

THE BOMBAY SAPPERS

Quarterly News Letter

JANUARY TO MARCH 2007

CONGRATULATIONS

AWARD OF GOC-IN-C NORTHERN COMMAND UNIT APPRECIATION

111 Engineer Regiment has been awarded the GOC-in-C Northern Command Unit Appreciation on the occasion of Republic Day 2007 for their superlative performance. All Ranks of the Bombay Sappers send their heartiest congratulations and wish them many more laurels in the days to come.



Change in Colonelcy



The New Year ushered in with the change in the colonelcy. Lt Gen Noble Thamburaj, SM, GOC 11 Corps assumed the coveted appointment of Colonel Commandant, The Bombay Sappers. He succeeded Lt Gen S Pattabhiraman, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, VCOAS who bid farewell to arms on 31 Dec 2007. All Ranks of the Bombay Sappers send their heartiest good wishes to the new Col Comdt, The Bombay Sappers.

BIO-DATA

COL COMDT, THE BOMBAY SAPPERS

Born on 09 Sep 1949, Lt Gen Noble Thamburaj was commissioned into The Bombay Sappers on 15 Jun 1969. He is a graduate from NDA Khadakwasla and IMA Dehradun.

An alumnus of Defence Services Staff College, the General has done Senior Command, Higher Command and NDC courses. He is also accredited with higher technical qualifications, M Tech (Building Science) from IIT Delhi and M. Phil (Defence Studies) from Indore University.

During his illustrious career, the General has held many important assignments to include a Brigade Major of Mountain Brigade, Command of 411 (I) Para Fd Coy, 109 Rapid(S) Engr Regt, a Rashtriya Rifle Sector during 'OP VIJAY' and an Infantry Division during 'OP PARAKRAM'. The General has seen action during Indo-Pak War of 1971 and Counter Insurgency Operations in North East and Jammu & Kashmir. He also holds a unique distinction of being the Only Sapper officer to have commanded RR Sector. He has been an instructor in OTA Chennai and Defence Services Staff College, Wellington. On promotion to the rank of Maj Gen he assumed the coveted appointment of GOC 11 Inf Div on 16 Dec 2002 and in May 2006 he took over as GOC 11 Corps on promotion to the rank of Lt Gen.

The General officer, was decorated with Sena Medal during his command of 8 Sector RR in recognition of his exemplary devotion to duty and for displaying exceptional wisdom while planning, organising & executing operations.

HONOURS & AWARDS

The Bombay Sappers continued to earn the laurels to reach the pinnacles of glory. All Ranks of the Bombay Sappers convey their heartiest congratulations on well deserved awards :-

Bar to Sena Medal (Gallantry)

Maj Jagannath Nisonko, SM

Sena Medal (Distinguished)

Lt Col Bhamre Jayant Narvir

Vishisht Seva Medal

Brig Rajeev Datt
Col Stephen Jude Gracias
Col Prabhjot Singh

COAS Commendation Cards

Col Mickie Uberoi
Lt Col Anil Kumar Pokhriyal
Maj Parminder Singh
Capt Vivek Gupta
Sub Sher Bahadur Thapa
Sub KK Singh
Nb Sub Meshram Naresh Shamrao
LHav Jaimal Singh
Spr Sawant Karan Ramesh
Spr Harbans Singh

VCOAS Commendation Cards

Lt Col Rakesh Kharb
Lt Col Parvinder Singh
Maj Amarpreet Nayyar
Sub Mumtaj Ahamed
Sub Mohinder Singh Sodhi
Hav Mohd Hasim
Hav Aouti Uttareshora Nagnath
Hav Khem Chand
Hav Maske Kaka Dasa
Nk Sanjit Kumar Jha
Spr Lakhwinder Singh

GOC-in-C's Commendation Cards

Col Sunil Kumar
Col Lobzang Neema
Capt K Siddharth Narayan
Sub Ramesh Singh
Sub Nelson P
Hav Nanak Singh
Hav Sri Bahadur
Hav Dilip Kumar Mohanty
Hav Jaswant Singh
LHav Bhola Singh
LHav Hukum Singh
Nk Hakim Shah
Nk Jagat Singh Dhami
Nk SK Katiyar
Nk Baljinder Singh
Spr Gawli Sachin Raosaheb
Spr Naran Chakma

FOC-in-C's Commendation Cards

Lt Col Rajesh S Javeria

**C-in-C's (Strategic Force Command)
Commendation Card**

Maj Narendran K

PROMOTIONS

All Ranks of The Bombay Sappers send their heartiest congratulations to Col JK Narang, Col Sudhir Sud and Col MMS Bharaj on their approval to One Star rank and wish them many more promotions in the years to come.

NEWS FROM THE CENTRE

Ex Comdts visit to the Centre



The Centre hosted a visit of Ex Comdts/Dy Comdts settled in Pune on 08 Jan 2007. Maj Gen Mrinal Suman, AVSM, VSM, Maj Gen RT Thadani, Brig SR Mohite and Col PB Gurjar visited the Centre. The officers were briefed on various projects undertaken in the Centre and shown the improvements made in infrastructure development in the Centre. Maj Gen Mrinal Suman, AVSM, VSM, ex Comdt addressed the officers on the occasion. A lunch was hosted in honour of these distinguished personalities. No doubt it was a nostalgic visit to the Centre.



Col Comdt's visit to INS MAGAR

Lt Gen Noble Thamburaj, SM, GOC Corps and Col Comdt, The Bombay Sappers visited the INS Magar on 12 Jan 2007.



Cdr Y Kumawat, CO, INS Magar received the Col Comdt at Hello Deck and a smart guard of honour was presented to him. The CO INS Magar then briefed the Col Comdt about the history, operational role and the activities of the ship. The General Officer was thereafter conducted around the ship and various functional aspects of the ship were demonstrated.

A Barakhana was organised at the Hello Deck wherein a large number of officers and sailors participated. Brig AK Wahi, CE (N) Vizag and all available Bombay Sapper Officers were also present.



The Commanding Officers speech was followed by the singing of the Bombay Sapper Song. The Col Comdt was touched with the sailors of INS Magar singing Bombay Sapper Song. This was followed by exchange of mementoes. The Col Comdt thereafter addressed all personnel on the ship.

Republic Day Celebrations 2007

Republic Day was celebrated with traditional fervour. Brig VK Bhatt, SM, VSM, Commandant unfurled the National flag at the Depot Bn Quarter Guard followed by the Pipping ceremony of Honorary Ranks. Commandant also presented the VCOAS Commendation Cards to the award winners. A cocktail party was hosted at Officers' Mess for the JCOs to mark the occasion.



Group Day Celebrations 2007

The Centre celebrated its Group Day from 30 - 31 Jan 2007. Lt Gen Noble Thamburaj, SM, Col Comdt, The Bombay Sappers graced the Centre with his maiden visit after assuming the 'Colonelcy' of the Centre.

