



THE BOMBAY SAPPERS

Quarterly News Letter

APRIL TO JUNE 2007

CONGRATULATIONS APPOINTMENT : GP SUB MAJ



JC-216103M Sub Maj/DPMT Gurmit Singh has been appointed as Group Subedar Major of the Bombay Engineer Group and Centre vice JC-209560X Sub Maj & Hony Capt (Elect) Avrar Ahmed proceeded on retirement with effect from 30 Jun 2007 (AN).

Born on 15 Aug 1955, Sub Maj Gurmit Singh was enrolled into The Bombay Sappers on 11 Jul 1975.

On completion of basic military training and trade training, he was posted to 269 Engr Regt and served in Saugor, Nagrota, Kota, Bathinda, Rangiya, in 112 Engr Regt at Sukna, Leh, Nazirabad and 106 Engr Regt at Misa Camp(Assam). He also had four tenure of Instr as mentioned below:-

- Ø CIFE, BEG & Centre from Jun 1986 to Mar 1991 & Nov 2006 to till date.
- Ø CME, Pune as Instr YOs, EOCEI & CEIJ from Mar 1995 to Mar 1999.
- Ø Inf School Belgaum as Instr Commando from Oct 2004 to Oct 2006.

He was awarded COAS Commendation Card for Flood relief operations in Punjab in 1993 and participated in Op VIJAY & Op PARAKRAM.

The JCO is well qualified and has earned 'A' gradings in CEIJ, D&M, BDJ & EPC Courses.

After successful inning in the Regiment and Inf School Belgaum, he was finally selected for the coveted appointment of Group Subedar Major and assumed the prestigious appointment on 01 Jul 2007.

We wish him a rewarding tenure.



Change of Batons

PROMOTIONS

All Ranks of The Bombay Sappers send their heartiest congratulations to Brig Rajeev Datt and Brig MA Naik, VSM on their approval to Two Star and wish them many more promotions in the days to come.

We also congratulate Lt Cols N Mukherjee, Birender Singh, RK Sharma, Vikas Rohella, Rakesh Kharab, Sukhwant Singh, SM, Neeraj Gosain, Mohit Nasa, S Chawla, MKA Pillai, SM, RV Ghodake, NM Chandrana, Sanjay Singh, Adhir Mathur, NP Arora and R Kumar on their approval to the rank of Colonel. We wish them many more promotions in the days to come.

NEWS FROM THE CENTRE

New Commanding Officers

Col S Ramanathan – An Engr Regt
Lt Col Anil Sen – BD Coy
Col Birender Singh – An Engr Regt
Col RK Sharma – An Engr Regt*
Col Rakesh Kharab – An Engr Regt*
Col Sukhwant Singh, SM – An Engr Regt*
Col Neeraj Gosain – An Engr Regt*
Col Adhir Mathur – An Engr Regt
Col CN Mahendrabhai – An Engr Regt*
Col MS Deol – An Engr Regt*
(*Yet to take over the Command)

CENTRE : ARRIVALS/DEPARTURES

Arrivals

Col Manoj Mehta – Engr Bde
Lt Col AK Majumdar – Pnr Coy
Lt Col Nirupam Dhar – Task Force
Maj N Krishnan – RCC GREF
Lt Kriupakaran – 10 SIKH

Departures

Lt Col RD Singh – HQ Naval Area
Lt Col RK Srivastava – DRDO HQ
Maj Sunil Kumar Suhag – An Engr Regt
Maj Sandeep Maindolia – GE (P) Hissar
Maj SK Karn – Assam Rifles
Maj SB Kenjale – Armd Regt

Param Vir Chakra Day Celebrations

Param Vir Chakra Day was celebrated on 11 Apr 2007. Offrs Vs JCOs Basketball match and Battalionwise barakhana marked the PVC Day celebrations. A dinner at the Bombay Sappers Officers' Mess was hosted on the occasion, which was graced by many serving and ret'd Bombay Sapper officers in station. Mrs RR Rane was chief guest of the function. A band concert organised on the occasion enthralled the audience.



Visit CE Southern Command

Maj Gen Ashok Sinha, Chief Engineer Southern Command visited the Centre on 19 Apr 2007. On his arrival, he was introduced to the officers and senior JCOs of the Centre. After a briefing, he was conducted around various

institutions, training area, model rooms in the Centre. A banquet was hosted in his honour.

Seminar on “Emerging Trends in Combat Engineering Equipments”

A seminar on “Emerging Trends in Combat Engineering Equipments” was held at Hotel Le Meridien, Pune on 25 Apr 2007. The seminar was jointly organised by the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce Industries and Agriculture alongwith HQ Southern Command and this Centre. It was attended by the senior army officers, representatives of DRDO and the industry. Lt Gen Aditya Singh, PVSM, AVSM**, ADC, GOC-in-C Southern Command inaugurated the seminar. In his opening address he expressed that the times have changed and so have the combat operations.



Nowadays, the enemy remains unknown to us and hence industries should be geared up for challenges and manufacture equipments to counter the unseen enemies. Lt Gen BS Dhaliwal, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, E-in-C and Senior Col Comdt of Corps of Engrs presided over the valedictory function.

Visit Southern Army Cdr

Lt Gen Aditya Singh, PVSM, AVSM**, ADC, the Southern Army Cdr honoured the Centre with his gracious visit on 27 Apr 2007. After introduction to the officers and senior JCOs of the Centre, the Comdt briefed him.



A visit to various institutions, motivation hall, Jawan Jankari Kaksha, training area and Model rooms was conducted. He also visited the AWWA Girls Hostel Kirkee and showed keen interest in Jathropa Plantations at Dighi Area.

He expressed that the Centre is well maintained and reflects the standards of the Corps. He complimented for the plantations undertaken in the training area and directed to work on the long term greening project for Dighi Hills area so that it can provide a verdant Green Lung and become a model.





He was presented with the Coffee Table Book of the Centre “Tradition of Valour – An Illustrated Saga of The Bombay Sappers”.



