.  
Md. Alamgir (5/218), in USA  
Engr. S.I. Siddique (8/8) & Bhabi, in USA.  
Mahfuzul Haque (1/29) & Bhabi.  
Engr. Siddiquir Rahman(2/53) in KSA  
Tazeem Hassan(3/88)  
Flg Offr. Alamgir(9/491), in Jessore  
Md. Sarwar Hossain(14/761)  
Mr. Farhad Ahmed from Barisal Cadet College.

Janab Moinul Hossain, Chairman, Editorial, Board, Ittefaq Gr. of Pub.

ORCA sent Eid Greetings Cards to the President of Bangladesh, high civil and military officials and elites of society.

- \* Nazmul Quader of Sylhet Cadet College helped greatly in mid-July, '83 to despatch by hand, ORCA Souvenirs - 1982 to all the Cadet Colleges.

- \* Anis (2/40) Gratefully thanks Kamal (9/463) Sohel Musa (10/559), Awal (12/664) and Arif (DMC student) for their great help and assistance during the hospitalization and operation of his mother. Those who donated blood for the patient are :

Anis (2/4)

Kamal (9/463)

Awal (12/664)

Arif (Medical student)

ORCA received New year(1983) greetings from : Amir Hossain

UNMESH Film Society, Dhaka

GANI (12/645)

Sobhan (12th Batch) of Dinajpur.

- Letter wishing New Years Greetings from Major Waliullah, Savar Cantt.

- From New York, Pathik Anwar wishes good luck to all cadets of R.C.C.

- Letters from Zaman (4/171) from China on Board MV TRAMCO ASIA (Dont Worry ! Everything will be fine once you land in Dhaka).

- Received letters from Abdul Moqaddem of Pabna, from Mukul 13/727 of Gaibandha, Rangpur, and Mahmood 13/747 of Patuakhali.

= Letter from Dr. Laique Ahmed, Gen. Secy. ECC, Mymensingh.

## SCHOLARSHIP ! SCHOLARSHIP ! SCHOLARSHIP !

Md. Alamgir (5/218) from USA Written to Yornus about Wien Scholarship given from the BRANDEIS University for the undergraduates. Interested ORCA members please write to ;

Mrs. F. Goldstein  
Director, International Programs  
BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY  
WALTHAM, MA 02254,  
USA.

## ALAMGIR'S ADDRESS:

M. Alamgir  
Chemistry Deptt./Brandeis University  
Waltham, MA 02254  
U.S.A.

BEST OF LUCK:

A LETTER: Flying on the Mystic Chords of Memory.

R C C

5th Jan.1983.

My dear Cadets of R C C  
Past (ex) and Present,

Best love and affection to you all. After all, I had no say but to bid good bye to the Rajshahi Cadet College bearing in mind a lengthy list of happenings of a long period of about 17 years.

I cannot exactly tell how much I could do for the college nor I could count what I received in return but I dream to recollect how "Time" has stolen away the long period of 17 years of the valuable part of my life.

But I forget everything and really get endless pleasure and take much pride in finding my sweet boys grows up and well placed in the society and in life. I do consider this as the best return of my services. No doubt the authority paid me due honour by awarding me as the "second best" teacher of cadet colleges and by promoting me to the rank of an associate professor. But I am most happy when I find and feel the deep feelings for me of my cadets from No. 1 to No. 1074 through respect and honour and also feelings of all the members of the staff of ORCA cannot imagine how much painful it was for me to leave the college on the 5th of January, 1983.

Before closing I cannot but mention to you that I wrote the history of RCC so far I could collect and re-collect of course. I left the manuscript with Lt. Col. Shamsul Huda, the present Principal, who took away the responsibility of printing the same.

However, with hearty blessings to you all my cadets - Past(Ex) and Present I would like to curve my pen to end in today. Please pray for me to Allah to grant me and my family a happy life and offer me ability to give best services to the society and the nation.

