

SA619233

Gents 1914 silver Electa trench watch

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA619233****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Description

Gents 1914 silver Electa trench watch. The watch has a Swiss 15-jewel Electa movement which is working nicely. The watch measures 34mm diameter excluding the winding crown and the fixed wire lugs. The case is silver and there are hallmarks inside the case back for London (import mark), 1914, with an importer's or sponsor'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. The inside of the case back also has the maker's mark for François Borgel. He was a very successful inventor and business man, and his company became one of the most important watch case manufacturers of its time. He advertised his screw watch case, such as this example, as "impermeable", which means that he considered his screw case to be waterproof. Ea...

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