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ENSIGN AND MERCHANT FLAG OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

IT is notified for general information, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that the attached diagram of the Ensign and Merchant Flag of the Commonwealth of Australia is an authoritative design in respect of the proportions and positions of the stars shown thereon.

A description of the Ensign and Merchant Flag is also published for general information.

J. A. LYONS,
Prime Minister.

19th March, 1934.

DESCRIPTION OF THE FLAGS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

The Ensign is the British Blue Ensign, and the Merchant Flag is the British Red Ensign, consisting of a blue and red flag respectively, with the Union Jack occupying the upper quarter next the staff, differenced by—A large seven-pointed, white star in the centre of the lower quarter next the staff and pointing direct to the centre of the St. George's Cross in the Union Jack in the upper canton next the staff, and five white stars in the form of the Southern Cross in the "Fly", or half of the flag further from the staff.

The undermentioned dimensions should be observed:—

Flags can be made up of the following number of "Breadths," viz., 22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, and 3. A "Breadth" signifies a breadth of bunting, i.e., 9 inches. The length of a flag is always twice the width at the "Hoist," A C D. Thus, a flag of 14 Breadths measures 21 feet in length by 10 feet 6 inches in width.

The Union Jack occupies one-fourth of the flag; the diagonals of the Union Jack form the centre and dividing lines of the combined Crosses of St. Andrew and St. Patrick.

The broad white of St. Andrew's Cross is uppermost in the first and third quarters next A C of "Hoist," and the red of St. Patrick's Cross (together with the narrow white border to same) is uppermost in the second and fourth quarters next "Fly." The Crosses are arranged as in diagram.

DESCRIPTION AND PROPORTIONS OF CROSSES.

Name.	WIDTHS OF THE SEVERAL PARTS.				
	In Fractions of Width of Union Jack (A C).	In Fractions of Width "B."			
	Red (Width "B").	White Borders.	Broad White.	Red.	Narrow White Border.
St. George's Cross and white borders ..	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$			
St. Andrew's Cross	$\frac{1}{2}$		
St. Patrick's Cross and narrow white border		$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$

The six States and the Territories of the Commonwealth are represented by a large seven-pointed white star, as in diagram.

DESCRIPTION AND PROPORTIONS OF STAR.

Name.	Position of Centre.	Outer Diameter.	Inner Diameter.	Number of Points.
	In Fractions of Width of Union Jack (A C).		In Fractions of Outer Diameter.	
Commonwealth Star	On middle line of Union Jack (produced), $\frac{1}{2}$ Width of Union Jack from bottom edge of flag	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{4}{9}$	7

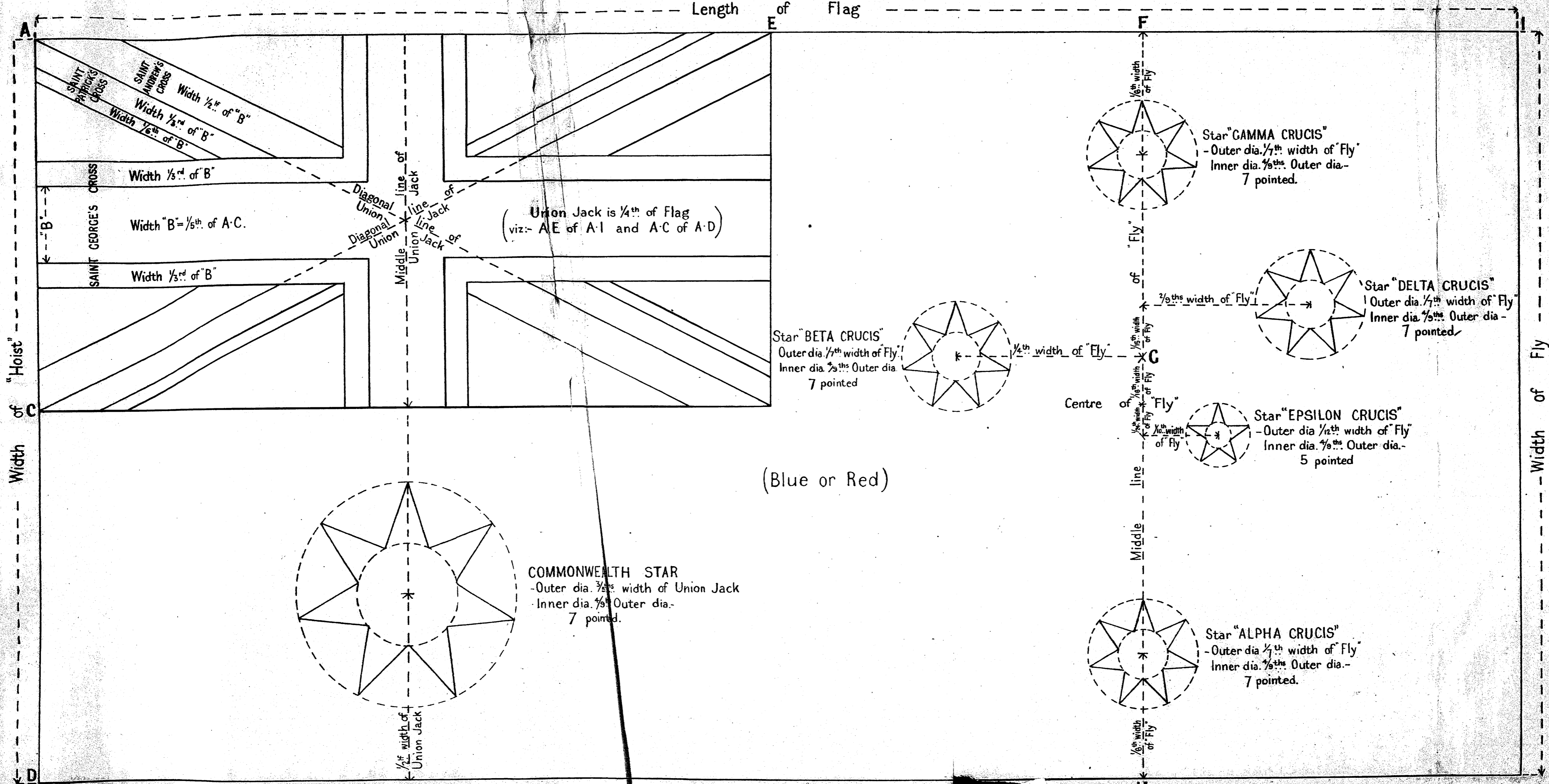
The Southern Cross is represented by five white stars, arranged as in diagram.

