Fireman's lift

Keith Vaughan

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Description

KEITH VAUGHAN (British, 1912-1977)
Fireman's lift
Pen ink and wash
Inscribed 'War time' on the reverse
Circa 1939-40

'It seems to me that the only way I can go through with a war is to fid something which I believe to be worth fighting for. The reasons we are given by the government which makes the war I do not accept. Therefore I cannot align myself along with the rest of my people - as I believe they are being misled and will be fighting for something which is not in their interests.' After the first London air raid he volunteered for the St John's Ambulance Brigade. After his brother's death he in May 1940 he registered as a conscientious objector on the grounds that 'I objected to the wilful slaughter of my fellow men'. At his tribunal in August 1940 he agreed serve in the Army Medical Corps as a non-combat.

This drawing was most likely executed while he was training with the St John's Ambulance Brigade, at some point between late 1939 and early 1940.

Sheet height 12 ½ cm., 5 in., Length 13 ½ cm., 5 ¼ in.
In a black, stained oak frame
Frame height 26cm., 10 ¼ in., height 26 cm., 10 ¼ in.

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