

The New Zealand Civil Air Ensign.

Air Department,
Wellington, 17th April, 1939.

THE following despatches evidencing the institution by exercise of the Royal prerogative of an ensign, to be known as "the New Zealand Civil Air Ensign," are hereby publicly notified, together with a detailed description of the said Ensign.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

Government House, Wellington, 8th October, 1938.

New Zealand.

No. 167.

MY LORD,—

I have the honour to inform you, at the instance of my Prime Minister, that His Majesty's Government in New Zealand desire to issue directions in connection with a Civil Air Ensign proposed to be flown on civil aircraft registered in New Zealand, and would be grateful if the undermentioned proposals concerning the Ensign could be submitted to the King for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure :—

1. The following Ensign is hereby authorized and shall be recognized as the proper national colours to be flown by British civil aircraft registered in the Dominion of New Zealand—that is to say, upon a field of light blue, a dark-blue latin cross edged with white, in the first canton the Union Flag, and in the fourth canton the Southern Cross of four five-pointed stars coloured red.
2. The said Ensign shall be called the New Zealand Civil Air Ensign.
3. Directions may be given by the Governor-General of New Zealand or other competent authority as to the persons by whom and places at which the said Ensign may be flown.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servant,
(Sgd.) GALWAY, Governor-General.

The Right Honourable Lord Stanley, P.C., M.C., M.P., Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

Downing Street, 16 November, 1938.

New Zealand.

No. 339.

MY LORD,—

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's despatch No. 167 of the 8th October, and to request you to inform your Ministers that His Majesty has been pleased to approve of the proposals submitted therein, regarding the institution of the New Zealand Civil Air Ensign.

2. I should be glad if I might be furnished with a copy of the notice promulgating the new Ensign, when issued.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Excellency's most obedient, humble servant,
(Signed) MALCOLM MACDONALD.

Governor-General His Excellency, Colonel, The Right Honourable Viscount Galway, G.C.M.G., D.S.O., O.B.E., &c., &c., &c.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW ZEALAND CIVIL AIR ENSIGN.

The Ensign shall comprise upon a field of light blue, a dark-blue latin cross, in breadth eight-sixtieths of the hoist of the ensign, bordered by a white band two-sixtieths of the hoist of the Ensign; in the first canton the Union Flag; and in the fourth canton the Southern Cross of four five-pointed stars coloured red.

The centres of the stars forming the long limb of the cross shall be on a vertical line through the centre of the fourth canton and equidistant from its upper and lower edges, and the distance apart of the centres of the stars shall be sixteen-sixtieths of the hoist of the Ensign.

The centres of the stars forming the short limb of the cross shall be on a line intersecting the vertical limb at an angle of 82° therewith and rising from near the lower inner corner of the canton towards the upper and outer corner, its point of intersection with the vertical line being distant from the centre of the uppermost star of the cross, five and one-half sixtieths of the hoist of the Ensign. The distance of the centre of the star nearest the outer edge of the canton from the point of intersection shall be equal to five-sixtieths of the hoist of the Ensign, and the distance of the centre of the star nearest the inner edge of the canton from the point of intersection shall be equal to five and one-half sixtieths of the hoist of the Ensign.

The star nearest the outer edge of the canton shall measure three and one-half sixtieths, the stars at the top and bottom of the cross and that nearest the inner edge of the canton shall each measure four-sixtieths of the hoist of the Ensign across their respective points.

A drawing of the said ensign, in accordance with the above description, is deposited in the office of the Air Department at Wellington and marked Air 280/1/3, and a copy of such drawing is published herewith.