Mrs Uma Singh, President AWWA Southern Command visited the Centre. A visit to AWWA BEG was conducted on the occasion. He appreciated the initiative taken by BEG AWWA in the Welfare and upliftment of families of the JCOs/OR of the Centre.



Wings Presentation Ceremony

It is a matter of great pride for the Bombay Sappers when Maj Sandeep Singh Sambyal was pipped with “Wings” of the “Aviation Corps” at CAAT Devlali. Lt Gen S Pattabhiraman, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd) former VCOAS & Col Comdt, The Bombay Sappers and Brig VK Bhatt, SM, VSM, Comdt attended the presentation Ceremony on 12 May 2007.



Capt AK Mehta brought laurel to the Corps of Engineers by standing first in the order of merit. All Bombay Sappers convey their best wishes and heartiest felicitations to both Sapper offrs.

Visit Ex VCOAS & Col Comdt, The Bombay Sappers

Lt Gen S Pattabhiraman, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd), former VCOAS and Col Comdt, The Bombay Sappers visited the Centre on 17 May 2007. He specifically came to attend the Wings Presentation Ceremony to Maj SS Sambyal at Arty Centre Devlali on 15 May 2007. During his visit to the Centre, he was briefed on the activities of the Centre and conducted around the Centre institutions.

Visit : E-in-C, UK Army

Brig Chris Sexton, E-in-C, UK Army alongwith Brig Clive Elderton, OBE, Military Attaché visited the Centre on 21 Jun 2007. He was briefed on the activities of the Centre and conducted around the Centre institutions. A wreath was laid at the Bombay Sappers Memorial by him and a banquet was hosted at Bombay Sappers Officers' Mess in his honour.



Visit : French Delegation

Lt Col Philippe B and Lt Jean Paul of French Army visited the Centre on 22 Jun 2007. They were briefed on the activities of the Centre and were conducted around the Centre institutions. Exchange of training methodology adopted by the Engrs of the two Armies were shared.





NEWS FROM THE RECORDS

Promotion JCOs. JCOs/NCOs upto the date of seniority shown against each have been promoted during the period from 01 Apr to 30 Jun 2007 :-

Type of Promotion	Seniority of last promotee
Sub Maj (GD)	01.04.2002
Sub Maj (Clk GD)	01.11.1999
Sub Maj (SKT)	21.12.2000
Sub (GD)	01.09.2003
Sub (Clk GD)	01.05.2000
Sub (SKT)	01.05.2001
Nb Sub (GD)	01.04.1998
Nb Sub (Clk GD)	01.06.1994
Nb Sub (SKT)	01.05.2001
Nk (GD) to Hav (GD)	09.06.2001
Nk (Clk GD) to Hav (Clk GD)	01.0.2004
Nk (SKT) to Hav (SKT)	01.04.2003
Spr/LNk(GD) to Nk (GD)	25.01.1999 *
Spr/LNk (Clk GD) to Nk (Clk GD)	03.0.2002*
Spr/LNk (SKT) to Nk (SKT)	14.03.1996*

* Date of enrolment.

Recruitment : 65 recruits were enrolled during Apr to Jun 2007.

Inter Arms Transfer : 01 OR transferred in the Centre.

NEWS FROM THE UNITS

103 Engr Regt

The second quarter of the year was full of activities. The 'Sada Praveen' Regiment was actively involved in CETC, EWT, Op wks and preparation for move on permanent relief.

Annual CETC was conducted from 19 Feb to 31 Mar 07. The main emphasis of CETC was on CTF training and validation of modification and innovations. Demos of Establishment and functioning of FED and Constr of DOT mechanically were conducted by the Regiment.

Validation of Construction of DOT mechanically using Tractors, MTL and hydraulic picket driver and were Hydraulic picket driver based on commercial tractor. This innovation was successfully used during 'Ex Ashwamedh' carried out successfully.



Lt Gen P C Katoch, UYSM, AVSM, SC, GOC Corps, Maj Gen BB Sharma, VSM, CE Comd and Brig Manik Sabharwal, SM, Cdr Engr Bde visited the Regiment during the period.



CETC was followed by Ex Brahmastra II and Brahmastra III as Pre-EWT to Ex

Ashwamedh as part of a strike fmn. Regt minus one fd coy participated in Ex Ashwamedh from 26 Apr to 05 May 07 and establishment of composite crossing, two Rd H RPs, Corps WP, Op and adm support to Engr Bde and Store mgt were the few engineer tasks were executed



In Sports/adventure, Capt Vishnukavitha participated in Sailing Expedition from Mumbai to Porbander from 27 Feb to 15 Apr 2007 org by the Corps of Engrs on board 'Trishna'. The Unit Volley ball team participated in Inter Regt Volleyball ball competition wef 09 May 2007 to 12 May 2007 and stood third.

Unit FWC has been institutionalized and courses Tailoring, Fabric painting, Embroidery and Tuition for children were conducted during this quarter at FWC

Arrivals

Lt Col Adhir Mathur - Engr Bde
Lt Col Rajinder Kumar - GE (E) Ferozpur
Maj Deepak Palande - CME
Maj Atul Bhardwaj - UN MSN
Lt Naidu Rohit Kumar - IMA Dehradun

Departures

Col PS Mangat, VSM, - CE (P) Deepak.
Lt Col Sandeep Lamba - Engr Bde.
Maj Amit Sakhre - NSG.
Maj H S Ahluwalia - CE, SWC

107 Engr Regt

In the last quarter, the Regiment was committed and heavily involved in various tasks including engineer support, operational works, training activities, construction of shelters and ancillaries located in Div sector. Amidst the

changing terrain and weather conditions, a range of activities have taken place.

IED teams were deployed at various location in the formation. In addition, their professionalism was displayed in the successful destruction of IEDs. The team destroyed three RL shells and three Chinese grenades in presence of police rep and rep of SIKH LI. The team also destroyed Rocket Propeller Shell, Chinese Grenades, Impact action and safety fuses. Besides these, the unit destroyed an IEDs weighing 5kgs, 8kgs and 8kgs of cylindrical shaped recovered from the villages.

