



PETER HURD

(Roswell, New Mexico, 1904 - Roswell, New Mexico, 1984)

From a Flying Fortress over England

signed, inscribed and dated: *Peter Hurd England 1942*

watercolour

252 x 354 mm

In 1942, Hurd was appointed by Life Magazine as a war artist with the US Air Force. This view from the spherical-shaped gun turret at the nose of a B-17 Flying Fortress bomber in flight, was made in England. Conditions in the turret were extremely cramped, with room for just one operative, who on this occasion would have had to vacate to allow Hurd the room to paint.