

Frank W. HENRICKSEN (1915 - 1955)

Insect Armour
Pencil.

Signed and dated F. W. Henricksen 1944 at the lower left.

Titled INSECT ARMOUR. in the lower left margin.

Further inscribed Insect Armour / FW Henricksen Jan 8 1944 and SERIES 1937/47 on the verso.

132 x 229 mm. (5 1/4 x 9 in.) [image]

247 x 322 mm. (9 7/8 x 12 5/8 in.) [sheet]

Drawn on the 8th of January 1944, the present sheet is typical of Frank Henricksen's precise draughtsmanship and masterful shading in pencil, which seems to have been his preferred medium. The drawing is also characteristic of the artist in its close, almost scientific study of an object - in this case, an insect - resulting in a drawing of quiet, yet somewhat eerie, intensity.

Artist description:

Very little is known of the 20th century British draughtsman Frank Watson Henricksen, whose pencil drawings are characterized by a high degree of finish and a somewhat elegiac quality. Henricksen's work was included in the exhibition Nine Painters from Newcastle and County Durham held at the Hatton Gallery at Newcastle University in 1955, and seven pencil drawings by the artist – six still life subjects and one landscape - are today in the collection of the Hatton Gallery, part of the Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums.