

SA769634

Antique silver Longines trench watch, 1918

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA769634****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Description

UK POSTAGE ONLY FOR THIS ITEM Antique silver Longines trench watch, 1918. The watch has a Longines calibre 13.34 18 jewel movement which is working nicely. The movement is signed with the Longines name and also the mark for Baume & Co, sole importers of Longines watches into Great Britain and the British Empire. The watch measures 35mm diameter excluding the winding crown and the articulated lugs. The case is sterling silver and there are hallmarks inside the case back for London (import mark), 1918, together with a case 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. Early adopters of the Borgel screw case included Longines and IWC. After François Borgel's death in 1912, the business was carried on by his daughter Louisa. Despite the Borgel case, this watch, as with any vintage watch, should be kept away from water and moisture. The case is in lovely condition for such an early piece, a little tarnishing ...

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