Various events viz:- DR display, Para Drop display, Lunch at JCOs Mess, Regtl Get Together, the Commemoration Parade, Col Comdt's Sainik Sammelan, Basketball Match and the VC Day Dinner were organised as part of the celebrations. AWWA Mela, Ladies meet and BSA Meeting were also held on the occasion.

The Col Comdt interacted with troops during the Sainik Sammelan. He also presented

the Col Comdt's Sports Banner to 109 Rapid(S) Engr Regt.

Rich tributes were paid to the martyrs of the Bombay Sappers during the Commemoration Parade. Lt Gen N Thamburaj, SM, Col Comdt reviewed the parade.

Number of serving and retired Bombay Sappers settled in Pune graced the Centre for the Group Day Celebrations.

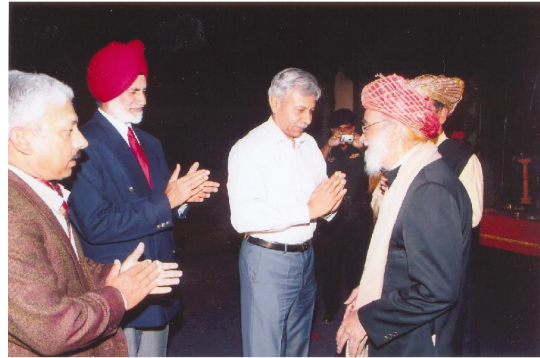
(Glimpses of the Group Day 2007 celebrations are given separately.)

Counselling For Spl Children

A counselling lecture by Mrs Neha Bhatia was organised at Rane Auditorium for the parents of the special children under the aegis of BEG AWWA on 23 Feb 2007 at 1600 hrs. Seventeen Special Children alongwith parents have attended the said lecture.

Ghazni Day Celebrations

Ghazni Day was celebrated in the Centre on 24 Feb 2007. Brig VK Bhatt, SM, VSM, Comdt laid a wreath at the Pioneer Memorial and rich tributes were paid to the martyrs on this occasion.





The Centre hosted the noted marathi play "JAANTA RAJA" organised by Raja Maharaja Shiv Chhatrapati Pratishthan and written and directed by Shri Babasaheb Purandare on the occasion of Ghazni Day Celebrations 2007.

The show was conducted for two days. On 24 Feb 2007 for all ranks of the Centre and next day on 25th Feb 2007 for station units. Lt Gen RR Goswami, Comdt, CME and Air Marshal TS Randhawa, VM, Comdt NDA were the chief guests on the inaugural day. The play commenced with the aarti of goddess Bhavani followed by presentation of shawl and bust of Shivaji by the chief guests. Brig VK Bhatt, SM, VSM, Comdt also presented the Bombay Sappers memento to the noted historian. The play depicted the Shivaji's life from his childhood to the coronation ceremony.

The troupe that consisted approx 275 artists ranging from 3 yrs to 80 yrs of age alongwith live participation of horses, camels and elephants with multi storeyed stage and digital sound enthralled the audience. Around 8000 spectators witnessed the play on each day.

Presentation Ceremony to Bombay Sappers Veer Naries/NOKs

A presentation ceremony for award of Badges of Sacrifice & Certificate of Honour and ex gratia amount from ACW Fund to Bombay

Sappers Veer Naries and their next of kins were organised at Jalandhar.



Lt Gen Mathew Thomas, Adjutant General, C&W Dte was the Chief Guest of the function. Lt Gen Noble Thamburaj, SM, Col Comdt, The Bombay Sappers and Brig VK Bhatt, SM, VSM, Comdt, Bombay Sappers were in attendance.

Visit of Ex E-in-C to Centre

Lt Gen AN Sinha, PVSM, AVSM (Retd) ex E-in-C visited the Centre on 08 Mar 2007. He interacted with the Centre officers and visited various institutions in the centre.

Centre Comdt's Conference

The Centre hosted the Centre Commandant's Conference on 15 Mar 2007. Besides the Comdts from MEG and BEG Roorkee, Supdt of Trg from all three Centres also attended the Conference.

Lt Gen BS Dhaliwal, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, E-in-C & Senior Col Comdt of Corps of Engrs presided over the conference. Maj Gen AK Nanda, ADG ES, Brig AK Bhattacharjee, VSM, DDG ES (B), Col S Sunil Kumar, Dir ES-3 (Trg) and Col Arun Joshi, Dir E Trg (CAC) attended the same. A working lunch was hosted on the occasion.



The dignitaries were also taken around the Centre institutions and a band concert was organised during a befitting banquet hosted at Offrs' Mess.



World Health Day

World Health Day was celebrated on 07 Apr 2007 at the Bombay Sappers Sainik Institute.



The theme of the day was "Invest in Health Build a safer future". A seminar was conducted on the occasion. More than 500 families attended the World Health Day and seminar. The seminar was inaugurated by Mrs Bina Bhatt, President AWWA BEG Kirkee. Lt Col RK Khajuria, OC SHO and Maj Prakashveer spoke about the prevention of diseases.

New Commanding Officers

Col Rakshvir – An Engr Regt
Col MS Deol – An Engr Regt

CENTRE : ARR/DEP

Arrival

Lt Col Ajit Kumar – Mech Bde
Maj VV Malode – RR Bn

Departure

Col Panjak Mital – CE Zone
Col Rafat Akhtar – On retirement

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Maj Gen BC Khanduri, AVSM (Retd), a staunch Bombay Sapper has been elevated to the office of Chief Minister of Uttarakhand on 08 Mar 2007. We are sure that the state will prosper by leaps and bounds under the able guidance of General officer. All Ranks of the Bombay Sappers wish him a happy and rewarding tenure.

The Bombay Sappers place on record the appreciations for the outstanding performance of our sportsmen at 33rd National Games 2007 at Guwahati and winning 07 Gold, 08 Silver and 05 Bronze Medals. Maj Gen VK Ahluwalia, AVSM, YSM, VSM, Offg DGMT conveyed his appreciation to the Bombay Sappers for having played a major role in Services winning the overall championship trophy at the 33rd National Games, Guwahati.

Col MJ Kumar, SM has done a commendable job in taking care of the family of late Hav Sukhchain Singh of 107 Engr Regt and helping the sons of deceased soldier Sandeep to join IIT Kanpur and Sachin to qualify for Cadet Entry Scheme (Navy). No doubt, this humanitarian touch will go a long way in uplifting the family of the deceased soldier. Lt Gen Noble Thamburaj, SM, Col Comdt, The Bombay Sappers conveyed his appreciation for the good job done.

The Bombay Sappers are proud of contributions of these officers.!