The task forces of the unit are presently deployed in construction of operational track, PDs and habitats.

Ten flood relief teams of the unit have been earmarked to be deployed in Div AOR. Flood relief stores have been placed alongwith OBM operators at respective locations in Div AOR.

On 09 May 2007 at around 1215h civil bus plying from Rangiya to Guwahati toppled in front of unit gate. Bus carrying approx 50 to 60 passengers. All the passengers evacuated from bus to safe place and provided first aid from unit MI Room.

05 x IED teams were deployed for smooth conduct of Asian Grand Prix at Sarusajai Stadium from 20 -25 Jun 2007.

Major training events viz, awareness capsule on IEDs, NBC cadres, unit level IED cadres, OBM training and ummedwar 'N' cadres were conducted during the period.

Maj Gen Gyan Bhushan, VSM, GOC Mtn Div visited the unit during the period.

CEME and MARS Inspections wre carried out during the period. CO, 2IC, JCOs of the unit attended various conferences/gave presentations during the period.

Family Welfare Centre is being organised every month in the unit. Classes on candle, agarbati and phenyl making have been organised for the families of PBOR. Tuition classes for children of PBOR is being regularly conducted. A civ teacher has been employed to

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impart tuition to children above class VIII. Tuition classes for children upto class VII is being conducted by Edn NCO.

'SHATRUJEET' NCOs Institute has been opened for all NCOs of the unit.

In Sports, Athletes from the unit participated in Inter Formation Cross Country Championship as part of Div Troops team.

Arrival

Lt Col Pavan Kumar - GE Coimbatore

Departures

Maj HP Singh - On DSSC Course
Capt APS Chauhan - Assam Rifles

109 Rapid(S) Engr Regt

The period under review saw a plethora of events taking place in the Regiment. The move of Regiment to its new location after spending 13 years at the previous location was indeed a challenge and also an opportunity to explore the new arenas of the professional life. However, in the characteristic 'Bombay Sappers' style all the problems were sorted out and Regiment moved to its new location without any incident.

Maj Gen Gautam Banerjee, YSM, CE Comd, Maj Gen SG Chatterji, VSM, GOC and Brig V Menon, VSM CE Corps HQ visited the unit during the period. Maj Gen SG Chatterji, VSM, GOC Rapid(S) HQ addressed the Special Sainik Sammelan during the visit.

The unit conducted its CETC from 01 May to 15 Jun 2007. It was an excellent opportunity for the Regiment to get oriented to the developed terrain as per the operational requirement. At the end of the collective training, a regimental exercise was conducted.

Capt Ranvir Grewal is undergoing Pre-Army Pilot Course at Army Aviation Training School which is pre requisite for induction into Army Aviation Corps.

In Sports, The Regiment added another feather to its cap by winning the Bombay Sappers Inter Unit Volleyball Championship for

the year 2007 on 13 Apr 2007 held at BEG & Centre. This is the first time in the history of the unit to win the Volleyball Tournament.



The Regiment participated in Inter Regiment Football Championship and secured fifth position.

Sprs Harpal Singh, Sargar Vijay and Sukchan Singh from the Regiment have been selected for the Bombay Sappers Rowing Node.

Two STD booths have been established for communication of troops and their families. One has been established in the unit line and the other in family quarters.

Troops and families are being encouraged to join the basic computer course held by divisional HQ. Rs.100/- is being given as incentive from the Regiment for joining the computer course. 05 OR and 04 families and children are presently doing the course. 04 computers have been installed at Male Memorial Hall in the unit to train the children of PBOR and soldiers who have done basic computer course.

A visit was organised for all JCOs/OR families to Haridwar on 27 May 2007. It was a welcome break and an opportunity for the families to pay their respect at the holy city.

Arrivals

Maj Ajay Garg - CME

Departures

Lt Col Ravinder Singh - HQ DGBR
Lt Col HK Jha - Engr Wks Sec

111 Engr Regt

During the period under review, various training were conducted viz:- construction of 31

kms DOT in desert terrain, liaison for mine laying task with Inf Div, establishment of Corps/Bde water points, FED, composite crossing across minefield in conjunction with a canal, collection and shifting of 69 kms of ATW CI-12 and repair of breaches in canal and distributaries.

A team of officers gave presentation to officers appearing in Part 'B' exam on Field Marshal Cariappa on 26 Jun 2007, similarly a presentation of country study on Afghanistan was delivered on 27 Jun 2007.

Inter Regiment Volleyball Championship for the year 2007-08 has been conducted by the Regiment from 08 – 12 May 2007. The unit team stood third in overall championship and three sportsmen were selected for the Brigade team. In Football, the unit team bagged fourth position in overall championship.

Brig Manik Sabharwal, SM, Cdr Engr Bde and Brig Vishwambhar Singh, Cdr Engr Bde visited the unit during the period.

Lt Col AS Chonker of the unit posted as GSO1 (Ops) was selected for UN Mission Ethiopia (UNMEE)

Arrivals

Maj Sunil Kumar – CME
Lt Anant Ramesh Chari– OTA Chennai

Departures

Maj PK Seetharam – DSSC Wellington
Maj Arun Dahiya – GE Vizag
Capt Sachin Sharma – On EODE Course
Capt Ravindra Kumar – On EODE Course

112 Engr Regt

The second quarter of the year was an eventful one, with the unit involved in handing over of charges with another Engineer Regiment on relief. Notwithstanding with these commitments, Regiment also involved itself in multifarious significant activities like guard duties of Comd and Bde HQ, Op works of Sig Gp, execution of Op works at FMA, execution of bore wells and construction of shelter at Primary School.

The Regiment celebrated its 41st Raising Day with traditional pomp and enthusiasm from 01 – 04 Apr 2007. Various functions involving all Ranks were organized in the unit.

The Regiment also received advance party of an Engr Regt on 18 May 2007 and advance party of the unit moved to new location during May 2007.

