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Antique niello pocket watch by Rigi

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1207290****Date of manufacture: 1920**

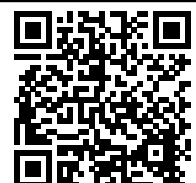
Description

Antique niello pocket watch by Rigi. The watch has a good quality 15-jewel stem-winding movement which is working nicely. The movement is protected by an inner cover which has images of medals and details of the movement. The watch measures 51mm diameter excluding the winding stem and the loop. The case is niello ware. Niello is a process whereby a black mixture, usually of sulphur, copper, silver, and lead, is used as an inlay on engraved or etched metal, especially silver, in this case 800 silver. It is added as a powder or paste, then fired until it melts or at least softens, and flows or is pushed into the engraved lines in the metal. Unusually the niello case has an image of an early mono plane flying over the sea, with the coastline and ships in the distance, with decoration below replicating the movement of the waves and what appears to be a suggestion of a bird to the top. There is also niello decoration around the bezel. Condition wise, a slight indentation to the back and some niello loss to the bezel but not too detrimental to the appearance. The inside of the case back has the scratched name Alois Güller Würenlos. Herr Güller was a business man ...

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