NEWS FROM THE RECORDS

Promotion JCOs/NCOs. JCOs/NCOs upto the date of seniority shown against each have been promoted during the period from 01 Jan to 31 Mar 2007 :-

Type of Promotion	Seniority of last promotee
Sub Maj (GD)	01.03.02
Sub Maj (Clk GD)	01.04.99
Sub Maj (SKT)	21.12.00
Sub (GD)	01.06.03
Sub (Clk GD)	01.03.00
Sub (SKT)	01.05.01
Nb Sub (GD)	01.04.98
Nb Sub (Clk GD)	01.04.94
Nb Sub (SKT)	01.05.01
Nk (GD) to Hav (GD)	07.04.01
Nk (Clk GD) Hav (Clk GD)	01.07.03
Nk (SKT) to Hav(SKT)	01.04.03
Spr/LNk(GD) to Nk (GD)	26.10.98*
Spr/LNk (Clk GD) to Nk (Clk GD)	24.01.02*
Spr/LNk (SKT) to Nk (SKT)	14.03.96*

* Date of Enrolment

Recruitment : 27 Recruits have been enrolled from Jan to Mar 2007.

Inter Arms Transfer

15 OR were transferred out.

NEWS FROM THE UNITS

101 Engr Regt

During the period under review, the Regiment was busy in visits, inspections, various sports/games championships and op wks.

Lt Gen SPS Dhillon, VSM, GOC Corps visited the Regiment on 29 Jan 2007. Apart from CO's briefing on various unit activities and visit to operational works site, the GOC was shown a number of innovation devised by the unit which was well appreciated. The latest one being micro

UAV for acqn of engr int. This was followed by Annual Inspection by Maj Gen DK Mehta, COS Corps on 03 Feb 2007 in which the Regiment performed very well.

A number of sports and games championships were held during the period. The Regt teams participated in all the competitions and obtained first position in Kabaddi and Wrestling and third position in Football and Volleyball out of eight teams.

Approx 12-15 Secs were employed on operational works. Small task forces were deployed in nearly eight different locations in the Corps Zone. The task forces toiled hard to complete the task with best possible quality. 90% of the works were physically completed by 31 Mar 2007.

As directed by the GOC, the Regiment has liaised with DRDO for implementing a drip irrigation project for arboriculture of Konark NBC School which has been constructed by the unit within the unit complex. Based on the project report by DRDO, this project is likely to be implemented shortly.

Arrival

Lt Col S Ramanathan – E-in-C's Branch
Lt Vineet P Hegde – IMA D'dun

Departure

Maj Ashish Goyal – CAMS

104 Engr Regt

The New Year brought alongwith itself fresh challenges and onerous tasks. The Regiment, as always, set forth on a mission to traverse through unchartered territory, to cross unexplored frontiers and conquer the higher summits which lay ahead, ever inviting, on the path of glory.

The Regiment was involved in planning and execution of a variety of operational tasks in support of a formation deployed in a multiple terrain sector. In addition to an enormous amount of op works being executed, the Regiment carried out construction of a new LC fence in a hilly and rugged terrain.

The Regiment had a major role to play in the Command Investiture Ceremony. IED teams, BD teams, Jammer Escort Vehicles, ROP duties, electrification, generator management, maintenance of VIP guest rooms and special heating arrangement at the venue were the major tasks carried out by the Regiment during the period.

The Regiment was also involved in a discussion on 'New Mine Laying Philosophy' at the E-in-C's branch. The Regiment displayed their versatile professional acumen by constructing a state of the art Gymnasium for the formation. It was inaugurated by Lt Gen TK Sapru, YSM, GOC Corps on 03 Mar 2007. The Regiment was also involved in the upkeep and improvement of the formation golf course.

Presently, the Regiment is carrying out site preparation for construction of a Baffle range at the Command Shooting Node. An enormous amount of plant effort has been put in by the Regiment.

Col Rakshvir took over the reigns of the Regiment after returning from SC and ERC courses while Col PS Jaiswal proceeded on posting to Corps HQ Engrs Branch at Col GS Engrs on 16 Mar 2007.

Arrival

Lt Col Gautam Taneja – RCC GREF
Lt Amit Sharma – IMA D'dun

Departure

Col PS Jaiswal – Corps HQ

107 Engr Regt

The last quarter saw the Regiment heavily involved in various tasks including engineer support, operational works, destruction of IED, Aid to civil authority and ancillaries at various location in Div Sect. Amidst the changing terrain and weather conditions, a range of activities have taken place.

IED teams were deployed at various locations in the formation. In addition, their professionalism was displayed in the successful destruction of IEDs. The team successfully destroyed the IEDs and explosive materials during the period.

In Aid to civil authority, IED teams, BAUTS and OBMs along with a team of 01 JCO and 08 OR were deployed for the National Games.

Annual CETC, demolition training and mine trainings were conducted during the period. Regimental exercise was conducted from 19-21 Mar 2007.

As part of Family Welfare Centre activities classes on candle making, agarbati making and phenyl making have been organised for the families of PBOR at family welfare centre of the Regiment.

Tuition classes for children of PBOR are being conducted regularly in motivation hall of the unit. A civilian teacher has been employed to impart tuition to the children above class VIII. Tuition for children upto class VII is being conducted by education NCO.

108 Engr Regt

During the quarter, the unit was actively involved in execution of various operational works, Operation Sadbhavana and imparting Nuclear Biological Chemical Training to the Divisional Infantry Battalions. Annual CETC was conducted from 26 Mar to 21 Apr 2007.

The Regiment celebrated its 41st Raising Day with fun thrill and grandeur on 31 Mar 2007. A special Sainik Sannam, religious activities and Barakhana was organised at CETC location on the eve of raising day.

Regiment conducted NBC Cadre for the Infantry Battalion of Mtn Div area of responsibility. 01 Officer, 11 JCOs and 41 OR attended the cadre.

All field companies of the Regiment were actively involved in various operational works in their respective Bde area of responsibility such as construction of operational tracks, opening of lateral by de-mining, recovery of mines.

The Regiment celebrated the 59th Army Day on 15 Jan 2007. The message of COAS during the Army Day was conveyed to all troops.

Various Op Sadbhavana tasks were carried out by the Regiment during the period to

include adm arrangements for Medical Camp held at Skurbuchan on 20 Jan 2007, distribution of Sadbhavana store to village Domkhar and Dargoor and construction of a cricket ground at village Kaksar.

Maj Gen NB Patel, CE Comd, and Brig YS Sirohi, CE Corps visited the unit during the period.

Annual CETC and NBC Cadre was conducted during the period.

Arrival

Lt Atul Kumar – IMA D'dun

109 Rapid(S) Engr Regt

The period under review saw a plethora of events taking place in the Regiment. The Shahbaaz Sappers have yet again proved its mettle in the field of Op preparedness, sports and tradesmanship.

Maj Gen HPS Klair, SM, GOC Inf Div and Col APS Bawa, ADH & Sr ADV PSM of Corps visited the unit during the period. GOC Inf Div addressed the troops in a Special Sainik Sammelan.

A rescue operations column was moved to Katni for the rescue of child trapped in the tube well on 04 Feb 2007 at 2340 hr. However, the rescue operations could not be conducted as the child was safely recovered prior to arrival of the Army.

Offrs, JCOs and NCO attended/participated in various cadres/competition during the period.

The Regiment moved to its new location on 20 Mar 2007 and is in the process of settling down.