Production of training movie on construction of helipad and FAARPs for Corps of Engrs has been completed after incorporation of music, commentary, mixing and final editing by project officer Lt Col AP Varughese at Armed Forces Film and Photo Division, Delhi.

Lt Gen RR Goswami, Comdt, CME addressed All Ranks of the Regiment on 23 Jun 2007 followed by tea with troops before move to new location.

Maj Gen AK Bedi, Dy Comdt, CME and Brig MS Gujral, Cdr Engr Bde carried out Annual Adm Inspection and Annual Technical Inspections on 17 May and 24 May 2007 respectively.

In Sports, the Regiment Volleyball team participated in the Bde Volleyball Championship and PVC Day Inter Unit Volleyball Tournament.

Arrivals

Maj Avtar Singh – An Engr Regt
Lt Shivani Garg – OTA Chennai

Departures

Lt Col Ajit P Varughese – SEMT, CME
Maj Rahul Khanna – An Engr Regt
Capt KK Giri – BEG & Centre
Capt R Ajit Keerthi – RMPL, GREF
Capt A Srivastava – Assam Rifles

114 Armd Engr Regt

Column of the unit was called upon by civil administration for disposal of Live Hand Grenade on 02 Jun 2007. The grenade was destroyed by using explosive.

One Column of the unit was called by the civil administration on 17 Jun 2007 to help in Betwa River in Orchha village. One officer,

two JCOs and 10 OR alongwith 02 BAUTs and OBMs were sent for recovering the bodies.

Regiment took part in CC level exercise conducted for the visit of C-in-C of Chilean Army on 30 Apr 2007. In addition, Sarvatra, FWMOP and AERV equipments were also displayed.

As a culmination to the CETC, unit exercise was carried out during the last phase of training from 01 Apr to 04 Apr 2007. The exercise was planned in desert terrain. One Composite Field Squadron was also exercised to fight dirty. One Squadron of the unit participated in final exercise of CC ATC from 19 Apr to 21 Apr 2007. One officer, three JCOs and 12 OR participated in the exercise.

GOC Armd Div besides his visit at the CETC location also visited the unit on 15 – 17 May 2007. The Southern Army Cdr also visited the unit during the period.

In Sports, Regiment Basketball team participated in Col Comdt, Inter Unit Basketball Championship 2007 held at BEG & Centre and secured second position. It also bagged second position in the VC Day Inter Unit Volleyball Championship 2007.

The unit participated in Armd Div Wrestling from 26-29 May 2007. Two players of the Regiment won medals (01 Gold and 01 Silver Medal) and they were selected for Wrestling Team for Command Championships.

Arrivals

Lt Col CD Kaushal
Capt KS Chahar

116 Engr Regt

In the second quarter of the year, the Sarva Kirtiman was fully committed in several activities and there has been constant endeavour to focus on certain important issues, which include operational works, training, innovations, trials and sports.

One Fd Coy carried out Raft construction for induction/deinduction of tanks. GOC Inf Div appreciated the excellent work

done by the Regiment which construction the ferry within the operational requirement timings.

The Regiment participated as part of control during EWT of Inf Div and provided necessary umpiring staff and close engineer support to HQ Inf Div.

Div Mine Laying Competition was conducted from 09 Apr to 14 Apr 2007. Total ten Inf Bns participated in the said competition. The Regiment was tasked to coord & conduct the competition on behalf of Inf Div.

One week OBM cadre has been carried out at Golden Arrow Sailing Club to train maximum sappers in handling of OBMs which becomes a very critical activity during flood relief operations.

Lt Gen Noble Thamburaj, SM, GOC and Col Comdt, The Bombay Sappers accompanied by Maj Gen Munish Sibal, GOC Inf Div visited the Regiment on 28 May 2007.

In Sports, Volleyball team from the Regiment participated in PVC Day Inter Unit Volleyball tournament 2007 at the Centre and ranked sixth position.

Lt Col I Borgohain and Maj KS Deochakke have been awarded with AOC-in-C Commendation Card and Nk Jagtar Singh has been awarded the GOC-in-C Western Command Commendation Card. LHav Hariom Singh earned the GOC 11 Corps Appreciation on the Republic Day 2007. Our heartiest congratulations to them.

Unit organised an Open Air Cinema Theatre at unit location and CSD extension counter at Family Welfare Centre complex as welfare measure of troops and their families. The Regiment was tasked to coord and conduct the drawing competition on behalf of Inf Div HQ on 21 May 2007. 11 Children from AWWA Family of the unit participated in Golden Arrow Summer Camp 2007 organised from 16- 23 May 2007. Educative lectures on “Prevention of Malaria” was organised at Family Welfare Centre.

Departures

Maj JC Lohani - *RCC GREF*
Capt Rohit Sinha - *RR Bn*

118 Engr Regt

The period from Apr to Jun 2007 saw a frenzy of activities for the family of 'Parishram Se Nipunta'. Not only did the Regiment continue to put its best foot forward, but also outshone in every activity.

During the quarter, unit was actively involved in org of China Seminar, celebration of Baisakhi, erection of pre fabricated shelter at COS Resident and War Memorial Gate, Construction of one Gazebo and fountain at Corps HQ Galaxy, construction of Machan at Madhuban Park, fabrication work of children park items and construction of bridge at North Sikkim.

Quarterly BPET, PPT and annual CETC was successfully completed during the period. The task forces of the Regiment constructed various bridges at North Sikkim during the period.

Lt Gen KS Jamwal, AVSM, VSM**, GOC-in-C, Comd, Lt Gen BS Dhaliwal, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, E-in-C, Lt Gen Susheel Gupta, AVSM, VSM, DCOAS (IS&T), Lt Gen Satyabeer Singh Yadav, UYSM, AVSM, Comdt Inf School and Lt Gen PK Singh, AVSM, GOC-in-C Comd were the dignitaries that honoured the Regiment with their gracious visit.

In Sports, Regiment Basketball team won the Corps Troops Inter Unit Basketball Tournament and Regiment Handball team secured second position in Corps Troops Inter Unit Handball Tournaments.

