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Title Military Flag

Date 1862

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched; silk, plain woven cotton header, sequins, metal thread, tassels

Description Silk presentation flag of the 13th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry Regiment. The flag has been reconstructed from its fragments of beige colored silk to the way that it would have originally been made. The flag is made from two equal size pieces of silk and hand stitched together horizontally in the

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center. Appliquéd above the center seam, on both sides of the flag, is the word

"Union" in cursive lettering, made from silver sequins sewn together onto a

paper backing with a beige colored silk thread. The paper backed sequins are

then stitched to the silk with a heavier blue thread. Centered below "Union" and

below the center seam on both sides of the flag are the words "13th Vol / Con

Reg / N Orleans La / 1862". They are constructed and appliquéd to the flag in the

same manner as the word "Union". The flag contains a total of 34 five pointed

stars with 17 on each side. The stars are made of silver bullion, on top of silver

sequins, and appliquéd to both sides of the flag in a triangular shape. The base

of the shape is formed by 4 stars on each side of the word "Union" that connect

with diagonal rows of four stars from the edges of the flag and move towards a

single star at the top of the triangle. On the top and bottom edges of the flag

there is fringe made from the same silver bullion as the stars. The fringe runs the

entire length of the bottom edge of the flag but only about a third of the way

from the hoist end to fly end on the top edge. Although there is a lack of silk

from the fly end of the flag, it would be appropriate to say that the fly end would

have probably had fringe on it as well. The header is made from a plain woven

cotton that is covered with the same silk used to make the flag, and then hand-

stitched to the hoist end of the flag. Tied to the top of the header is a cord of

silver bullion that has a silver tassel at each end. The cord is tied together with a

slip knot 9" below where it is tied to the header.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 44 x 47in. (111.8 x 119.4cm)

Other (case height x width): 56 x 53 x 3in. (142.2 x 134.6 x 7.6cm)