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Title United States Flag

Date 1864

Primary Maker W. H. Horstmann & Sons

Medium Hand-stitched; silk, paint, silk fringe

Description American flag, also known as the "Lincoln Flag", consisting of thirty-five stars and thirteen red and white stripes. The thirteen alternating horizontal red and white stripes begin with a red stripe at the top and end with a red stripe at the bottom, with the canton resting on a white stripe. The stripes are individual pieces of silk that have been hand sewn together and to the canton. The canton consists of thirty-five pointed gold stars painted on both sides.

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Painted in the center of the front side of the canton is a seated female figure

representing Liberty. In her right hand she is grasping an oval shield that

contains three red and three white vertical stripes topped with a blue section. In

her left hand she is holding a staff topped with a red liberty cap. She is wearing a

crown of green laurel leaves and wearing a white and red robe. She is seated on

top of and surrounded by a large cloud. There are seventeen gold stars above

the design with two stars above the top banner. There are eighteen stars below

the design with two stars below the bottom banner. The orientation of the

points on all of the stars is random. At the top of the canton painted in gold

block lettering on a dark blue banner is "TREASURY GUARD", and below the

central image at the bottom of the canton on a dark blue banner is, also in gold

painted block lettering "REGIMENT." The central image on the reverse side of

the canton is that of an American bald eagle with its wings spread. The eagle is

clutching a sheath of arrows in its left talon and a green olive branch in its right.

The eagle is facing towards its right and grasping a pink banner in its beak. The

banner runs behind the eagle and comes around the front from its left side.

Painted on the banner is the phrase "E PLURIBUS UNUM" in a darker pink paint.

In the center of the eagle's chest there is a shield containing seven red and six

white vertical stripes topped with a blue section. The eagle is on a cloud

background similar to the background of the front side of the canton. Inscribed

in gold paint above the eagle on a dark blue banner: "Presented to Treasury

Guard Regt." Inscribed in gold below the eagle also on a dark blue banner is the

phrase "by the Ladies of the Treasury Dept. 1864". There are seventeen gold

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stars above the image of the eagle with two stars being above the banner. There are eighteen gold stars below the eagle with two stars being below the bottom banner. The orientation of the points on all of the stars is random. Painted very faintly at the bottom of the cloud directly below the arrows on the reverse side of the canton is "HORSTMANN'S PHILAD." The flag has an edging of gold silk fringe on all of the sides except on the hoist end. The hoist end of the flag is a sleeve that was made by folding the front side of the flag to the reverse side and reinforced with cotton inside of it.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 76 1/2 x 81in. (194.3 x 205.7cm)

Other (canton height x width): 38 1/2 x 28in. (97.8 x 71.1cm) Other (case dimensions): 79 1/2 x 83 x 1 1/2in. (201.9 x 210.8 x 3.8cm)