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Subject: Re: The Quadron 18?

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A few thoughts...

1) It is a Quadron 18. I know the book specifies cal. 157, but it's wrong. The dial in the photo is marked "Precision" and I've never seen a 157 with a Precision dial and I don't believe such a thing exists. And I've had a couple 157's in this style of cut-corner case and they aren't marked Precision and the cases aren't marked for 117 or 119 movements. I think the book is wrong and the watch is right. This watch is correct with a 117 or 119.

2) Don't worry about the milled out marking. That spot is where the pillar plate would originally have been marked 117. I have no clue what the difference is between a 117 and 119, but I've seen enough of them to realize that when Gruen made the switch, they milled out the 117 mark and just added the 119 mark in different location.

3) You are correct that these movements have nothing to do with the 50th anniversary. Check the 1929 catalog (and maybe 1931 supplement?). They do mention these movements, usually regarding Import models. There are no references to any anniversary. They just mention movements "engraved in the old guild manner".

4) Those auction pics were terrible. With better pics the competition might have been stiffer. Congrats on a great watch at a reasonable price!

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