

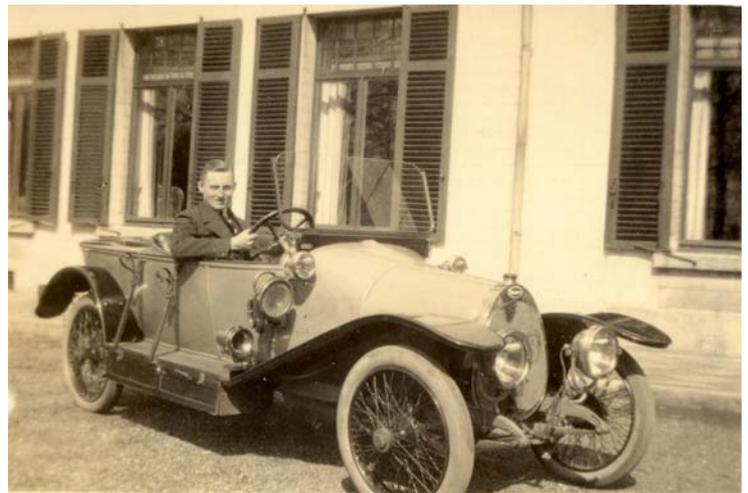
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TYPE: 23
CHASSIS NO: 729
ENGINE NO: 693 (?)
PRODUCED (NO): Feb 1916
INVOICE DATE: 17.5.1916
DELIVERY DATE: 25.5.1916
PRICE: DM 5510.-
INVOICED TO: Louis Regout
REG NO: P-1148
COACHWORK: 3 seater Torpedo Sport
OWNER: Broken up
ACQUISITION: -
FORMER OWNERS: -
HISTORY: Mr Louis F.H. Regout, living in the Monchstraat 3, Maastricht ordered this car in a letter to the factory dated 27.1.1916; a type 23 rolling chassis for DM 5000.- and Rudge wire wheels without tyres for Frs 510.- totalling DM 5510.-. He made a down payment via the Bank Gesellschaft in Strassbourg on 11.2.1916 of DM 1700.- He specifically wanted a special steering equipment. The car had to be sent to mr L.F.H. Regout of the Porcelain factory Maastricht; It was specifically mentioned that he did not trade in another car. He received a number of free items such as *Ventilteile, lamellen, ventiltfedern, ventilheller*. Radiateur type 'breveté'. The car was shipped on 25.5.1916. He ordered the building of a 3-seater torpedo sport body by an unknown coachbuilder and had it registered with the Limburg plate P-1148 in 1916. It is of special interest that Regout bought this car from Molsheim-, which was at German territory at that particular moment- during World War I. Holland was a neutral country and it shows people could buy from foreign locations at war.

Mr. Dr. Louis Frans Hubert Regout (1891- 1966) had obtained a law degree at University and had been working at the Dutch Diplomatic Service in London before 1916. However at the young age of 25 years his mother summoned him back to Maastricht as his father had suddenly died in Rome at the age of 54 y and Louis jr had to take over the daily running of the porcelain factory. Just being accustomed to a cosmopolitan lifestyle he certainly was not pleased to have to do so, but decided that as a compensation for returning to provincial life he needed transport in style and immediately after he had returned he ordered this Bugatti straight from the factory in Molsheim¹. The Porcelain factory, which was started by his grandfather in the nineteenth century, still exists, although the Regout family has no connection with it anymore. It is now called 'Royal Mosa', the Latin name for the local River *Meuse* and at present produces ceramic tiles of all sorts and shapes. Nothing is further known about the car. It is not known how long Louis has owned it and what happened afterwards. It must have been broken up.

References:

¹ Regout Octave, *Personal communication* 2008



Louis Regout with his new acquisition in 1917 in front of the family home 'Kruisdonk' in Meerssen, (photo Octave Regout)



Owner and car from another angle. 'Castle' Kruisdonk (1880) still exists but it now is a business centre accommodating 18 companies! (Photo Octave Regout)



Louis Regout and his future wife Marie-Louise Michiels van Kessenich- both belonging to the Maastricht aristocracy- who gave him six children (Photo Octave Regout)