



Winslow Homer

Title

Pay-Day in the Army of the Potomac

Medium

Wood engraving on paper

Date

1863

Dimensions

15 3/4 × 20 13/16 in. (40 × 52.9 cm)

Accession number

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Credit Line

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Web Description

Money to buy any small comfort or to send home to family was always anxiously anticipated. Soldiers' pay, however, was meager, out of balance with inflation, and its arrival was highly erratic. When the paymaster did come, the occasion, as reported by one soldier, would "produce more joy in camp than is said to have been produced in heaven over the one sinner that repenteth."