Arrivals

Lt Joseph John P

Departures

Capt VB Bandal
Capt GS Bazwa

119 Aslt Engr Regt

It was yet another eventful quarter for the DON! The unit was actively involved in conduct of CETC, unit level training, various sports, demonstrations and visits of senior officers.

Unit conducted the CETC and demolition firing at Field Firing Range. Cdr Engr Bde and CE Comd visited the unit at CETC location during the period. CO attended the conference held at Bde Ops Room at CETC location and discussed the modalities of CETC.

Unit participated in the PVC Day Inter Unit Volleyball Tournament on 01 Apr 2007 and secured fifth position in the Group. In Inter Regiment Volleyball Competition, the unit stood third.

Unit bagged first, second and fourth position in the Inter Regiment Watermanship Competition, Night Navigation Competition and Junior Leader Quiz Competition respectively.

The Bombay Sappers Rowing Node participated in the 10th Sub Junior and 12th Challenger Rowing Championship held at Hussain Sagar Lake, Hyderabad on 10 Jun 2007 and won one Gold and three Bronze medals.

Arrivals

Lt Col AK Chanda – *Mtn Div*
Maj Shashikant Waghmode – *CME*
Maj Amit Dhand – *CME*

Departures

Maj Praveen Ahlawat – *RCC (GREF)*
Capt Bhaskar Jha – *RR Bn*

120 Engr Regt

During the second quarter of the year, the Regiment has added many more feathers to its crown and continues to work, with true traditions of sappers, in keeping the flag of Corps of Engrs flying high in the formation.

The Regiment was heavily committed in completion of the operational works for the financial year 2006-07, inspite of unending commitments in the Corps zone. The Regiment completed all the operational works worth Rs 2.73 crores as also physically close of all jobs.

Regiment went about vigorously conducting various training events during the quarter. BPET, PPT and Range classification was conducted for the quarter. The Regiment

also carried out an IED cadre in the newly built IED model/training hall to train all ranks in IED & CIED Operations. Besides this, the Regiment conducted lecture on organization and functioning of Engineer Regiment for a duration of one week, which was attended by all the NCOs of the unit, thereby ensured that the concept of functional cells is registered right down the chain.

The Regiment was runners up in the Corps Troops Firing Competition. In inter coy sports, Small Arms Firing and Volleyball Championship was conducted.

Golf coaching camp for children of Yol station was conducted at AEPTA from 14 to 19 May 2007 under arrangement of the unit. A coach was organised to teach the fundamentals of Golf to the children. The camp was attended by lot of young golf enthusiasts and was a huge success.

The Sappers from the Regiment went about the clearing of the Lantana from the station with clockwork precision using the latest bush cutting machines under the aegis of Eco Cell at Corps HQ. The efforts of the Sappers was called for special mention by the GOC in one of the station conference.

A Pagal Gymkhana for PBOR families of the cantonment was organised on 20 May 2007. All families of the station took part in the event. The unit organised a variety of games for ladies and children.

The Regiment has taken up the relaying of the greens and renovation work of AEPTA in a big way. A field platoon alongwith engineer plant are actively involved in Phase-I of the task. The progress of work has been highly appreciated by the GOC.

A Traffic Park was constructed by the Regiment at Rising Star Nursery School in record time within meager resources. The work has come up for lot of appreciation by President Rising Star AWWA. Satisfied with the work, the Regiment was further tasked to construct a covered sand pit for the children.

The Regiment carried out the task of construction of Ring bund at training area of NBC School. Three dozers, one JCB, one Road

Roller and four tippers worked round the clock for one month on the task with a field platoon.

A high pressure washing cum during machine was assembled by the Regiment out of the equipment manufactured by Bosch Pvt Ltd. The equipment was demonstrated to E-in-C and CE Comd on 18 May 2007 which has been appreciated and the equipment was retained at Comd HQ.

Lt Gen BS Dhaliwal, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, E-in-C & Sr Col Comdt, Corps of Engrs visited the Regiment on 09 Jun 2007. He was briefed by CO which was followed by tea with troops. The E-in-C applauded the newly raised Regiment.

Arrivals

Lt Mahesh Uniyal

Departures

Lt Col SK Dubey

Maj Naveen Sawhney

Mah H Bhattacharya

Capt SS Sethi

267 Engr Regt

During the quarter 'Hamesha-A-One' was actively involved in operational works, war games including provision of close engineer support to the formation and the developmental works.

The Regiment underwent its annual CETC from 07 Apr to 18 May 2007. The Regiment carried out training on construction of BAFH, MGB and extra wide Bailey Bridge and watermanship. Five officer, 19 JCOs and 392 OR were trained in live mine laying.

A demonstration on Combat Engineering tasks was organised on 09 May 2007 at CETC location. Maj Gen KMS Shergill, VSM, GOC Div attended the demo. The demo covered major aspects of combat engineer support. Demolition firing at field firing range was conducted from 10 May to 18 May 2007 wherein Infantry Pioneers were trained in preparation and firing of assault charges. Two officers, five JCOs and 77 OR of the unit underwent demolition training. The

Regiment trained five officers, 13 JCOs and 193 OR from Infantry Battalions of the Div in Watermanship during CETC. Div Mine Laying Competition was organised by the Regiment from 12 –15 Jun 2007 for the Infantry Battalions.

During the quarter, Maj Gen KMS Shergill, VSM, GOC Div, Maj Gen Gautam Banerjee, YSM, CE Comd visited the location during training camp.

Maj Rahul Oberoi of the Regiment has been selected for deputation to 60 RCC as CO.

Arrivals

Maj Sunil Suhag - *BEG & Centre*

Departures

Maj Suneel Rahaut - *Assam Rifles*

269 Engr Regt

'Ek Dam Fine' Regiment continued to leave a trail of finesse everywhere despite being heavily engaged in many tasks at the same time which includes Operational works, LC fence maintenance training activities, senior officers visits etc.

