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ITEM Flag - Unidentified Confederate

UNSTABLE X

ACCESSION NO. 21 DATE 1/4/80 EXAMINER Beth Nelson

SIZE: METRIC, FLY 82 ENGLISH, FLY 32 1/4"

HOIST 81.5 HOIST 32"

FIBER IDENTIFICATION: Dressmaker silk and cotton

COLOR: Blue and white

METHOD OF ATTACHMENT: Twill ties, top and bottom

DESCRIPTION: (FACE) This flag holds a field of red silk printed dressmakers fabric. Blue silk crossed bars hold thirteen (13) white cotton stars. A 2 1/4" border of white polished cotton finishes the flag. Stitching was done by hand.

(REVERSE)

The field and bars are the reverse of the front. White cotton stars are attached to bars, cotton edging 3/8" outlines bars. The edge is folded back from front. White cotton stars are attached by a single row of hand stitching. The edges of the stars are raw. The edge and trim around bars are machine stitched.

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CONDITION: (FACE)

General: Poor
Specific: Dark spots appear throughout the flag. Some appear to be blood stains. Dark streaks are on the cotton edging.

(REVERSE)

General: Poor
Specific: Dark spots are coming through from the face. There is scotch tape on the lower left quadrant seam.

PREVIOUS RESTORATION: Hand stitching and machine stitching both appear on the piece. Machine stitching might be a very early attempt at restoration. The hand stitching is of basting quality, so it is possible that part of the original work was done by machine.

PRESENT TREATMENT: Folded with acid-free paper in a box.
Date:_____

PROPOSED TREATMENT: This unusual flag of dressmaker silk and cotton could be color tested, washed, and dried on glass to remove acids. It is the best candidate for conservation.

HISTORY:

FACE

40½" x 41"

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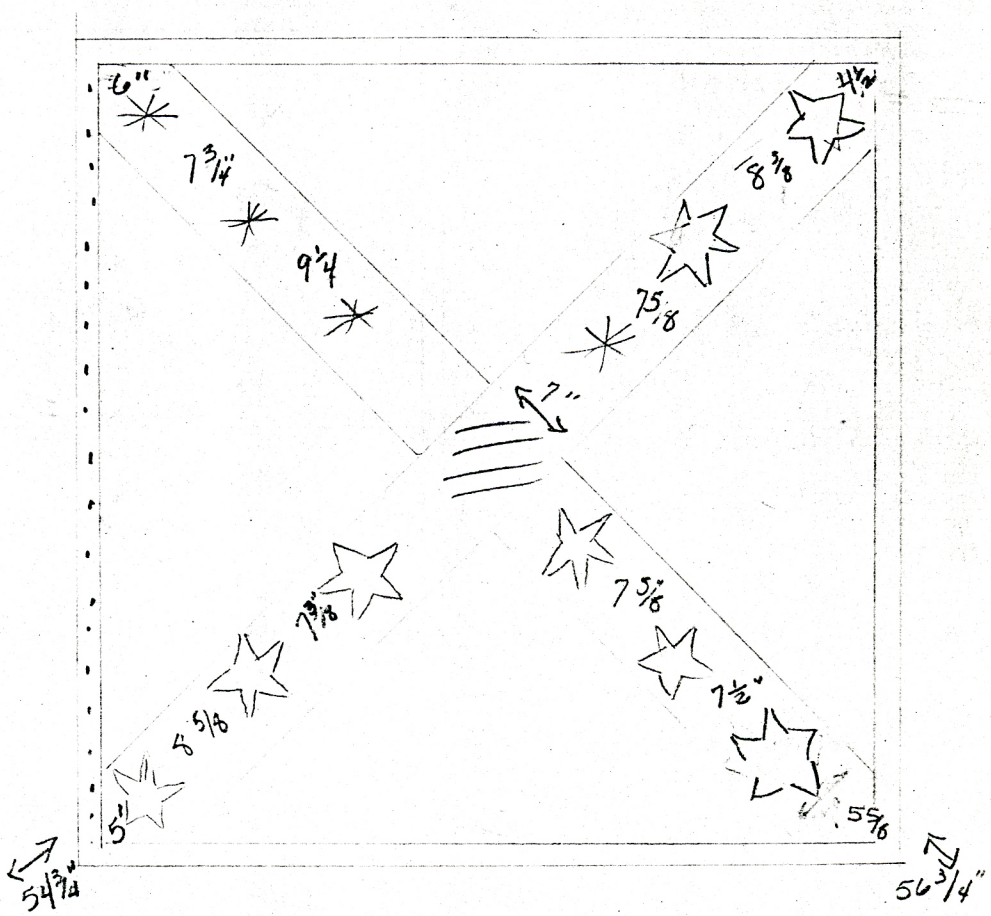

