

SA781269

Day to day activity around a military port: large French master drawing naval base arsenal of Toulon

Price

GBP 440

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Item Reference: SA781269

Date of manufacture: 1930

Dimensions

Height = 25 cm (9.8")

Width = 46 cm (18.1")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

This stunning harbour scene work dates from the modern period - most likely from the 1930s, although it could be a little older - and yet it has the spontaneous, skilful elegance that one usually only sees in old master drawings. In a balanced, well proportioned composition, and with a backdrop of impressive battle ships and cranes, there is life: sailors, hawkers, street vendors, workers, children, passers by. The bustle is fascinating, and the artist takes you right there. A little historical context: to avoid capture by the Germans, the French fleet based at Toulon scuttled itself on 27 November 1942 on the orders of the French admiralty. The French destroyed 77 of their vessels, including 3 battleships, 7 cruisers, 15 destroyers, 13 torpedo boats, 6 sloops, 12 submarines, 9 patrol boats, 19 auxiliary ships, 1 school ship, 28 tugs, and 4 cranes. Our drawing was clearly executed before this event. The statue you'll notice in the in the centre of the drawing is a 5 metre high marble work by Louis Joseph Daumas dating from 1847. It has the particularity that it is sea-facing, and hence has its bottom directed towards the town hall. While there was a naval admiral named...

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