Yours Loving teacher

Sd/- Mohammad Nazrul  
Islam.

WE ALL REMEMBER YOU SIR! WISH YOU  
MORE SUCCESS IN LIFE !!!

(This letter was handed over to SPAN  
by the via media, only recently).

#### MORE LETTERS :

\* Ahsanul Kabir (2/36) is now at 29  
Arlington Street, 3 up left, Glasgow  
G3 6 DT, Scotland, undergoing M-Phil,  
leading to Ph.D. At long last he  
writes: "Salam to friendly members  
of ORCA including Bhabis... Best  
wishes to you all whose sincere  
efforts lead ORCA to continuing  
glory and prosperity." (7.7.83)

\* A quiet man has written a letter from  
Lybia.

"I must appreciate the endeavour  
taken by the Executive and the Editorial  
Committees to publish the news-  
letter and to send it to the remotest  
corners of the world. A shocking  
news rends to break my heart: my  
maternal uncle, Prof. Akram Hassan  
FRCS, expired in the early hours of  
3rd of Ramadhan. I wish all the mem-  
bers of ORCA to pray for the salva-

Shafaat Ahmed, P.O.  
Box 18233  
Misurata, Libya.

#### BMA APPOINTMENTS

CSUO ASHRAF (ZAMAN) 12/695  
SGT QUIBRIA (MASUM) 12th batch  
CPL BAQUEE (TONI) 13/724  
CPL JAHANGIR (MUKUL) 13/728  
CPL SALZAR (DICKEN) 13/734  
CPL HUSSAIN (RUSSO) 12/656

#### PASSED OUT FROM BMA

In the last passing - out parade, ORCA  
members to receive commission are :

	Posted at
Md. Arif (11/639)	Rangpur
Nazmul Gani (12/645)	CHT
Abdus Samad (12/682) (now late)	CHT
Akhter Hossain (12/682)	Savar
Masudur Rahman (12/667)	Bogra
Aminul Islam (12/673)	Mymensingh.

#### PUBLICATION

Cadet Md. Zahir Islam 4/496 has published  
a book entitled "Bangladesher Ovwdoi" in  
March, 1983. He is a graduate from USSR in  
History and has recently joined the Deptt.  
of Archeology at Dhaka. ORCA members willing  
to buy the book can do so at Tk. 25/- (origi-  
nal price taka 30/-). The book is being used  
as text in Dhaka University. This is possibly  
the first book to come out from an ORCA  
member, and we are proud of Zahir.

#### A LETTER FROM A PRINCIPAL

31 Aug. 1983

My dear Hamid,

Your letter dated 18 Aug '83 is to hand.  
Your letter has brought tears in my eyes.  
It reminds me that I am not in Rajshahi  
Cadet College. The fact of separation from  
Rajshahi Cadet College overwhelmed me with  
pain, that was too much for me to bear. I  
was about to get a stroke because of high  
rise of blood pressure while I was in a fare-  
well meeting with my dear cadets. All mem-  
bers of my family joined me shedding tears  
at the pains of separation. Faculty-members,  
Cadets and College employees gave us fare-  
well through tears and wailing. I understand  
Rajshahi Cadet College is mine and it is mine  
forever. Even here I unknowingly utter RCC,  
murmur RCC when really I mean FCC. To-day I  
feel how golden are the Ex-Cadets and the  
Cadets of Rajshahi Cadet College. In your  
name I find the part of my father's name and  
often my wife and me re-collect you. Even at  
this moment I have tears in my eyes when I  
think that I am far away from Rajshahi Cadet

College. Even to-day I am proud of anything that is earned by RCC Cadets. Even to-day I see 22 of my RCC Cadets have joined IBMA for 12th BMA long course. It is an all time record, I understand, for any cadet College. This is exactly 50% of total intake from Cadet Colleges in 12th BMA long course. Day before yesterday I received Ex-College Prefect Baqui. I told him that he must get the Sword of Honour. Even to-day I have been working for some RCC Cadets for better career some-where. I am bound up with RCC heart and soul, flesh and blood, thoughts and aspirations. If I continue about you and Rajshahi Cadet College I can continue writing endlessly. Permit me to repeat my all time aspiration - " I want to remain proud of you so long I am alive." I bow down my head and raise my hands in my silence prayer for glories after glories for you and all Cadets of Rajshahi Cadet College of yesterday, to-day and to-morrow. Please pray for me and my family. Give my best of wishes to all Ex-Cadets of Rajshahi Cadet College.