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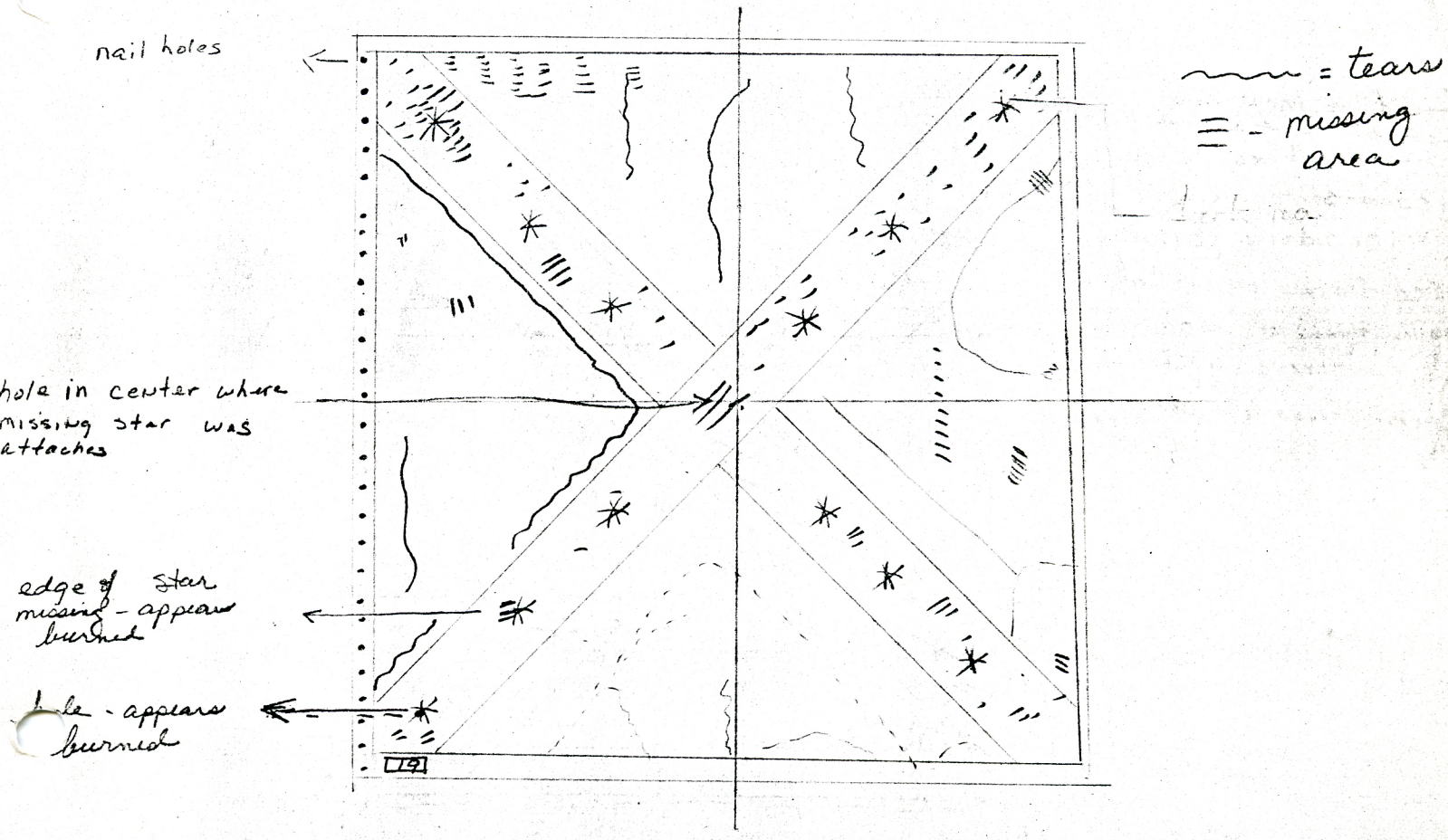

