

Press Release | For Immediate Release

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April 11, 2017 | East Longmeadow, MA - Adam Vintage Watch Co., otherwise known as AdamVintage has procured two of the most desired and rare Vacheron & Constantin military pocket watches from World War I. We've found both the Army Corps of Engineers Vacheron & Constantin Chronograph and Half-Chronometer. Both are all original and in perfect working order.

These are considered to be the most important heritage pieces for Vacheron & Constantin both for their rarity; but most important, their establishment into the US market as a high end manufacturer and military supplier. 2,000 or less of the chronometer versions were delivered while 3,289 of the chronographs were said to have been delivered before the war ended.

These examples, we procured, are among the few examples exist that are completely unmolested, cases with original finish, no cracks or hairlines in the porcelain dials and in perfect working order.



PURCHASING AGENT FOR SWITZERLAND
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

Order Berne No. 154.
P.O.S.D. 44-537
Reqn. No. 3-6288

Telephone 6252 Berne

BERNE (Switzerland), August 10, 1918.
26. Lahrstrasse

Vacheron & Constantin,
Geneva.

TBWM

I hereby purchase from you, by order of and for account of Engineer Corps,
American E.F. the materials hereinafter specified upon the following terms:

DESCRIPTION : 2,000 watches, oxydized silver, half-chronometer, luminous dials
and hands, as per sample No. 232608, submitted to Engineer Purchasing Officer in
Paris. On the back of each watch will be engraved: " Property of Corps of Engineers,
U.S.A. 10,351 " up to 12,350.

QUANTITY: 2,000 (two thousand) watches.

PRICE : 96.- [Ninetysix] Swiss francs each.

PAYMENT: To be made in Swiss francs at Berne as soon as possible after delivery
of said materials by seller to buyer at Berne.

DELIVERY: 100 pieces monthly at Berne: to be increased, if possible, to 150 to
200 pieces monthly.

SHIPMENT: To be made at seller's risk and expense to Berne.

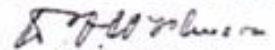
INSPECTION: The buyer waives the right of inspection at the seller's factory before
shipment of watches to Berne. Watches will be subject to inspection in Paris by the
Engineer Corps and such watches as are not similar in all respects to sample watch
No. 232608, and are not engraved according to above specification may be refused
by buyer and no payment shall be made for these.

RAW MATERIALS No raw material for the manufacture of these watches will be supplied
to seller by buyer.

ACCEPTED:

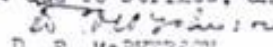
INCORPORATED
VACHERON & CONSTANTIN S.A.




D. P. McPHERSON,
Captain, A.G.N.A.

Purchasing Agent for Switzerland,
American E.F.

It is understood that Vacheron & Constantin will not be responsible for ~~strikes~~
delays in the performance of this contract due to strikes, an act of God, or of
a public enemy.


D. P. McPHERSON,
Purchasing Agent for Switzerland,
American E.F.

GENERAL PURCHASING BOARD, AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
CHIEF PURCHASING OFFICER
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

25 MAY 1918

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8, May, 1918.

From: Engineer Purchasing Officer, A. E. F.
To: Captain J. E. Miller, Engineers, U. S. A.
Subject: Chronograph-watches.

1. Following the arrangement made by you - in conjunction with a representative from this office - with Ancienne Fabrique Vacheron & Constantin, Limited, in Geneva, it is requested that you place an order with them for the following:

NOT LESS than Five Thousand (5,000) single chronograph-watches, of the following description:

High grade movements, 20-jewels, stop sweep second hand without minute counter, adjusted to positions and temperatures, furnished with Certificate of Guarantee. To be without special engraving on the movements, except the name of the maker - Vacheron & Constantin - and the number of the watch. The cases to be of oxidized silver, open face, with the following engraving on the back: "Corps of Engineers, U. S. A. No.---" (Numbers to begin with 1). The dials and hands shall be luminous, except the small second and the sweeping hand. The dials are to be marked "Corps of Engineers, U. S. A. No.---" and "Vacheron & Constantin".

Price, SWISS francs, 280 each, f. o. b. Berne, Switzerland. Payment shall be made upon delivery to a representative of the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army.

2. It is understood that the Ancienne Fabrique Vacheron & Constantin will fill the above order in the shortest time possible, deliveries to be made at the rate of not less than 200 watches per month, the first delivery to start within from three (3) to four (4) months. However, it is understood that the Corps of Engineers will be furnished from 75 to 100 watches within thirty (30) days, said watches now being in stock.

3. It is agreed that this order may be cancelled by the Corps of Engineers upon ninety (90) days notice in writing, to be effective after the delivery of five thousand (5,000) watches; otherwise the Ancienne Fabrique Vacheron & Constantin, Limited, will continue to make the above stipulated deliveries until receipt of such notice, except as below noted.

4. This order will be automatically cancelled by the declaration of peace, except that the Corps of Engineers will accept and pay for three thousand (3,000) watches, even though peace be declared before any watches are delivered, and in the event of the three thousand (3,000) watches not being delivered before the declaration of peace, Vacheron & Constantin will be allowed to reduce the

number of watches furnished per month to a number mutually agreed upon, so as to allow Vacheron & Constantin to resume regular commercial work.

5. The Corps of Engineers will endeavor to obtain from the French Government for Vacheron & Constantin, a passport to cross the frontier into Savoy at any time, it being understood that certain polishing works located at this point are to do the necessary polishing of the watches manufactured by Vacheron & Constantin. The Corps of Engineers will also endeavor to obtain a pass for the packages and mail of Vacheron & Constantin to or from Savoy.

6. In case of a scarcity of metal in Switzerland that would prevent Vacheron & Constantin from carrying out the above order, it is understood that the Corps of Engineers will assist in getting materials to them.

7. It is further understood that Vacheron & Constantin will not be responsible for failure to fulfill any part or all of this order, due to riot, act of God or the public enemy.

By direction of Colonel C. McD. Townsend, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army.


THOMAS B. WHITTED
Captain, Engineers, U. S. R.

Order No.E.D.44 - 509
Mode of purchase - Switzerland.
Reqn. No. B-5495

1 ton.