Maj Gen NB Patel, CE Comd, Brig KK Tikku, CE Zone, Brig R Bassi, SM, CE Corps, Cdr Mtn Bde and Mtn Arty Bde are a few names to count upon in visiting list of ours.

To enhance the Op efficacy of the Div AOR, LC Fence maint holds the importance and then implementation of WSS for the welfare of troops is at priority. Fd Coys are busy doing recce and providing stores for the same. Also the innovation of portable water supply scheme is under to be established.

The Regiment also participated in Div Innovation Mela 2007 with three innovations of Remote Svl Cameras (Electronic Eye), Mini Shrub master and Branch Prunner apart from the portable water supply scheme and modified Nallah gate system to cater for heavy monsoons in the region.

True to its spirit, Ek Dam Fine family members keep improving their course standards, which also results in CO's appreciation and prestigious awards to them in Regiment Sainik Sammelans.

Two more GOC-in-C's Commendation Cards were rewarded to Sub Devi Prasad and Nb Sub SK Sharma for their selfless dedication and efforts put in the tasks assigned to them.

Departures

Maj Vishal Kaushik - *GE (AF) Lohegaon*

Capt Abhyudaya Pant - *Assam Rifles*

Capt Saurabh Srivastava - *On EODE Course*

411 (I) Para Fd Coy

Supertroopers continued to exhort themselves to remain ahead in the paratrooper fraternity in all spheres. A platoon strength from the company which was inducted in high altitude alongwith a parachute battalion was initially involved in construction of operation works shelters at various locations in the area of responsibility of the battalion. In addition, the boys were tasked on the maintenance and upkeep of the Line of Control fencing in the Battalion area. The detachment under Capt Gagan Singh in UNIFIL as part of the fourth rotation of troops from the unit is due for de induction from the mission area in the month of Jul. The strength of the unit detachment was augmented to 1-1-20 consequent to the expansion of the mission post the Israel-Lebanon Conflict in Jul-Aug last year. The detachment under Capt Gagan Singh carried out extensive construction work in the Indian Battalion area in UNIFIL, which included establishment of new posts in order to accommodate the increased strength of troops. The next rotation of troops under Capt Rajesh Unnikrishnan is already in Delhi, preparing for their induction in UNIFIL.

In May, Capt Unnikrishnan and a section of Supertroopers were part of Airborne Battalion Group drop in a Corps Exercise in deserts. The section undertook its allotted tasks successfully after the parachute drop at night adding another success in the repertoire of successes of the company. June saw the Company busy with the construction of a Field Engineering Park with life size targets for training of the paratroopers on demolition, which is the most vital aspect of any special mission. An inter unit demolition competition of the formation was also conducted in the newly established training facility. In addition, the unit also conducted the formation inter unit mine laying competition after a gap of five years.

The unit completed the extension and renovation of the War Memorial, a project on for quite some time now. The memorial has acquired a new majestic look with the additional construction done by the unit. A new track was constructed in the formation training area by the unit using plant effort and the local resources available. The unit tradesmen were also at work in creating new obstacles in the Battle Obstacle Course and in renovation of the nature walk in the station besides numerous repairs and other trade related work in the station.

The unit team led by Capt Paras performed extremely well in the formation Battle Obstacle Course Competition in April. Paras and his party clocked the best timing amongst minor units and third best amongst the 14 participating teams. They did well to finish ahead of quite a few teams from the major units of the formation. In the formation, Inter-Unit Navigation competition, the unit team again led by Capt Paras Rehni acquitted themselves very well by finishing fourth amongst the officers' teams of the formation.

Four Eleven secured the runners-up position in the formation Football Competition conducted in Apr 07. The tourney saw some touching moments of triumph and anguish. The opening match was with the Para Gunners who were the favorites to win the tournament. Nevertheless, the FOUR ELEVEN team, led by OC himself played flawlessly and won 2-0. The dream run continued into the league matches, quarters and semis. In the eventual finale, despite controlling then game for most duration, the team lost 1-0 to 3 PARA (SF).

Char Sau Gyarah has also left an indelible mark in the field of adventure by putting up maximum participants for the Formation Army Adventure Cup team in May. The formation team comprising majority of Four Eleven men did well in the Command and Competition.

Arrivals

Capt Vivek Bandal - *An Engr Regt*

Departures

Capt Rajesh Unnikrishnan- *UN Mission*

414 (I) Engr Sqn

During this quarter, the Squadron was fully involved in the training as well as peace time commitments and various engineer training aspects in the formation.

The Squadron participated in skeleton in 'Ex Ashwamedh' and provided close engineer support to Armd Bde as Red Land. The Squadron also participated in a demo on 'Encounter Crossing' to the media personnel on 01 May 2007. The conduct was appreciated by every one and all present.

Formation collective training of Armd Bde is underway from 05 May to 07 Jun 2007. Live Mine Training, Small Arms and Demolition Training, Combat Field Engineering Tasks, Trawl Troops Tasks, Bridge Troop Tasks and HMV/Spl Veh/Desert Driving. All Ranks were trained in handling of GPS.

201 BD Coy

The Company was regularly deployed for anti sabotage check for COAS and other senior military dignitaries, Army Commanders Saloon and Army Commanders Hut and BD cover to various dignitaries

Regular anti sabotage checks are regularly carried out at the residence of Gen NC Vij, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC (Retd) and at Army House. Various lectures cum demonstrations are being organised on IED/BD equipments.

Lt Gen Noble Thamburaj, SM, GOC & Col Comdt, The Bombay Sappers and Brig VK Bhatt, SM, VSM visited the unit during the period.

Maj Gen Gautam Banerjee, YSM, CE Comd visited the unit to inspect mobilization of Disaster Management NBC QRT/QRMT during the period.

203 BD Coy

The state police officials visited the unit for latest IED training on 09 Apr 2007. 50 Trainees of Anti Sabotage Checking training visited the unit for the training on 27 Jun 2007.

The Company provided security cover to HE The President Of India during his visit to the Southern India during the period.

One BD team detailed for a brief task at Udaipur from 27 Jun to 02 Jul 2007.

