

SA548181

WW1 silver half hunter gents watch, J W Benson

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA548181****Date of manufacture: 1910**

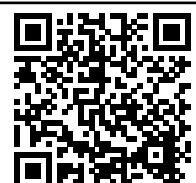
Description

A WW1 Electa silver half hunter gents wrist watch from J W Benson. The watch has a hand-winding movement, identified as an Electa from a 1914 sales catalogue. The movement is working nicely and keeping good time to within around five minutes over 24 hours. The bridges and cocks are decorated with striped decoration called Côtes de Genève. The watch measures 35mm diameter excluding the onion winding crown and the fixed wire lugs. The case is silver and there are hallmarks inside the covers for London 1917 (import mark) with an importer's mark for Arthur Rendell. In 1907, an act came into force which meant that all imported watches had to be assayed in a UK assay office and marked with British import hallmarks. For this, a sponsor's mark was required. In this particular case, Arthur Rendell was an employee, and probably in charge, of the department that handled imported watches at a company called Pringles, the UK's largest wholesalers of jewellery, silverware, clocks and watches, so it was deemed relevant to use his initials. Along with the hallmarks, there is also a patent number of 71363 which relates to a 1915 patent for the spring action of the front cover...

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