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Subject: Cartouche 255

Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Tue, 29 Apr 2014 22:37:58 GMT

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Model name : Car 255

Type : Cartouche

Period/date : ca 1929

Gender : Ladies

Case Maker : Gruen

Case Material : 14k white gold

Case Serial : 1237144

Case Style no : 107

Caliber : 155

Movement Maker : unknown

Movement Serial: -

Bracelet : Grosgrain band with Gruen clasp (not original). Original would have been 13mm grosgrain silk (see Master book) or mesh cord (Gruen guild 1929 book).

Other info : Crystal very thick and assumed to be a later replacement. Dial looks to be a redial. Engraved with a French name: Beatrice Guerout. History unknown.

From the Gruen guild 1929 book:

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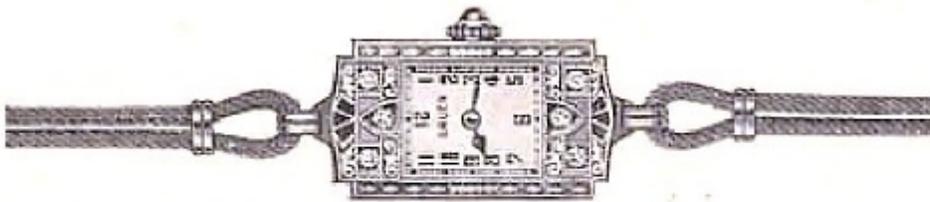
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Subject: Re: Cartouche 255  
Posted by [Gary](#) on Wed, 30 Apr 2014 01:11:44 GMT  
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Wow! That one is a beauty! The crystal sure looks to be handmade. For the thickness and uneven plane it looks like examples I've tried to make here. I sure like that crown design!

Edit: spelling...plain plane is all the same.

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Subject: Re: Cartouche 255

Posted by [Thojil](#) on Wed, 30 Apr 2014 09:55:55 GMT

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Madame is moving upmarket Beautiful!

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Subject: Re: Cartouche 255

Posted by [timeliz](#) on Wed, 30 Apr 2014 21:25:11 GMT

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Very nice, Jenneke!

I remember seeing that one but never bid. Glad it found a good home!

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Subject: Re: Cartouche 255

Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Wed, 30 Apr 2014 21:49:37 GMT

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Quote:Madame is moving upmarket

You can't buy them all! At least I can't. I did not win the Kingsday lottery. I bought this as my birthday present. Next year, hmmm, Gruen Orné?

Quote:The crystal sure looks to be handmade.

I will try to make a picture with better light. The seller told me the watch was in a collection of antique watches on display in his father's jewelry store for over 60 years. So it must be an old redial/crystal replacement.

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Subject: Re: Cartouche 255

Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Fri, 16 Jul 2021 21:43:09 GMT

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When looking at the ehrards masterbook I noticed something that might me wonder... if the crystal is original. If you look at car 123 and 131 the crystal also seems bulky. And looking at my watch in the mode du bijou add, it could have that crystal too.

What do you think?

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