



Silver Box Bearing The Royal Flying Corps (rfc) Emblem, World War I Ssl26rfc001



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Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Sterling silver

Diameter : 7 cm

Description

Exceptional silver box bearing the Royal Flying Corps (RFC) emblem, World War I
SSL26RFC001England. RFC Royal Flying Corps
box in sterling silver (925/1000 lion passant
hallmark) with a tortoiseshell-style lid. Early 20th
century. Total gross weight: 101 g; diameter: 7
cm SSL26RFC001A refined testament to the
history of British military aviation, this rare
circular silver box features a lid adorned with a
silver insert; the lid is made of translucent
imitation tortoiseshell, against which stands out a
remarkable silver insignia of the Royal Flying
Corps (RFC). This insignia is not a soldier's
badge, but rather an original artistic creation
made exclusively for this box--hand-engraved,
designed, and crafted--featuring the crowned
monogram and outstretched wings. The elegance

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of its silver setting, its decoration in deep tortoiseshell hues, and its three legs lend it the presence of a luxury object. Founded in 1912, the Royal Flying Corps served as the British Army's air corps during World War I. At a time when military aviation was still in its infancy, its pilots and observers took part in reconnaissance missions, artillery spotting, and, gradually, aerial combat. The RFC played a vital role in the development of military aviation before merging with the Royal Naval Air Service on April 1, 1918, to form the Royal Air Force. The winged insignia adorning this box thus evokes one of the iconic units of this pioneering era. The most distinctive feature of this object is its personalized nature. It was commissioned specifically for an RFC fighter pilot during the Great War, as suggested by the distinctive insignia and the high-quality combination of silver and imitation tortoiseshell. This exclusive piece is one-of-a-kind and offers a particularly interesting provenance for collectors of British military artifacts and aviation history. The box is crafted from English silver, bearing the "lion passant" hallmark traditionally associated with British sterling silver. The lid features a beautiful textural effect, with dark, translucent marbling reminiscent of natural tortoiseshell. The interior retains its original velvet lining. The piece as a whole reflects careful design, where the precious nature of the silver is combined with striking military iconography. The item is offered in its original condition, with noted distortions. The box closes securely. All components are original, with no reported restoration or replacement. With its unusual iconography, its association with the Royal Flying Corps, and its delicate size, this box is a unique collector's item likely to be of particular interest to enthusiasts of British silverware, World War I militaria, and memorabilia related to the pioneers of aerial combat. Dimensions: diameter 7 cm; height 5 cm.