Annual Departmental Inspection was carried out by Maj Gen Ashok Sinha, CE Comd on 27 Jun 2007.

Training on IED, BD and NBC was carried out regularly on weekly basis.

702 Engr Plant Unit

The second quarter of the year had always been a busy affair for the 'TRACK MARSHALS'. With the commencement of the rainy season, the dozers deployed for winter were relieved and dozer detachments got geared up for its monsoon deployment and landslide clearance. Eight dozers of the unit has been once again deployed in High Altitude Area in North and North East area of Sikkim for landslide clearance since Jun 2007 to ensure that lines of communication remain open for troops deployed in forward areas. Dozers of 'Track Marshals' are also carrying out counter weight of methods of Bailey Bridge launching in the hills of Sikkim.

One of the dozer of the unit is also deployed at Fort William, Kolkata for beautification work.

The appreciation DO letters from Comdt 16 FAD, CO 6 MLI and Stn Cdr 20 Wg AF were received by the unit in recognition of hard work put in by dozer operators and timely help provided by the unit.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

WEDDING BELLS



Maj Sumit Sharma, Capt Anand Kumar, Capt Alok Singh, Capt R Ravi, Capt Ravindra Kumar Capt Megha Astagikar and Capt Rajneesh Kumar tied the nuptial knot during the period. We wish them a happy and prosperous married life.

COURSES SPECIAL MENTION

<i>Lt Col Ravindra Singh (109 Rapid(S)ER)</i>		
<i>AWC</i>	-	'A'
<i>Lt Col Lalit Mohan (109 Rapid(S) ER)</i>		
<i>Bewoor Essay Competition</i>	-	Third
<i>Maj VK Goyal (113 ER)</i>		
<i>ECC</i>	-	'A'
		(stood 1 st in Course)
<i>Maj Rahul Oberoi(267 ER)</i>		
<i>ECC Course</i>	-	'A'
		(stood 3 rd in Course)
<i>Maj Rahul Oberoi (267 ER)</i>		
<i>JC Course</i>	-	'BI(JC)'
<i>Capt Junior Mutum (107 ER)</i>		
<i>PWO (AS)</i>	-	'AX'
<i>Capt Ravindra Kumar (111 ER)</i>		
<i>NBC</i>	-	'AI'
<i>Capt SS Sethi (120 ER)</i>		
<i>EOCEI-22</i>	-	'AX'
<i>Capt Yatin Arora (120 ER)</i>		
<i>YOs-122</i>	-	'A'
<i>Capt Saurab Srivastava (269 ER)</i>		
<i>OTMC-12</i>	-	'AX'
<i>Lt Pushkar Kaushik (120 ER)</i>		
<i>YOs-122</i>	-	'A'
<i>Lt Vineet Devdas (111 ER)</i>		
<i>Ghatak (O)</i>	-	'QI'
<i>Nb Sub Kundan Singh (109 Rapid(S) ER)</i>		
<i>EPC</i>	-	'A'
<i>Hav Mahmood Khan (109 Rapid(S) ER)</i>		
<i>Map Craft Instr Course</i>	-	'AX'
<i>Hav SL Adsul (109 Rapid(S) ER)</i>		
<i>PAD CI-I</i>	-	'A'
<i>Hav Noor Hussain (109 Rapid(S) ER)</i>		
<i>Dtmn C-I</i>	-	'A'
<i>Hav Ram Rattan (112 ER)</i>		
<i>Junior Leader Course</i>	-	'A'
<i>Hav Bhagwan Singh (107 ER)</i>		
<i>BDJ-59</i>	-	'A'

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<i>LHav Ram Vilas (109 Rapid(S) ER)</i> <i>SVFD Cl-II</i> - 'A'	<i>Spr MB Jadhav (111 ER)</i> <i>PT Course</i> - 'AX'
<i>LHav Mangesh Upale (120 ER)</i> <i>H Course</i> - 'A'	<i>LHav Jagdip Singh (116 ER)</i> <i>H-103</i> - 'A'
<i>Nk SR Nimbore (112 ER)</i> <i>Army Drill Course</i> - 'AX'	<i>Nk Jadhav RR (116 ER)</i> <i>CAJ-I</i> - 'A'
<i>Nb Sub SM Pachpute (114 AER)</i> <i>JNNBC</i> - 'AY'	<i>Nk Chamkour Singh (120 ER)</i> <i>Efr Cl-I</i> - 'A'
<i>Nb Sub PV Kulkarni (114 AER)</i> <i>NCC-22</i> - 'A'	<i>Nk Tejinder Singh (269 ER)</i> <i>N-16 & 17 Courses</i> - 'A'
<i>Hav Ajay Kumar (114 AER)</i> <i>Elect Cl-I</i> - 'A'	<i>Nk Palande HV (269 ER)</i> <i>N-16 & 17 Course</i> - 'A'
<i>Hav Ajmer Singh (114 AER)</i> <i>QM Duties</i> - 'A'	<i>Nk Tejinder Singh (269 ER)</i> <i>SVFD-II</i> - 'A'
<i>Nk Mukesh Kumar (114 AER)</i> <i>SVFD</i> - 'A'	<i>NK SR Patil (411(I)PFC)</i> <i>H Course</i> - 'A' (stood 2 nd in Course)
<i>Spr More MV (114 AER)</i> <i>DIT</i> - 'A'	<i>LNk LM Pal (107 ER)</i> <i>DPMT Cl-II</i> - 'A'
<i>Spr Todkar Pinto Tatyaso (114 AER)</i> <i>Mech Cl-II</i> - 'A'	<i>LNk Mithilesh Kumar (107 ER)</i> <i>DPMT Cl-II</i> - 'A'
<i>Spr Mausam Ali (114 AER)</i> <i>DPMT</i> - 'A'	<i>LNk Jasgit Singh (107 ER)</i> <i>DPMT Cl-II</i> - 'A'
<i>Spr Lawate Santosh (114 AER)</i> <i>EFR Cl-I</i> - 'A'	<i>LNk Chothe MS (107 ER)</i> <i>N-19</i> - 'A'
<i>Spr Jitendra Singh (114 AER)</i> <i>OWE Cl-II</i> - 'A'	<i>LNk Sandip Nikam (107 ER)</i> <i>N-19</i> - 'A'
<i>Spr/Gnr Manoj Kumar Pal (114 AER)</i> <i>JNNBC</i> - 'A'	<i>LNk Mohite VP (107 ER)</i> <i>N-19</i> - 'A'
<i>Spr Shitole VH (114 AER)</i> <i>OWE AFV Cl-I</i> - 'A'	<i>LNk SN Patil (109 Rapid(S) ER)</i> <i>Gnr AFV Cl-II</i> - 'A'
<i>Spr Sargar NL (114 AER)</i> <i>OWE AFV Cl-I</i> - 'A'	<i>LNk Patle MK (109 Rapid(S) ER)</i> <i>OWE AFV Cl-II</i> - 'A'
<i>Nk Sarabjit Singh (111 ER)</i> <i>ADIT Course</i> - 'A'	<i>LNk VG Pawar (116 ER)</i> <i>OPRW-II</i> - 'A'
<i>LNk RH Narawade (111 ER)</i> <i>N Course</i> - 'A'	<i>LNk Nalawade PB (116 ER)</i> <i>AVFD-II</i> - 'A'

