

SARAH COLEGRAVE
FINE ART

German Training Ship in Shadwell Basin, 1937 by Francis Wynne Thomas

Francis Wynne-Thomas

Sold



Description

FRANCIS WYNNE-THOMAS
(1907-1988)

German Training Ship in Shadwell Basin - 1937

Signed l.r.: F WYNNE THOMAS; signed, inscribed with title and dated 1937 on the stretcher
Oil on canvas
Framed

20 by 24 in. 51 by 61 cm.,
(frame size 64.5 by 75 cm., 25 ½ by 29 ½ in.)

Francis Wynne Thomas was born in Bromley, Kent, the son of Dr Harold Wynne-Thomas, a prominent homeopathic doctor. Francis initially studied architecture at Cambridge before going on to study art at Heatherley's under Frederick Whiting. During World War II Thomas served as an officer in the RAF stationed at the Photographic Interpretation Unit at Medmenham, Buckinghamshire. A portrait and landscape painter, he exhibited at the Royal Academy, Royal Society of British Artists and Royal Institute of Painters in Oils.

The three-masted German training ship in the painting is either the Gorch Fock I, built in 1933 and now a museum ship or the Horst Wessel, launched in 1936 and now a United States Coast Guard vessel and renamed Eagle.