In sports, the Regiment added another feather to its cap by winning the Bombay Sappers Inter Basketball Championship for the year 2007 on 15 Jan 2007 at BEG & Centre by creating records for winning the tournament for eight years in a row. Hav Harjinder Singh has been selected for group team.

The Regiment won Col Comdt's Sports Banner by setting an unprecedented record of winning all the sports championships for the year

2006. The Banner was presented by Lt Gen Noble Thamburaj, SM, GOC Corps and Col Comdt, The Bombay Sappers on 30 Jan 2007. It was also for the first time that the Col Comdt presented the banner to the CO of his own Regiment.

Five OR participated in the Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon 2007 held on 21 Jan 2007.

Arrival

Lt Col VK Gulati – An Engr Regt
Lt Kartikey Dobhal – CME
Lt Raghav Parashar – IMA D'dun

Departure

Lt Col Bhide SV – An Engr Regt

110 Engr Regt

The first quarter of the year was eventful, with the unit committed in Aid to Civ Auth, ITC Sports and preparation for formation exercise; but true to our motto, the SADAIV NIPUNS continued to excel in all fields during this period also.

The Regiment responded promptly to control the outbreak of fire in the Binnaguri market at 5 AM on 31 Jan 2007 in which eight shops were gutted to ashes. Three officers, six JCOs and 309 OR rushed to the scene with FFE to douse the fire. The timely response by the Regiment saved the market from complete destruction. Spr CS Patle with total disregard to his personal safety, saved the life of a shop keeper by entering in burning shop. The contribution by the Regiment in this mercy mission was not only appreciated by the formation HQ but also loudly applauded by the local populace.

ITC of one fd coy was conducted from 05 Feb – 04 Mar 2007. Two officers, three JCOs and OR attended the ITC

Seven Officers, 12 JCOs and 219 OR participated in Ex Tej Kripan from 03 Mar – 21 Mar 2007.

The Regiment undertook work for beautification and landscaping of the New Army Public School in Binnaguri campus.

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Brig RN Masaldan, CE Corps carried out Annual Technical Inspection for the training year 2005-06 on 29 Jan 2007. Lt Col S Sarathi, OIC Inspection Team carried out CEME inspection for the training year 2005-06 on 01 and 02 Feb 2007.

The Regiment was visited by Corps Cdr, Lt Gen CKS Sabu, VSM on 02 Feb 2007 and Army Cdr Lt Gen KS Jamwal, AVSM, VSM** on 06 Feb 2007. These dignitaries visited the Command NBC School which is being maintained by the Regiment. Later alongwith their spouses, they visited Binnaguri orphanage, an important social institution in North Bengal which is voluntary being supported by the Army. The General officers were highly appreciative of the good work done by the Regiment to maintain the high standards of these institutions.

Arrival

Lt Sameer Bansal
Lt Sharath Shankar

Departure

Maj Anand Giri
Capt Dharmendra Jadeja
Capt Amanjeet Bhatia

111 Engr Regt

Unit was awarded with GOC-in-C Northern Command Unit Appreciation on 24 Jan 2007 which was received by Col V Choudhary during the investiture ceremony in Northern Command.

Firing and LMT was carried as part of annual training. Unit moved to CETC and for EWT on termination of CETC. All Coys were trained on establishment of Corps Water Points and its operations, training on FAARP using various techniques of construction, improvement of track with ATW Cl 12.

Two Regimental level exercise on composite crossing and DOT construction were carried out and later Regiment participated in Bde Exercise.

Lt Gen Noble Thamburaj, SM, GOC Corps and Col Comdt, The Bombay Sappers, Lt Gen PC Katoch, UYSM, AVSM, SC, GOC Corps and Maj Gen BB Sharma, VSM, CE Command visited the unit during the period.

Installation of World Space System for the entire OTM, Chapati Warmer for all the cookhouses and a new football ground made for the unit personnel were few welfare measures that were undertaken by the unit.

Arrival

Maj GS Kainth – EODE Course
Maj Vishal Nayyar – UN Msn
Lt Sandeep Jha – CTW, CME
Lt Naveen Kumar Nair – IMA D'dun

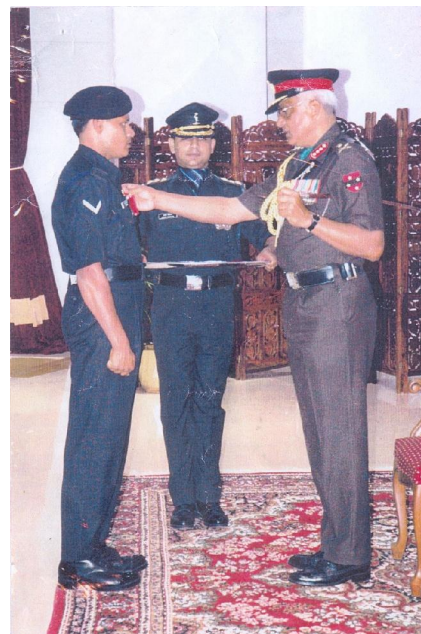
Departure

Maj Sanjay Shekhar – MONUC
Maj Ashish Goyal – An Engr Regt

112 Engr Regt

The Regiment continued its journey through the quarter in extensive training, administration of CME and preparation for Combat Engr Demo for DSSC. Final demo was held on 17 Jan 2007. Notwithstanding with these commitments, Regiment also involved itself in multifarious activities like operational works for Signal Group and construction of shelter at Holloway Primary School, CME during this quarter.

On the eve of Army Day 2007, GOC-in-C Southern Command presented the Sena Medal to LNK Mali Sitaram Anand at 2 Signal Training Centre, for exceptionally high order of devotion to duty during flood relief operations in Western Maharashtra in 2005.



Seminar on Geographical Information on System (GIS) on emerging tool for a modern army was conducted at CME wef 07-08 Feb 2007. CO of the Regiment attended the same as representative of Corps HQ.

The Regiment carried out RL Firing on 11 Mar 2007 at KK Range. Three Officers, one JCO and 15 OR took part in RL firing. Regiment conducted four weeks Ummadwar Cadre from 19 Feb to 23 Mar 2007. 24 Sprs/LNKs including from other units attended the cadre.

In Sports and Adventure, the Regiment Hockey team participated in Inter Faculty Hockey Tournament held at CME and were runners up. The football team participated in the Bde Football Championship.

Lt Col Anand Swaroop, SM attended refresher jump for display scheduled by Army Sky Diving teams during World Military Games wef 07-18 Mar 2007.

Annual Technical Inspection and Annual Technical Inspection of Ordnance Stores for the year 2005-06 were carried out during the period.

Arrival

Lt Col Kumar Abhishek – CE Zone
Lt Jatin Kumar – IMA D'dun
Lt MR Reddy – IMA D'dun

Departure

Lt Col Yogesh Yadav – Engr Br Unit

113 Engr Regt

During the quarter, the Regiment was heavily committed in providing engineer support to the formation. The Regiment carried out the challenging tasks of Demining the Basanter River mine fields, construction of shelters, PDs, Baffle range, maintenance of DCB and provision of BD teams.