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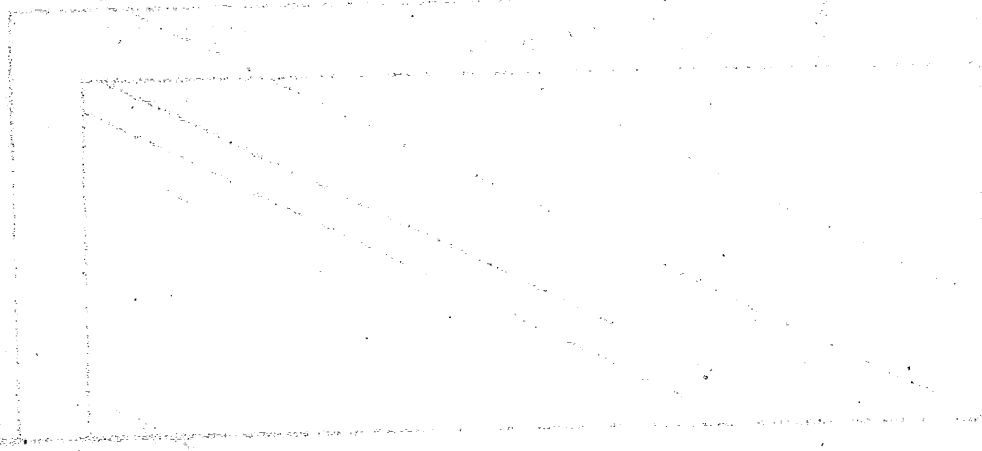
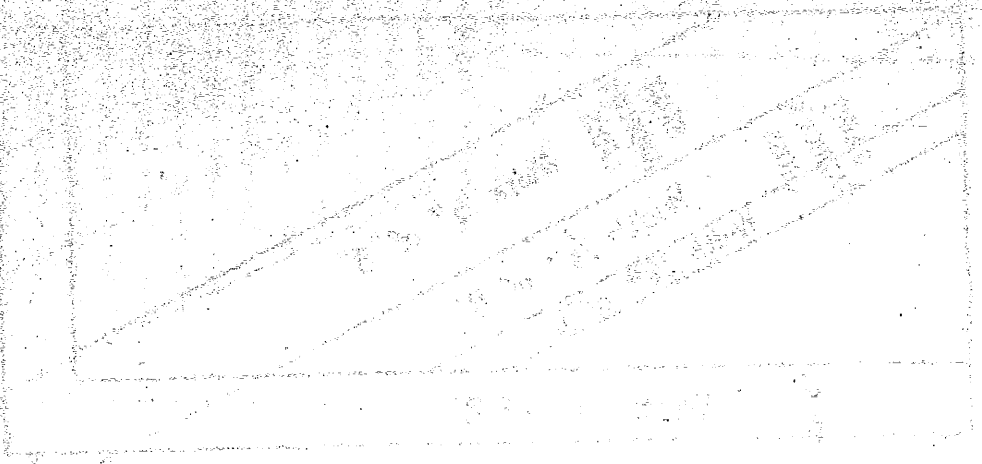
Name.	Position of Centre.	Outer Diameter.	Inner Diameter.	Number of Points.
	In Fractions of Width of "Fly" (F G H).		In Fractions of Outer Diameter.	
"Alpha Crucis" ..	On middle line $\frac{1}{8}$ from bottom edge ..	$\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{4}{9}$	7
"Beta Crucis" ..	$\frac{1}{4}$ from middle line at right angles on left to a point G $\frac{1}{16}$ above centre of "Fly" }	$\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{4}{9}$	7
"Gamma Crucis" ..	On middle line $\frac{1}{8}$ from top edge ..	$\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{4}{9}$	7
"Delta Crucis" ..	$\frac{2}{9}$ from middle line at right angles on right to a point $\frac{1}{16}$ above point G }	$\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{4}{9}$	7
"Epsilon Crucis" ..	$\frac{1}{10}$ from middle line at right angles on right to a point $\frac{1}{24}$ below centre of "Fly" }	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{4}{9}$	5

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Diagram showing proper proportions of Ensign and Merchant Flag



NOTE! See description for other particulars



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