

SA864533

Gents WW1 antique silver
trench watch, Borgel case

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA864533

Date of manufacture: 1910

Description

Gents WW1 antique silver trench watch, Borgel case. The watch has a Swiss hand-winding movement which is working nicely. The movement has been identified as being by Fabrique d'Horlogerie de Fontainemelon, a Swiss movement manufacturer. 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 case back for London 1918 with a sponsor's mark for Arthur George 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 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 t...

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