One Fd Coy was committed in demining of Basantar R Minefids from 03 Jan to 08 Feb 07. A recovery party of three Offrs, two JCOs and 22 OR of the unit in rotation alongwith two Hydremas, four Trawls were dply. The demining was discontinued wef 09 Feb 07.



The Regiment was actively involved in developing the defence potential of the Div AOR.



The unit is the nodal agency for GIS in the Div. As a part of training on GIS, a team of one offr, one JCO and two OR attended a cadre conducted by M/S Rolta India at Chandimandir.

One JCO and two OR attended ECM Jammer training from 19 Feb to 24 Feb 07 conducted by BEL at Hyderabad.

Lt Gen BS Nagal, SM, GOC Corps and Maj Gen Sanjeev Loomba, SM, GOC Inf Div visited the Regiment during the period.

Lt Nitin Mohan Sharma was posted in to the unit from IMA Dehradun.

The Tiguna Family proved its mettle in the sports arena when it won the Div Inter Unit Volleyball Championship conducted from 27 Jan to 06 Feb 2007. The Regiment also participated in the Div Inter Bn Football and Inter Bn Sniper and Small Arms Combat Shooting competitions.

Annual Inspection of the Arms and CEME Inspection of Vehicle and Equipments were carried out during the period.

AIDS awareness week was observed from 01 Jan to 07 Jan 2007. A lecture by Lt Shilpa Katoch, SHO was organised on HIV/AIDS.

114 Armd Engr Regt

In aid to civil authority, the Regiment provided assistance during 'Op Mauranipur Madad' to extricate a child from a 30 feet deep bore well on 01 Jan and 02 Jan 2007 at village Churari in Jhansi.

On orders from Armd Div HQ at 1450 hr, the Engr rescue team reached the site of incident at 1645 hr on 01 Jan 2007. The task force commander Maj JS Dhadwal quickly ascertained the situation and immediately coordinated with civil administration. With combined use of JCB and some manpower, the ditch was converted to a inverted conical well and a depth of 15 feet was achieved. Simultaneously a black cobra was spotted by the task force cdr sitting top of the child inside the borewell. Further digging of the well from 15 feet to 30 feet was done manually by the task force, once the depth was reached, the onerous task of digging a parallel tunnel started and the tunnel was dug upto a length of 6 feet with the help of crowbars and earth augers. Further 4 feet of tunnel was dug just with the help of scrapers and child was rescued finally with due care at 0600 hr on 02 Jan 2007.

CETC was conducted from 25 Feb to 07 Apr 2007. Small Arms firing was carried out by the Regiment during the period.

Maj Gen Ashok Sinha, CE Comd visited the unit at CETC location. Brig K Sampath, Dy GOC also visited the unit during the period.

In sports, the Regiment conducted Inter Sqn Volleyball, Football and Cross Country championships.

Arrival

Lt Saurav Roy – CME
Lt Sumit Chadha – IMA D'dun

Departure

Lt Col AK Jain, SM – Task Force
Capt Sudhir Jha – RR Bn
Samar Gosh – Guards

118 Engr Regt

The period from Jan to Mar 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, the unit was actively involved in preparation of Annual Technical Inspection, Celebration of Idul Zuha, Guru Nanak Devji's Birthday, construction of two Gazebo at Madhuban park, fabrication work of children park items, Table Tennis Shelter work at OSI and construction of bridge at North Sikkim.

BPET/PPT, Range classification, NBC Familiarisation Cadre and CETC were carried out during the period.

IED team consisting of one JCO and five OR sent to North Dinajpur for destruction of UXB on 31 Jan 2007 and returned on 01 Feb 2007 after destruction of UXB.

Two task forces consisting of three officers, eight JCOs and 266 OR inducted to North Sikkim on 14 Mar 2007 for upgradation of 110' TSR EWBB CL-18 ton bridge constructed at Zemy Swaim (North Sikkim) by a Fd Coy.

Annual Technical Inspection, Annual Inspection of Arms/Explosive and quarterly inspection of Ordnance Stores were carried out during the period.

In Sports, 12 x OR of the unit participated in Eastern Command Combat Force Shooting Competition under 15 BIHAR wef 12 – 19 Feb 2007.

Regiment Basketball team secured 4th position in Col Comdt Sports Banner Inter Unit Basketball Tournament and winner of the Corps Troops Inter Unit Basketball competition.

Lt Gen CKS Sabu, VSM, GOC Corps and Brig RN Masaldan, CE Corps visited the Regiment during the period.

The Regiment activated TSL and Helipad for the visit of Eastern Army Cdr. All offrs of the Regiment attended the Army Cdrs address at the military station.

All officers' ladies of the unit attended the Special ladies meet held at Jagjit hall on 05 Feb 2007.

Brig RN Masaldan, CE Corps addressed to all Engrs Offrs to motivate and aspire them to appear in DSSC/TSOC at the Regiment on 14 Feb 2007. All offrs of the Regiment attended the same.

119 Aslt Engr Regt

This quarter was memorable and eventful for the DON! The focus was on training, operational works, visits of senior officers and not to forget the routine, house keeping jobs in the station.

One JCO and eight OR along with two Hydremas and other equipment returned from Inf Div Sector to this unit on 09 Mar 2007.

CO this unit attended the Biennial CEs, Cdrs, COs and OsC Conf at Jalandhar under aegis of HQ Corps on 15 and 16 Mar 2007.

Three NCO instr on the drill, PT and WT were provided to 1101 Rly TA for period 02 Mar 07 to 31 Mar 07 for their 5th Annual Trg Camp

Dy Cdr, Engr Bde visited the unit on 09 Jan 2007. After being briefed by CO he visited the unit and the training area which was activated and an equipment display was put up.

Chief Engineer, Western Command visited the unit on 12 Feb 2007. After briefing by CO, he visited the unit and training area and a tea with troops was organised.

Brig VK Bhatt, SM, VSM, Commandant, Bombay Engr Group & Centre, Kirkee visited the unit on 06 Mar 2007. He addressed all Ranks in a Special Sainik Sammelan in which maximum strength of officers, JCOs and OR of this unit and 268 Engr Br Regt were present. He visited the training area after Sainik Sammelan and a tea with troops was organised

Unit participated in Inter Regt Small Arms Firing Competition conducted on 20 and 21 Feb 2007 and stood first.

Capt RK Jain and Lt SS Deshpande attended the YO's -122 course at CME, Pune wef 03 Oct 2006 to 24 Mar 2007. Capt R K Jain obtained "Silver Grenade". Capt Shikhare AA is attending NBC Unit Offrs Course (NBCUO-12) at CME, Pune wef 29 Jan 07 to 21 Apr 07.

Arrival

Maj Anurag Shukla, SM – MCEME S'bad
Maj Vishwas Kumar – CME
Lt R Prakash – IMA D'dun

Departure

Lt Col Praveen Hooda, SM– CE (P) Vartak

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 in station.

