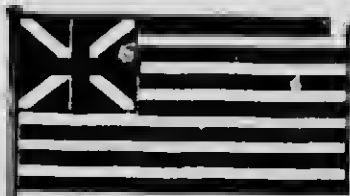


AMERICAN FLAG



THE UNION OF CAMBRIDGE FLAG
OF 1776

The 1st official National Flag raised by General Washington at Cambridge, Mass., January 2nd, 1776. The king's colors are in the canton and 13 stripes represent the 13 original states. An ensign used in colonial trade as early as 1704.



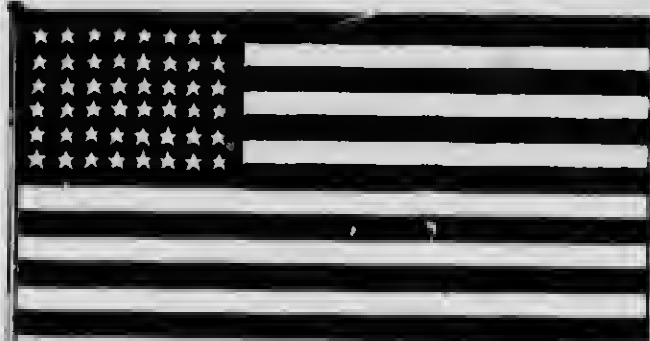
THE FIRST STARS AND STRIPES
(BETSY ROSS FLAG, 1777)

General Washington designed and Mrs. Betsy Ross made the first Stars and Stripes at Philadelphia, in 1777. Congress adopted this as the American Flag on June 14th, 1777. It was first raised over Fort Schuyler (present Rome, N.Y.) August 2nd, 1777 during unsuccessful siege by a British Army. The Fort Schuyler flag was "home made" of a petticoat red, a soldier's shirt and a captain's cloak of blue."



THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER
OF 1814

The Flag of fifteen stars and stripes adopted in 1794 after Vermont and Kentucky were admitted. This is the "Star Spangled Banner" which inspired Key's immortal lines, when he saw it "still there" over Fort McHenry which defended Baltimore from British attack in 1814.



OLD GLORY

"Old Glory"—The present American Flag—the style adopted by Congress in 1818—13 stripes for the 13 original states and one star for each state—48 in 1918.

The American Flag is the oldest of those of the great nations and only the flags of Great Britain, Denmark and Holland are older.