With best of love and affection for you,  
I remain,  
Your sincerely,  
Shamsul Hoda  
Lt Col  
(Principal, FCC)

SIR: TC US YOU WILL ALWAYS REMAIN ONE OF US

### ORCA NEWS

#### ORCA CINE CLUB

The most active activity area of ORCA has become inactive since May, 1983. The office bearers of the club can better say why it has happened. One reason is understood to be the reluctance of Bangladesh Film Censor Board to give permission to any society for screening Indian films. But that goes so far as Indian film are concerned. Films of other countries have also not been screened. Cine club members are getting impatient. It is understood that ORCA Central Executive Committee is taking steps to revive the cine club and once again enable frequent get-togethers of ORCA members to take place.

#### ORCA BLOOD DONATION CLUB

The Club is thriving with activity. The 1st Blood Donation Programme of the club was held on 6 June, 1982. Till 2nd August, 1983, in 13 programmes and a number of individual donations, about 650 ORCA members and well-wishers have donated blood.

Programmes held till April, 1983 are :

7th Programme : 12 April '83.

at Home Economics College: 51 donors  
Chief Guest: Maj. Gen(Retd.) Abdul Jabbar.

8th Programme : 26 April, '83

at Eden College : 74 donors  
Chief Guest : Poet Shamsur Rahman

9th Programme : 23 May, '83

BMDC Participants: 8 donors

10th Programme : 3 June '83

ORCA members and well-wishers: 21 donors  
Chief Guest : Air Vice(Retd) A. G. Mahmud

11th Programme : 6 June '83

BMDC Faculty Members : 12 donors.

12th Programme : 2 July '83

14th Batch Members : 20 donors  
Chief Guest : Editor Obaidul Huq

13th Programme : 2 Aug. '83

at Jahangir Nagar Varsity: 86 donors  
Chief Guest Maj Gen (Retd) Abdul Jabbar

ORCA salutes all the donors and looks forward to their continued sacrifice. A number of ORCA members helped in organizing the programmes. 13th batch and 14th batch members gave a great hand. In preparing banners, Chowdhury Md. Firoz bin Alam, and in photography, Samir Ahmed, both ORCA well-wishers, were great helps.

After the 10th Blood Donation Programme, the 5 Aug. issue of Bangladesh Observer came up with an editorial on BLOOD DONATION extracts of which run as follows :

"The response of the volunteer donors to the call of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society has been encouraging since the beginning. Students, members of different clubs and many others have get examples by donating their blood on a voluntary basis. The Old Rajshahi Cadets Association (ORCA) is one of such organisations whose members have risen to the occasion to alleviate the suffering of the patients who are badly in need of blood for their proper medical treatment. It organised the 10th blood donation programme at the Bangladesh Red Cross blood centre recently. It collected forty bags of blood from the donors on Friday. These are in addition to the 500 bags of blood collected by the ORCA during the last one year."

Letter: Secretary General, BDRCS

A letter from Maj Ali Hassan Quoreshi (Retd.), Secretary General, BDRCS states:

"May I tell you how grateful we are to the ORCA...for all the efforts made for making the voluntary Blood Programme popular and success. In fact, the ORCA has been the single most dynamic Organisation in making a breakthrough in overcoming the people's prejudices against voluntary blood donation. The BDRCS is indeed grateful and it acknowledges and accepts the most valuable part played by the ORCA in this field"

#### ORCA SCHOLARSHIPS

Because of delay in pooling funds for Scholarships for 1983, the award could not be announced earlier. A meeting of the Executive Committee held on 4 Sept. '83, decided to award Scholarships effective Jan. '83, till Dec. '83 to :

Md. S.A. Sirajee (7/363) : Tk. 200/-  
Md. Abdullah (10/524): Tk. 200/-  
Zahid Hossain (13/721): Tk. 100/-

A few more awards will be made after some of the applicants forward necessary documents.

