

Empire to Commonwealth

A pictorial representation



A flag supposedly made for King George V.

The flag encompasses: the Union Flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; the coats of arms of South Africa, Australia and Canada; along with the stars of New Zealand (overlying the Red Ensign) and finally the Star of India in the centre.

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Ministry of Defence emblems:



The United Kingdom
of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland



Canada



The Commonwealth
Of Australia



New Zealand
Aotearoa



The Republic
Of India
Bharat Ganarajya

The British Empire is a vast subject, often denigrated these days, but whether for good or ill, has had a tremendous influence on the shape of the modern world. Remember, the United States, the only current superpower, started as part of this Empire. The language of commerce and the evermore important internet is the English of Britain. Globalisation is very much a development of the British ways of doing business over the centuries. And so the examples could go on.

Millions of words have been written about the Empire, but its extent, power and influence is still poorly understood. The Rev Anthony Hathaway-Taylor has gone one step further by applying that simple idea that a picture can truly be worth a thousand words. By tracing the development of much of the British Empire through images, he has not only made a valuable contribution to our understanding, but produced a truly beautiful work. I certainly look forward to using the naval and military contents of this book.

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Naval-history.net

I have to commend you on gathering such a collection of heraldry related images

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I am very pleased to be associated with this project.

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Army badge collector

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