LNk BK Nair (120 ER) N Course	-	'A'
LNk Gurminder Singh (120 ER) N Course	-	'A'
LNk DP Datal (120 ER) N Course	-	'A'
LNk SK Singh (269 ER) CCCO	-	'A'
LNk Rajesh (269 ER) N-16 & 17 Course	-	'A'
LNk Jaswinder Singh (269 ER) N-18 Course	-	'A'
LNk NR Kadam (269 ER) N-19 Course	-	'A'
LNk Rajinder Kumar (411(I)PFC) N Course	-	'A'
LNk SS Sharma (411(I)PFC) CEIJ Course	-	'AX'
LNk MR Jadhav (411(I)PFC) Judo Course	-	'AY'
LNk TG Kokare (411(I)PFC) N Course	-	'D'
		(1 st in Course)
Spr AP Shaikh (109 Rapid(S) ER) NBC Course	-	'A'
Spr Alok Kumar (109 Rapid(S) ER) DIT Course	-	'A'
Spr Roop Chand (112 ER) DIT	-	'A'
Spr Kulvinder Singh (112 ER) CAC	-	'A'
Spr SS More (269 ER) DIT Course	-	'D'
Spr KG Nalvade (269 ER) DIT Course	-	'A'
Spr Ganesh Ghadage (269 ER) DIT Course	-	'A'
Spr Sandip Jadhav (269 ER) CCCO	-	'A'

Spr Takale Santosh (269 ER) CCCO	-	'A'
Spr Chandan Kumar (269 ER) CCCO	-	'A'
Spr PD Margundi (411(I)PFC) Cmptr Course (IT-1)	-	'A'

OBITUARY

With deep sorrow, we record the sad demise of the following Bombay Sappers during the period:-

Spr/DPMT Karnail Singh (103 Engr Regt)	-29 Mar 2007
Lt Col K Gianani (Retd)	-24 Apr 2007
Maj Gen & Mrs KC Dhingra (Retd) (Ex 113 ER)	-12 May 2007
Spr/DPMT Ranjit Singh (112 Engr Regt)	- 18 May 2007
Nk Yashpal Singh (102 ER)	- 01 Jun 2007
Capt Megha Razdan (113 ER)	-01 Jul 2007
Capt DD Kirloskar (Retd)	-03 Jul 2007
Lt Col SB Jadhav (Retd) (Ex 103 ER)	-13 Jul 2007
Lt Col SD Soman (Retd)	-19 Jul 2007

We pay our heartfelt condolences
to the bereaved families.

May God rest the departed
souls in peace.





Greening India

**BEG & CENTRE KIRKEE
PUNE**



"Swords can be turned into ploughshares and rifles to rakes without blunting the cutting edge of the sword". This assertion is coherent with the new dimension given to the army that of environmental protection. With a motive to see India green the Armed Forces have launched 'Mission Greening India' to give impetus to preparations for the 4th world military games (WMG) – 2007

The World Military Games (WMG) are being conducted in Hyderabad this year from October 14 to 21, 2007. The WMG are conducted under the aegis of International Military Sports Council, popularly known as CISM (Conseil International Du Sports Militaire) once every four years. 86 Countries with 5500 participants from around the world will be in India for the 4th CISM WMG - "India's biggest sporting event". Over 6000 military sportsmen including many Olympic medalists from 130 countries will be participating in the mega sports event. WMG will involve contests in 15 sports disciplines, which include Military Sports events such as Military Pentathlon, Cross country, Shooting, Parachuting and individual/Team sports events such as Football, Handball, Volleyball, Triathlon, Sailing, Swimming, Athletics, Judo, Boxing and Wrestling. All these events will be conducted in Hyderabad except Sailing and Triathlon, which will be conducted in Mumbai. The theme of the WMG this year is - "Friendship through Sports". The great Indian Bison, also known as Gaur has been chosen as the -mascot for the 4th CISM WMG and named - 'Bravo'.

Under the week long 'Greening India' drive over a million saplings has been planted all over the country. BEG and Centre (Kirkee), a participant during the forthcoming World Military Games, has also undertaken the task with added spurt and enthusiasm. The elite team of the Bombay Sappers is all geared up to plant over 10000 saplings in the centre and the area around. Students from the Kendriya Vidyalaya (BEG) and Army school (BEG), the Sea Cadet Corps and cadets from 2 MAH GIRLS BN (NCC) assisted the Bombay Sappers in the plantation drive which would last for an entire day thus keeping alive the motto - 'Friendship through sports'.



DO YOU KNOW



This palki at Gurdwara Trg Bn-1 was presented by HE Field Marshal Sir William R Birdwood Bart, GCBG, CMG, KCSI, CIE, DSO, Commander-in-Chief in India in 1928