Pulkanjri War Memorial to pay tribute to the Martyrs of the 2nd Battalion the Sikh Regiment who sacrificed their lives during the 1971 Indo-Pak War was constructed by the Hamesha-A-One regiment close to the Wagah Border. The memorial is enclosed with a grill wall. A cascade has also been constructed at the backdrop of the monument to give dynamism to the landscape. A grand rededication ceremony was organised which was presided over by Lt Gen Noble Thamburaj, SM, GOC Corps and Colonel Commandant the Bombay Sappers. A plethora of military and civil dignitaries and approximately 5000 villagers attended the mega event. The event was well covered by the national print and electronic media bringing accolades to Indian Army. Pulkanjri War Memorial has become a prominent landmark on the tourist map of Amritsar.

The Regiment has contributed its bit in improvement of the amenities and facilities for the troops and their families in the station. A cascade cum fountain was constructed by the regiment at the Panther Sainik institute. The

various constructions work have been well appreciated by dignitaries and senior officers.

Improvement of Panther Environmental Park and training area including construction of various amenities were also undertaken by the Regiment. GOC's Golf Cup tournament and a number of other events were conducted by the regiment which have earned accolades for the regiment and the formation.

In operational works, the Regiment constructed habitats for the troops in the enclaves. The unit has also created and improved the bunds and dhussies.

BPET, PPT and SA firing as part of annual adm inspection was conducted on 03 Mar to 07 Mar 2007. The Regiment Basketball team took part in the Inter Regiment Basketball Championship conducted wef 01 Jan 07 and stood 6th overall.

The unit participated in the Vajra Rafting Expedition from Ranjit Sagar Dam to Harike Headwork to commemorate the Corps Raising Day. Two officers, two JCOs and 37 OR took part in the event.

Arrival

Lt Col SMS Kirmani – RCC
Lt Manish Narayan – IMA D'dun
Lt Siddharth Sharma – IMA D'dun

268 Engr Br Regt

The first quarter of the year 2007 saw the Regiment at CETC in Jan-Feb 2007. The motto "SARVA SHRESHTA", the Regiment continued its journey this quarter with vigour and zeal.

The Regiment conducted its annual CETC wef 10 Jan to 10 Feb 2007, where apart from all the regular training activities, special emphasis was laid on watermanship, night navigation, small arms and demolition firing. Inter Coy competitions were organised during CETC towards CO's Championship Banner which were well contested. The CETC was concluded with the conduct of Regimental Exercise. This was followed by the conduct of field firing at MFFR.

The last sub unit training cycle for the current training year has commenced during the month of Mar 2007. In various Army/Upgradation courses, SARVA SHRESHTIANS gave excellent performance, wherein as many as three 'D' Grading and seven 'A' grading were obtained in the quarter.

Col Rajeev Dalal, CO attended SEME Conf at MC EME. Lt Col Satya Saran CP was detailed as DS for SCPSC-07 being held.

Maj Gen VK Datta, AVSM, SM**, VSM** Offg GOC Corps, Brig MS Gujral, Cdr Engr Bde, Brig SC Sharma, ACE HQ Comd, Brig VK Bhatt, SM, VSM, Comdt, BEG & Centre and Brig KJS Thind, BGS Corps visited the Regiment during the period.

Arrival

Maj Arun Bhatt – RR Bn
Lt Umesh A Patil – IMA D'dun

Departure

Maj Anuj Kar – on retirement
Maj HS Naghi – on retirement

269 Engr Regt

The period from Jan to Mar 2007 marked the phase when the Regiment found itself deeply engaged in various training and operational tasks such as maintenance of LC fence, internal security, counter IED operations etc.

The Regiment detailed as the nodal agency for the maintenance of LC fence in the Div Sect. The Regiment provided electricians, engine fitters to Inf Bde for LCF generators, repaired the damaged portions of LC fence and realigned the LC fence in its area of responsibility. Various operational works were also carried out during the period.

CO and offrs of the Regiment gave various presentations, updates and attended conferences during the period. Annual Technical Inspection of vehicles and equipments were carried out during the period.

Arrival

Lt Col Vinod Bhatt – GE Hissar
Lt Anujeet Kumar – IMA D'dun

414 (I) Engr Sqn

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

Various cadres and training events were conducted during the period.

In sports, four personnel of the squadron got selected in the Bde team which won the Corps Troops Championships. LHav Harjinder Singh and Nk Ranjit Singh were selected for Command Team and played in Army Championship.

The Squadron bagged 5th position in Inter Unit Cross Country championship 2006-07.

Capt RN Sharma attended "Hot Air Ballooning Course" and Capt G Hemnath attended Basic Mountaineering Course at HMI Darjeeling.

Lt Gen PC Katoch, UYSM, AVSM, SC, GOC Corps and Brig RV Kanit Kar, Cdr Armd Bde visited the unit during the period. Lt Col Mukesh Kumar OC of the unit attended Op Recce at Suratgarh in Feb and Mar 2007.

235 IWT Op Unit Engrs

The unit celebrated its 58th Raising Day with full thrill and cheer from 31 Dec 2006 to 02 Jan 2007. Various cultural programmes, sports and games, religious activities and Barakhana were organised on the occasion.

The first quarter of 2007 started with busy and hectic schedule due to annual training exercises. The unit sailed off with its fleet of crafts for the exercises on 05 Jan 2007. During the period from 07-12 Jan 2007 approx 70 tons of stores were ferried from mainland to sagarland and back by the crafts of the units during the exercise. The fleet of the unit further set sailed under CO Col Rajiv Bhola for its area familiarization covering more than 150 nautical miles in three days. During this exercise, IWT crafts and crew displayed sustained endurance and rehearsed in reconnaissance, survey of river channels, updating riverbed data on the roller maps and manoeuvring in the tidal water channels of Sunderbans area. Individual as well

as collective training was imparted to deck and engine side tradesman of the unit in handling of various IWT crafts. During this period, officers from HQ Eastern Command, HQ Bengal Area and station units also familiarized themselves in Sunderbans area. GOC-in-C Eastern Command and Chief Engineer visited the unit during annual training exercise in Ex area. The entire fleet after successful completion of annual training cruise returned to the unit location on 05 Feb 2007.

Thereafter, the unit was extensively involved in preventive maintenance and upkeep of IWT crafts in addition to the other routine training activities. The unit conducted trades training including short training cruises to tone up the skill of the IWT tradesmen and berthing and de-berthing drills.

It was a matter of immense pride for the unit when Hav/SNY Malkit Singh and Spr M'Wr Akbar Hussain of the unit were awarded GOC-in-C Eastern Command Commendation card on the eve of Republic Day 2007 in recognition of their exceptional professionalism and devotion to duty of high order.

Annual Technical Inspection of Arms/Explosives for the year 2006-07 was carried out by OC PARS on 20 Mar 2007.

