

PRESS NOTE.

NEW DELHI, Feb.10.— With effect from March 1, 1947, the title "Flag Officer Commanding, Royal Indian Navy" will lapse and the title "Commander-in-Chief, Royal Indian Navy", (C-in-C., R.I.N.) will be introduced, says an announcement from Naval Headquarters (India).

Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Miles, KCB, now Flag Officer Commanding, Royal Indian Navy, will therefore relinquish his present title from this date and assume the title of Commander-in-Chief, Royal Indian Navy

The adoption of this title does not affect the status of the Officer Commanding, the Royal Indian Navy, under the command of the Commander-in-Chief in India.

Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Miles, the first holder of the new title, Commander-in-Chief, Royal Indian Navy, saw service with submarines and destroyers during World War I. He was later Deputy Director of the R.N. Staff College, Greenwich and Director of the Tactical School, Portsmouth, besides holding other sea-going commands.

At the outbreak of World War II he was serving afloat as Captain of H.M.S. Nelson which he did for two years. He was promoted Rear-Admiral in 1941^{and} became Naval Member of the British Military Mission to the U.S.S.R. where he served nearly two years. He became head of the Mission and was promoted Vice-Admiral in 1944.

Before assuming command of the Royal Indian Navy in March, 1946, Admiral Miles was Flag Officer, Western Mediterranean. During his term of office as Flag Officer Commanding, Royal Indian Navy, Admiral Miles also acted as Deputy Commander-in-Chief, India, when Field Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief in India, was away in London for Victory celebrations in June 1946.