Apart from the donors listed earlier, Selim Chowdhury (2/327), working in World Food Programme, has graciously come forward to donate Tk. 1200/- to Scholarship Fund for 1983. Thank you, magnanimous man!

#### PRE - CADET COACHING CENTRE

The 2nd batch students of the centre are attending classes from 1 Sept. '83. The 3rd batch will start from Dec. '83. MEMBERS : PROMOTE THE CENTRE TO BOOST OUR BENEVOLENT FUND. Office Secretary Md. Younus is doing a great job. Apart from him, the teachers are Sufi Haider (5/245), Humayun Kabir (5/226) and Neamul Bashir of 14th batch (he is giving excellent services to ORCA alongwith some others of his batch).

#### EMPLOYMENT COUNSELLING

As mentioned earlier, Monzurul Haque (3/135) is doing a great job of providing short term assignments to 5/6 ORCA members for the last 7/8 months. Waheeduzzaman (3/84) is also particular about providing assignments to ORCA members. But they have their limitation which one should appreciate.

#### ANTI-SMOKING DRIVE

ORCA has been accepted as a member of the National Committee on Prevention and Control of Smoking. This committee is sponsored by Bangladesh Association for Advancement of Medical Sciences, chaired by Prof. Nurul Islam of IPGMR. Md. Humayun Kabir of 5th batch, is representing ORCA in the committee. Humayun is serving in Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies.

#### CHARITY- SHOW

The 2nd charity pop-concert sponsored by ORCA was held at Sonargaon Hotel on May 20, 1983. The show was preceded by an unscheduled Dance-and-Dinner Party held at the same place on May 19, '83 (the previous evening). This was a factor in depressing our sales. However, ORCA was spared from imminent loss of big amount. Sales on the show-day helped us so much so that after covering expenses, about Tk. 5,000/- remained as surplus. It was a great relief from a desperate and frustrating position.

As usual, Jashim was the Coordinator. He was ably assisted by a host of ORCA members, some of whom are :

Mahfuzul Haque, Maj Manish, Maj Harun, Mahfuzullah, Faroque, Hasanuzzaman, Sabbir, Junaid, Rattan, Ahmed Ali, Itu, Lulu, Kamal, Zubayer (I am sure to have missed some names). THANKS to all of them who have put in so much of effort for the epic show costing us so much. And Thanks to all the volunteers of the show-day.

ORCA well-wishers who deserve special mention are Mr. Rumi (for preparing and putting-up attractive ads in the newspapers), Firoz bin Alam (for preparing posters), Samir Ahmed (for photography) and Faujiaus Selim and Helal (more of ORCA members than OFA).

Special thanks is due to Mr. Wahabuzzaman, Manager (Training) of Sunargaon Hotel for his very close cooperation during the project. A former teacher of FCC (for 20 years), Mr. Zaman is a great well-wisher of ORCA.

We also acknowledge the cooperation of Mr. Jahir Chowdhury, Catering Manager of Sonargaon Hotel.

Dear Brother :

The Almighty has blessed you with the opportunity whereby you are possibly much better placed than most of us here in this country. Some of you are by now well established. Those who are studying, we pray that in due course you prosper in life.

