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PRESS COMMUNIQUE.

RECONSTITUTION OF THE ARMED FORCES.

NEW DELHI, JULY 11. — Final decisions have now been reached by the Partition Council regarding the allotment of units of the Armed Forces between the future Governments of India and Pakistan.

The Reconstitution of the Armed Forces will proceed in two stages in accordance with the terms of the communique issued by the Partition Council. The decisions now arrived at refer to the first stage of Reconstitution namely, "a rough and ready division on communal basis".

These decisions will in no way prejudice the second stage namely, "combing out of units on a basis of voluntary transfer of individuals".

These decisions are based on the unanimous recommendations of the Armed Forces Reconstitution Sub Committees and of the Armed Forces Reconstruction Committee. A marked feature of the deliberations of these Sub-Committees has been the spirit of goodwill and co-operation.

Recommendations regarding the Reconstitution of the Royal Indian Air Forces and some units of the Indian Army

have not yet been made to the Partition Council.

The following will eventually be the division of the ships of the Royal Indian Navy:-

INDIA Sloops: SUTLEJ, JUMNA, KISTNA, CAUVERY.

Frigates: TIR, KUKRI.

Minesweepers: ORISSA, DECCAN, BIHAR, KUMAON,
 KHYBER, ROHILKHAND, CARNATIC,
 RAJPUTANA, KONKAN, BOMBAY,
 BENGAL, MADRAS.

Corvettes: ASSAM.

Survey Vessel: INVESTIGATOR.

Trawlers: NASIK, CALCUTTA, COCHIN, AMRITSAR.

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Motor Minesweepers: FOUR IN NUMBER

Harbour Defence Motor Launches: FOUR IN NUMBER.

All existing landing craft.

PAKISTAN Sloops: NARBADA, GODAVARI.

Frigates: SHAMSHER, DHANUSH.

Minesweepers: KATHIAWAR, BALUCHISTAN, MALWA, ODDH.

Trawlers: RAMPUR, BARODA.

Motor Minesweepers: Two in number.

Harbour Defence Motor Launches: FOUR IN NUMBER.

Indian Army: 15 infantry regiments, 12 armoured corps units, 18½ artillery regiments and 61 Engineer units have been allotted to India. Eight infantry regiments, 6 armoured corps units, 8½ artillery regiments and 34 Engineer units have been allotted to Pakistan.

In allotting the ships, ~~xxxxxxx~~ etc. the requirements of each Dominion have been kept in view and care has been taken to see that the actual allotment results in each Dominion getting its fair share. Similarly in allotting infantry, armoured corps, artillery and Engineer units the same considerations have been borne in mind.
