

My Batman

Augustus John OM RA

£1,000



REF: 1086

Height: 14 cm (5.5")

Width: 10 cm (3.9")

Framed Height: 39 cm (15.4")

Framed Width: 36 cm (14.2")

Description

In December 1917 Augustus John was assigned to the Canadian infantry as a war artist. The principal outcome was to be a huge mural for Lord Beaverbrook, but like so many of his ambitious projects it remained unfinished. However, he did make a number of fine portraits of his companions, many of these brown ink drawings in sketchbooks. This example is a portrait study of his batman (a personal servant or attendant assigned to a commissioned officer), used for a later painting, now in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.