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Fortunino Matania R.I. (1881-1963)

German Gas: a British Attack on the German lines.

Pen, brush, ink, grey wash and gouache. Signed.

Stamped verso: 'The Sphere no.858'. Later inscribed: 'No.40. July, 1916'.

Illustrated: *The Sphere*, London, 1st July, 1916, Front Cover.

Also illustrated: *Die Wochenschau*, 22nd July 1916, Front Cover, as a defence of a British gas attack.
12x10 inches.

£3,500

'The British bombing parties along the Western front have been particularly active this week; many daring raids have been carried out by them in the face of constant clouds of poison gas. When wearing his smoke-helmet the British Soldier present a strange impersonal appearance; the German apparatus contains a round chemical filter much larger than the British nozzle. On both sides bombs are used as the principal weapons: these are carried in bags around the waist and hurled at the advancing foe.' (Extract from *The Sphere*).