

KING'S COLOUR FOR INDIAN NAVY

PRESENTATION AT BOMBAY

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

BOMBAY, DEC. 9

With impressive ceremonial, the King's Colour was handed over to the Royal Indian Navy to-day by Lord Brabourne, Governor of Bombay. About 1,000 officers and men of various Indian naval units were on parade. Before the arrival of the Governor the parade was inspected by Read-Admiral Bedford, Flag-Officer Commanding.

The Governor said he was very proud to be able to hand over the King's Colour to the Indian Navy, as had been done in the case of the Royal Navy and the Dominion Navies, and he congratulated them sincerely on the honour done them. He felt confident that if the Royal Indian Navy were called upon to take its place in war with the other Navies of the Empire it would acquit itself in such manner as to show it fully deserved the honour bestowed on it by the King.

PRESIDENT'S COLOURS FOR INDIAN NAVY

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

BOMBAY, MAY 28

A new chapter in the history of the 338-year old Indian Navy was opened yesterday with the presentation of the President's Colours by President Rajendra Prasad at Brabourne Stadium, Bombay. The Navy is the first of the armed forces to receive this distinction, the President's Colours having taken the place of the King's Colours which were laid up last year when India became a republic.

Referring to the ties between the Royal Navy and the Indian Navy, the President expressed confidence that the "aroma of that association with that great and glorious Navy shall ever fill your hearts and inspire you with the resolve to strive to make the Indian Navy great and glorious." Admiral Sir Edward Parry, Commander-in-Chief, Indian Navy, welcomed the President.
