

SA1230995

Frank Watson Wood WW1 Marine Watercolour of HMS London

Price

GBP 8,500

| USD \$11,589 | EUR 9,919

Item Reference: SA1230995**Date of manufacture: 1910**

Dimensions

Height = 55 cm (21.7")

Width = 53 cm (20.9")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

Frank Watson Wood 1915 Marine Watercolour of HMS London Fine First World War naval watercolour by British marine artist Frank Watson Wood (1862-1953), depicting the Royal Navy pre-dreadnought battleship HMS London. Signed Frank Wood lower right, dated 1915 and inscribed H.M.S. London 1914. Watercolour on paper. Historical Context At the outbreak of the First World War HMS London formed part of the Royal Navy 5th Battle Squadron. The squadron served with the Channel Fleet during the opening stages of the conflict and undertook duties associated with protecting the movement of the British Expeditionary Force across the English Channel. Wood's inscription H.M.S. London 1914, combined with his date of 1915, places the work within this historically important period. The available evidence does not, however, establish that the painting depicts one particular BEF crossing. Edmund Walter Anstice Historic handwritten material preserved with the work records the service aboard HMS London of Edmund Walter Anstice. Born in 1899, Anstice served aboard London as a teenage midshipman and subsequently participated in the Dardanelles campaign. He later became Vice-Admiral Sir Edmund Walte...

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