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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

NEW ZEALAND'S PRESENTATION TO INS DELHI

Bombay, May 17. - The Government of New Zealand will present a plaque to I.N.S.DELHI in recognition of her services to New Zealand while the cruiser - then H.M.N.Z.S. ACHILLES - was on loan to New Zealand and also as a gesture of goodwill to India. The presentation ceremony will be performed by the New Zealand Trade Commissioner in India, Mr.R.F.Inglis on board I.N.S.DELHI at Bombay on May 29, and the plaque will be received by the Commanding Officer of the ship Captain S.G.Karmarkar. Admiral Sir Edward Parry, Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy will also take part in the ceremony.

In the plaque will be embodied the crests of the warship both as H.M.N.Z.S.ACHILLES and as I.N.S.DELHI. It may be recalled that at the outbreak of last war Admiral Parry was in command of H.M.N.Z.S. ACHILLES. Later for about two years Admiral Parry was the First Naval Member of the New Zealand Naval Board.