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Form: Circular with brooch pin on back

By: ?

Date: 1900

Ref: Laidlaw: 1279;

Variations:

Size	Metal Mass	Value
50.5 mm	Silver 37.7 gm	\$400

Edge: Plain.

Obverse: Nursing Cross with faint vertical hatching, the arms of the cross terminated by coronets extending to the edge. In the arms of the cross are a rose (top left), thistle (top right), acorn (bottom right), shamrocks (bottom left). Legend divided by the coronets above: "PRINCESS - CHRISTIAN'S" and below: "ARMY NURSING - SERVICE RESERVE".

Reverse: Blank. Stamped with the services number. This badge: "757". Attached brooch pin.

Notes: The Princess Christian's Army Nursing Reserve (PCANR) was formed in 1897 by Princess Christian, the third daughter of Queen Victoria. The unit saw active service during the Boer War. This particular cape badge, identified by the number 757 on the back, belonged to Sister Louisa Maria Hinton who enlisted from the Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool. She was based at the 5 Stationary Hospital in Bloemfontein and was awarded the Queen's South Africa Medal with no clasps (the army viewed nurses as non-combatants not entitled to any clasps).