

INDIAN ARMY FETES BHOPAL RULER

Bhopal, capital city of the central Indian state of that name, was the mecca of natives from miles around when the Indian Army Commander-in-Chief honoured the State Ruler. ~~About the size of Wales Bhopal is a Muslim state of one million people.~~ On the parade ground the Nawab Sir Hamidullah Khan was presented with a four-point-five howitzer as recognition of services during the war.

His daughter, the Heir Apparent, was in uniform as Colonel-in-Chief of her father's army.

Major-General Skinner, representing Field Marshal

Auchinleck, made the official presentation while the Nawab, the Begum and their daughter looked on. Until the Nawab acceded Bhopal had had female rulers for eighty-two years. The Princess will rule on her father's death, there being no male in line of succession. After the speech of acknowledgment the Nawab decorated men of his army for bravery in the war. All this was a spectacular facet of the highly-complicated structure of modern India whose rulers now face the enormous difficulties of <sup>the</sup> molding the country into one harmonious ~~state~~ state.

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