

## Watches on Parade at Charterhouse

A collection of military issue wristwatches are expected to sell for over £10,000 when they go under the Charterhouse hammer in their two day **May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>** auction.

“The military issue watches have been amassed by a Somerset collector over many years,” commented Richard Bromell. “It is a fabulous collection which will appeal to watch collectors as you rarely come across one military issue wristwatch let alone the 20 we will be selling.”

The collection spans some 50 years of military watch production. The earliest watch is a rare Rolex with a crow’s foot or broad arrow mark to the back of the case which is the standard British military ownership mark. This Rolex, in a silver case and estimated at £800- £1,200\*, would have originally been issued to an officer. Dating to just before the outbreak of the First World War it could have been used to co-ordinate sending “men over the top” during an attack.



Other watch brands in the collection include Omega, Longines, International Watch Company (IWC), Hamilton and Record, all of which have black non-reflective dials so your position was not accidentally given away to the enemy. These watches carry various estimates from £300\* up to £1,000\*.



**Part of the collection of Military issue Wristwatches**

Charterhouse is accepting further entries for this two day auction. The auction includes specialist sections of watches, silver and jewellery on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May** followed by Beswick, Doulton, other ceramics, antiques and interiors with wine, port and whisky on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May**.

They are also accepting entries for their June classic and vintage car auction

For further information regarding these auctions, or arrange a home visit, contact **Richard Bromell or Rosie Bowen** at Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne **01935 812277** or via email **[rab@charterhouse-auction.com](mailto:rab@charterhouse-auction.com)**