In our quest for better life and living, let us not lose sight of the fact that there are some in our fraternity who are greatly handicapped in mobilizing reasonable funds for their study within this country. After going through "privileged" education costing the government thousands, a few have to drop-out on passing HSC. Since January, '82, we have been trying to help some of our direly needy brothers so that they can continue with their studies. Some of our members provided the much needed fund. But much of the support came from members from within the country. It appears that most of the serving members abroad are rather indifferent to the suffering of their brethren coming from a common root. Even the appeal for a yearly subscription for \$ 12 was nearly entirely unheeded by earning as well as student-members abroad. We are aware of the hardship many of our student - brothers are facing abroad. But what about those who could have helped as in our efforts with just 10/12 dollars -- or even 5 dollars? This year, as well as last year, we had to turn down some of our younger brothers who are (or were) sorely in need of support.

The sacrifice some of our members here have made (or are making) to make ORCA what is today will go in vain unless it is backed by adequate financial support.

PLEASE COME FORWARD IN WHATEVER WAY YOU CAN. THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE ---THANK YOU.

Members in USA & Canada can send their donations to Engr. S.I. Siddique, 56 Glenwood Avenue, Apt 34, Jersey City, N.J. 07306. He would forward accumulated amounts to us in one bank draft so that we do not have to pay the high commission on each single draft.

Sincerely,  
*Abdul Hamid*  
Abdul Hamid 7 Sep '83  
General Secretary.

Members in other parts of the world can make their drafts payable to the F/C account: MIRZA MANIRUL HASSAN, HDS/DLR/6635, Janata Bank Foreign Exchange Branch, Dhaka. Mail your drafts to General Secretary, ORCA, 8/16 Sir Syed Rd. Mohammadpur, Dhaka-7.

YOUR BROTHERS NEED YOUR HELPING HAND. DONATE TO ORCA SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

APPEAL TO OUR BROTHERS AT HOME

Unless our modest efforts are adequately backed by your financial support, ORCA cannot survive. Those who have cleared past dues, please register as member for 1983-84. Subscription rates remain: Tk. 30/- for student member and Tk. 100/- for earning member. Please send M/O or bank drafts to General Secretary, 8/16 Sir Syed Road, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-7. Make B/D payable to: "Old Rajshahi Cadets Association".

NEXT ISSUE OF SPAN CAN BE MAILED ONLY TO THOSE WHO ARE SO CONSIDERATE AS TO HELP ORCA FINANCIALLY. (Please appreciate our fund constraints). HELP US TO MAKE ORCA AN ORGANISATION YOU CAN BE PROUD OF.

--- MORE NEWS

\* A Stalwart Gets Married

It is A.N.M. Waheeduzzaman, one, to whom ORCA is greatly indebted. The bride: Syeda Masuma Begum of Rangpur. Date: 10th March, 1983. A large number of ORCA members attended the wedding reception on 19 March '83.

\* A.S.M. Shamsuzzaman (4/171) - a mariner, invited all ORCA members to his marriage & wedding reception held on 14 & 16 Aug. '83. The bride: Farzana Yasmin. The marriage and wedding reception were largely attended.

\* Ulfat Hussain (4/191) - Serving as teacher in Libya, has got married on 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug. '83.

at Saidpur. He invited all ORCA members to his marriage.

\* Aminul Islam (4/150) - Another mariner, got married on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. '83 at Chapai Nawabganj.  
\* Musharraf Hossain (4/173) joined Chartered Bank

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\* Rezaul Hassan - Chairman  
\* Farhad Chowdhury - Member  
\* Abdul Hamid - Advisor

Mailing Assisted by :  
Javed (12th batch), Dipu, Chengis, Quamruzzaman and Firoz (14th batch), Abdul Habib (a well wisher)  
Acknowledgements: Capt Abdul Hafiz (6th batch)

AN INVITATION FROM ABDUL HAMID (1/1)

DEAR MEMBER/WELL WISHER: Please make it possible to attend my wedding-reception to be held on Thursday, 15th September, '83, at Bangladesh Management Development Centre, 4, Sobhanbag, Mirpur Road, Dhaka-7. Time : 7:30 P.M. If you are married, please bring 4. If you are far away and cannot come, please pray for us. My union with