Departure

Maj ZG Aranha – RCC GREF

236 IWT Op Unit Engrs

The period under review saw the unit going through a series of training events. The MARINE SAPPERS continued with their multifaceted tasks on river Brahmaputra and winning accolades from one and all.

Maj Gen MC Badhani, CE Comd and Brig NP Padhi, CE Corps visited the unit on 08 Mar 2007.

The unit carried out regular ferry service in Mtn Div sector in which a large quantity of troops, stores, equipments and vehicles were inducted across the river Brahmaputra. It was also employed on patrolling tasks against militants using the river and also carried out extensive survey and channel marking in the

river. The FRP boats carried out the patrolling of the river during the conduct of 33rd National Games, 2007. Op Cruise was also carried out by IWT craft from Guwahati to Tezpur from 14 –31 Mar 2007.

Being a nodal agency for training of all IWT trade personnel, it carried out extensive Basic Trade Training and Higher Trade Training courses during the period under review.

702 Engr Plant Unit

‘TRACK MARSHALS’ are omnipresent to keep National Sikkim highway the lifeline of North and North East Sikkim open. The months of Oct to Apr are the crucial period when the dozer detachments are spread from HAA of North Sikkim to North East Sikkim, braving the hostile climate and sub zero degree temperatures for snow clearance in the lofty mountains of Sikkim. Nothing can deter the spirit of these dozer operators who work even in poor visibility, adverse weather condition and bone shivering cold temperatures to achieve their mission of ensuring communication links for the troops deployed in forward areas.

Induction/de-induction of dozers piggy back on vintage Hippos is a challenging task in the hills of Sikkim, the Dvrs PMT of the unit have successfully carried out induction/de-induction of dozers to North Sikkim. Carriage of 20 tons weight of dozer on 10 ton capacity Hippo of 1970 vintage on the treacherous hill roads achievable only by brave hearts of Track Marshals.

When the newly arrived Mech Bn had to induct the BMPs to the Mtns of Sikkim, the saviors were only the brave Track Marshals. 14 BMPs of the battalion was carried Piggy back on the Hippo on the hill roads of Sikkim in a record time and mission.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

WEDDING BELLS



Maj Deepak Palande, Capt Gurtej Singh, Capt Rishab Arjaria, Capt SS Brid,

Capt Sreedhanya, Capt R Ajit keerthi and Lt SS Deshpande tied the nuptial knot and Maj Sumit Sharma and Capt Alok Singh will be entering into the marital bliss. We welcome their brides to the Bombay Sappers family.

HONORARY RANKS/COMMISSIONS

Honorary Captain on Active List

*Sub Maj & Hony Lt (RT (Pandit))
Amar Singh*

*Sub Maj & Hony Lt (Elect)
Avrar Ahmed*

*Sub Maj & Hony Lt (Dtmn Fd)
Parale Yeshwant Ganapati, SM*

*Sub Maj & Hony Lt (OPRW)
Pisal Suresh Narsing*

*Sub Maj & Hony Lt (Wldr)
Sheo Prasad Sharma*

*Sub & Hony Lt (Syr)
Abdul Rahman*

*Sub & Hony Lt (OPEM)
Ramphal Singh*

*Sub & Hony Lt (Elect)
Sarwar Ali Khan*

*Sub & Hony Lt (Dtmn Fd)
Sudam Gulabrao Kirdat*

*Sub & Hony Lt (Elect)
Vijai Kumar Thakur*

Honorary Lieutenant On Active List

Sub Maj (ARTEM) Lamber Singh

Sub Maj (M'Smith) Mojibullah Siddique

Sub Maj (Clk GD) Moonga Ram Saini

Sub Maj (Msn) Ram Mehar Singh

Sub Maj (SKT) Randhir Singh

Sub Maj (Elect) Shinde LR

Sub (EFR) Baldev Singh	Hav P Balasubramanian (113 ER) J-131 - 'A'
Sub (Msn) Balkar Singh	
Sub (DPMT) Bhag Singh	Hav Pradeep Kumar (107 ER) Clk GD Cl-I - 'A'
Sub (Efr) Bhola Singh, SM	
Sub (DPMT) Bhupinder Singh	LHav Patil DJ (107 ER) H-122 - 'A'
Sub (OPRW) CS Suryawanshi	
Sub (Msn) Deshraj Singh	LHav Dev Prakash (113 ER) Ftr Cl-I (Stood First) - 'A'
Sub (OPEM) Ish Kumar	
Sub (OPEM) Nirmal Singh	Nk RS Chougule (108 ER) IED-12 - 'A'
Sub (CAJ) Pratap Dhandharao Darekar	
Sub (Efr) Ranjit Singh	Nk MC Pachauri (112 ER) H Course - 'A'
Sub (SKT) Rattan Lal Koul	
Sub (Wldr) Rattan Singh	Nk Jaswinder Singh (112 ER) N Course - 'A'
Sub (RT) Ravi Kant Mishra	
Sub (Msn) Samitter Singh	Nk Hari Narayan Raut (114 AER) SVFD Cl-I - 'A'
Sub (Svfd) Tarlochan Singh	
Sub (DPMT) Tulsi Prasad	LNk AP Pawar (112 ER) N Course - 'A'
Sub (CAJ) Uddeshya Singh	
COURSE SPECIAL MENTION	
Maj VK Goyat (113 ER) ECC (Stood First) - 'A'	
Capt RK Jain (119 AER) YOs Course Silver Grenade	LNk BB Bhote (112 ER) N Course - 'A'
Lt Rotithor Amit Ganesh (112 ER) YOs - 'A'	LNk RN Patil (112 ER) N Course - 'A'
Sub Maj Gurcharan Singh (111 ER) PSM-3 Course - 'A'	LNk Ramesh Gadhave (112 ER) N Course - 'A'
Hav Aliyas Khan (108 ER) SVFD Cl I - 'A'	LNk NR Patil (112 ER) N Course - 'A'
Hav HN Prasad (112 ER) J Course - 'A'	LNk Harwinder Singh (113 ER) CAJ Cl I - 'A'
Hav JS Kadam (112 ER) Pre LDCT - First	LNk Randhir Singh (113 ER) PAD Cl-I - 'A'
	LNk Satish Kumar (114 AER) CCCO - 'A'
	LNk DJ Sawale (269 ER) IED Course - 'A'
	LNk Harpal Singh (269 ER) CAJ Cl-II - 'A'