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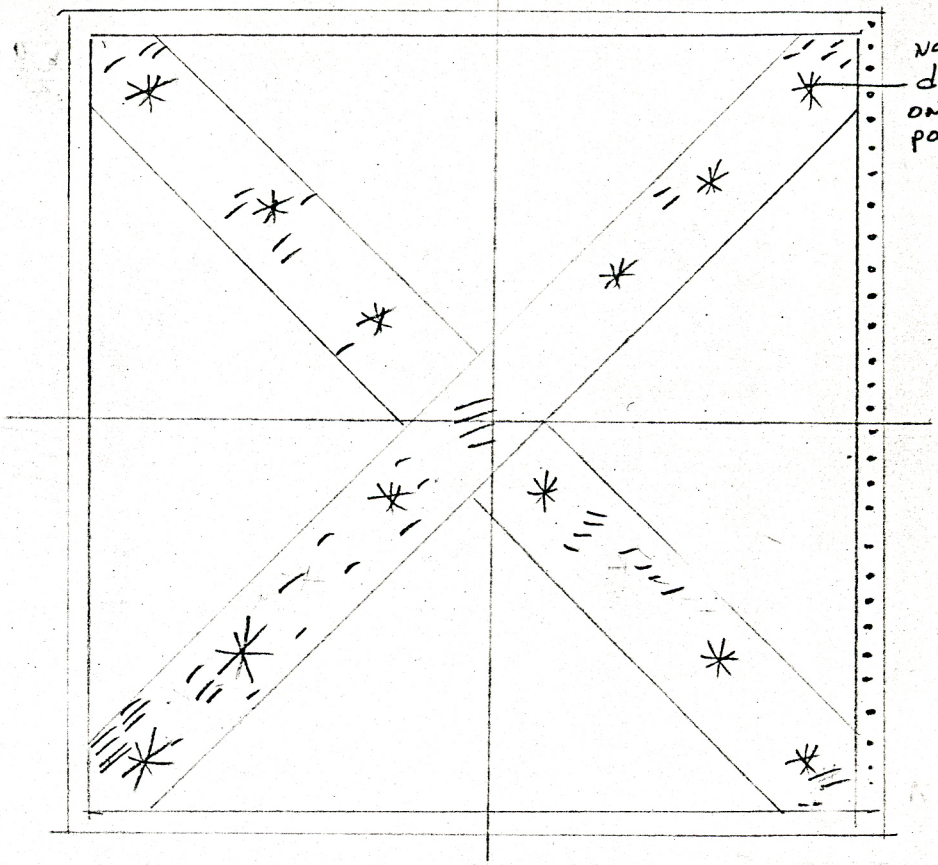
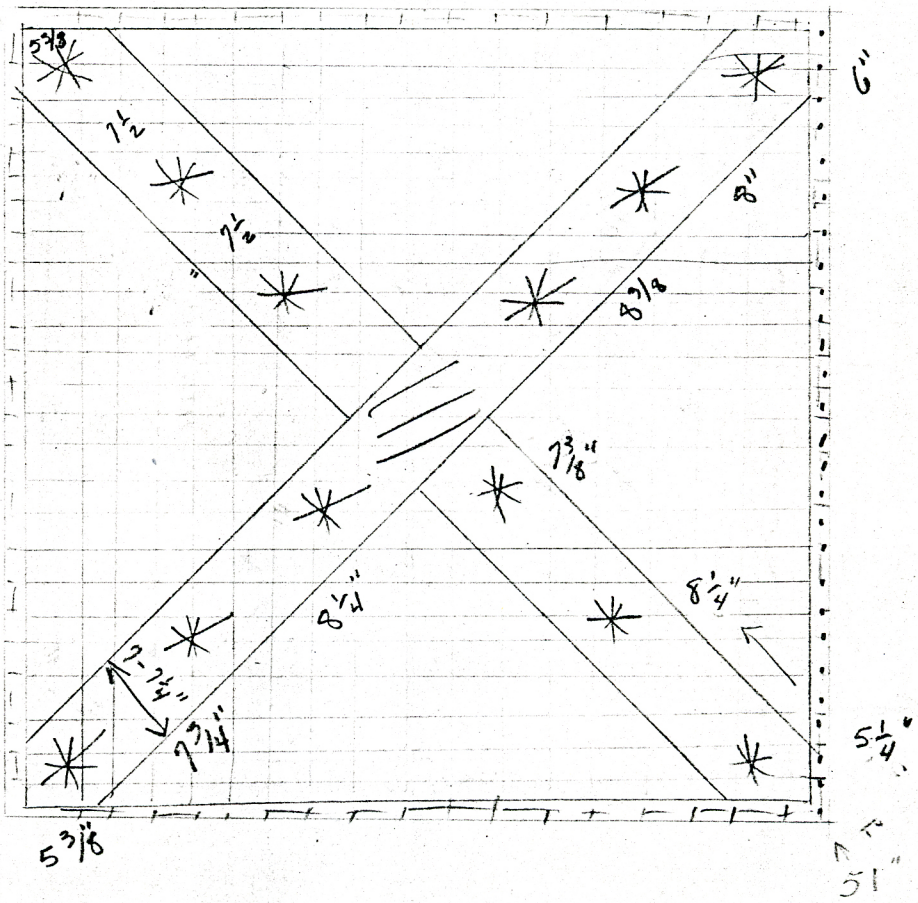
field is linen from former restoration
lines indicate hand-stitching with embroidery cotton
red thread on red linen
yellow thread on edge
white thread on star
green thread on bars