

SA1121112

Rare WW2 Optima military chronograph watch, c1940

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1121112****Date of manufacture: 1940**

Description

UK POSTAGE ONLY FOR THIS ITEM Rare WW2 Optima military chronograph watch, c1940. The watch has a Venus 170 hand-winding movement which was first introduced in 1942. The movement is working. It is signed with the name Optima, a brand name first registered by Fabrique d'Horlogerie Albert Grossenbacher in 1916. The company supplied watches to both British and German forces. The watch measures 35mm diameter excluding the later winding crown, the buttons and lugs. The case is plated while the case back is stainless steel. There is wear and marking to the plated finish. The case back is signed Optima, and it is also stamped with the military arrow and TP 1/5. Army issue chronograph wrist watches such as this example c1940s are scarce. The complexities of the watch which is not only has time keeping ability but includes a mechanism to operate the integral interval timer creating added expense. Always anathema to the British procurement authorities. Often it was considered more economical to supply two time pieces, an ordinary wrist watch plus an additional stop watch. Nevertheless, obviates the need for the second time piece freeing the hands of the user. The cop...

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