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<i>LNk Saraj Singh (269 ER)</i> <i>MSN Cl-I</i>	- 'A'	<i>Spr BP Thakare (113 ER)</i> <i>CCCO</i>	- 'D'
<i>LNk SD Khan (269 ER)</i> <i>AEM Cl-II</i>	- 'A'	<i>Spr RR Masalkar (113 ER)</i> <i>CCCO</i>	- 'A'
<i>Spr More Anmol (107 ER)</i> <i>DIT-1</i>	- 'A'	<i>Spr Onkar Singh (113 ER)</i> <i>CCCO</i>	- 'D'
<i>Spr GB Zambare (107 ER)</i> <i>CCCO</i>	- 'A'	<i>Spr Thoraskar Kuldeep (113 ER)</i> <i>ADP 22</i>	- 'A'
<i>Spr Nitin Mohite (107 ER)</i> <i>CCCO</i>	- 'A'	<i>Spr Rakesh Kumar (113 ER)</i> <i>,MST Cl-II (Stood First)</i>	- 'A'
<i>Spr K Guruprasad (107 ER)</i> <i>CCCO</i>	- 'A'	<i>Spr Thangilal Baite (114 AER)</i> <i>ADP 21</i>	- 'A'
<i>Spr DS Gajre (108 ER)</i> <i>CCCO</i>	- 'A'	<i>Spr Pawar Yogesh Prabhakar (114 AER)</i> <i>DPMT Cl-II</i>	- 'A'
<i>Spr SL Shinde (108 ER)</i> <i>CCCO</i>	- 'A'	<i>Spr Pharande VL (114 AER)</i> <i>CCCO</i>	- 'D'
<i>Spr AK Kushwaha (108 ER)</i> <i>CCCO</i>	- 'A'	<i>Spr SA Barge (114 AER)</i> <i>CCCO</i>	- 'D'
<i>Spr Rajiv Kumar (111 ER)</i> <i>DIT (Cmptrs)</i>	- 'A'	<i>Spr Kuldeep Singh (114 AER)</i> <i>CCCO</i>	- 'D'
<i>Spr Baljinder Singh (111 ER)</i> <i>DIT (Cmptrs)</i>	- 'A'	<i>Spr SG Patil (269 ER)</i> <i>IED Course</i>	- 'A'
<i>Spr SL Mahadik (111 ER)</i> <i>DIT (Cmptrs)</i>	- 'A'	<i>Spr SS Jagdale (269 ER)</i> <i>IED Cadre</i>	- 'A'
<i>Spr NN Patil (111 ER)</i> <i>DIT (Cmptrs)</i>	- 'A'	<i>Spr RN Chake (269 ER)</i> <i>CCCO</i>	- 'D'
<i>Spr Pankaj Kumar (112 ER)</i> <i>ADP (AP)</i>	- 'D'	<i>Spr SS More (269 ER)</i> <i>CCCO</i>	- 'D'
<i>Spr Desai SS (112 ER)</i> <i>CCCO</i>	- 'D'	<i>Spr KG Nalvade (269 ER)</i> <i>CCCO</i>	- 'A'
<i>Spr Raghbir Singh (112 ER)</i> <i>CCCO</i>	- 'A'	<i>Spr SM Shivalkar (269 ER)</i> <i>CCCO</i>	- 'D'
<i>Spr Jadeep Singh (112 ER)</i> <i>CCCO</i>	- 'A'	<i>Spr Govind Kumar Pandey (269 ER)</i> <i>Account Cadre</i>	- 'A'
<i>Spr Shivji Singh (112 ER)</i> <i>CCCO</i>	- 'A'		
<i>Spr Bhamare MK (113 ER)</i> <i>CCCO</i>	- 'D'		

RETIREMENTS

Brig PN Singh, Brig Harish Sibal, Col AK Singh, VSM, Col Pankaj Sud, Col Man Singh, Col Rafat Akhtar, Lt Col Ashish Ghosh and Lt Col Rajesh Taneja bade farewell to arms for their successful innings to the service of the nation. All Ranks of the Bombay Sappers convey their good wishes for happy retired life.

O B I T U A R Y

LT COL NIRVIKAR SWAROOP SRIVASTAVA (RETD)

With deep sorrow, we record the sad demise of Lt Col Nirvikar Swaroop Srivastava (Retd) ex 102 Engr Regt on 04 Mar 2007.

Born on 15 Oct 1943, he was commissioned into the Bombay Sappers on 15 Jun 1969. He served with 110 Engr Regt, 102 Engr Regt, Trg Bn-2 in the Centre, CE Southern Command, HQ 134 Wks Engrs and CE (P) Vartak. After successful innings in the Indian Army, he bid farewell to arms from CE Lucknow Zone on 31 Oct 1995.

No words can express our sorrow, we pray to the Almighty to give strength and courage to bear the irreparable loss to the grieved family and rest the departed soul in peace.

Next of Kin :

Mrs Uma Srivastava (wife)
89-C, Sainik Co-op Hsg Society
Sarojini Nagar
Lucknow - 226009
(Uttar Pradesh)

LT COL KUMAR GIANANI (RETD)

With deep sorrow we record the sad demise of Lt Col Kumar Gianani (Retd) at Pune on 24 Apr 2007.

Born on 06 Nov 1946, he was commissioned into the Bombay Sappers on 25 Dec 1966. He served with 109, 108 and 270 Engr Regts and also had tenures in CWE Kirkee, GE (P) Chandimandir and CWE 5241. He was also on deputation with IRCC Libya. He hung his uniform from 970 Rly Engr Regt at Jhansi as Adm Offr.

No words can express our sorrow, we share the grief with the family for this irreparable loss. May God rest the departed soul in peace.

Next of Kin :

Mrs Maya (Harsha) Gianani (Wife)
Pushpa Hall, Agarwal Colony
Near Babajan Chowk
Pune - 411002

MAJ GEN KC DHINGRA, VSM (RETD)

With deep sorrow we record the sad and untimely demise of Maj Gen Kailash Chandra Dhingra,

VSM (Retd) and Mrs KC Dhingra at Panchkula on 12 May 2007 after a tragic incident.

Born on 26 Jun 1941, Maj Gen KC Dhingra, VSM was commissioned into the Bombay Sappers on 11 Jun 1961. He served with 18 Fd Coy (now in 106 Engr Regt), 109, 105 Engr Regts. He was selected for course on deputation to Frunze Military Academy at USSR and attached to MA to Embassy of India at Moscow from Aug 1968 to Aug 1972.

He was Brigade Major of 116 Inf Bde and Commanded 113 Engr Regt. For his distinguished services he was awarded with Vishisht Seva Medal on the Republic Day of 1983.

He was GOC HQ 17 Mtn Div and Commandant Officers Training School (OTS) Chennai. He bid farewell to arms on 30 Jun 1997.

Always a staunch Bombay Sapper, his courageous and motivating leadership will always shine as beacon to us.

May God rest the departed souls in eternal peace.

Our heartfelt condolences to the grieved family.

Next of Kin :

Lt Col Amit Dhingra (Son)
GSO-1 (Ops)
168 Inf Div, C/O 56 APO

The other sad demises from the Bombay Sappers family recorded with great pain during the period under review were :-

*LNk UB Singh
(104 Engr Regt) – 28 Dec 2006*

*LNk Sukhdev Singh
(115 Engr Regt) – Jan 2007*

*LNk Shinde Bhagwan Dhondirao
(111 Engr Regt) – Jan 2007*

We pay our heartfelt
condolences to the
bereaved families.

May God
rest the departed
souls in peace.



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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 offers.



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