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**Form:** Rectangular with recessed edges

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**Ref:** BHM: 3665; Eimer: 1845; Laidlaw: 0997;

**Variations:**

Size	Metal Mass	Value
70.5 mm x 70.5 mm	Silver 171 gm	\$1000

**Edge:** Plain.

**Obverse:** In Art Nouveau style, an indented circular cameo of Alexandra, bareheaded left, with: "Alexandra" lower right. Incuse legend: "THE PRINCESS (left) OF PITY (right)". Outside flan decorated with bows and floral sprays. Signed: "FUCHS" diagonally in lower right corner.

**Reverse:** In Art Nouveau style, indented circular cameo of three standing figures in landscape, radiant cross above central figure. Incuse legend: "SPES", "FIDES" and "CARITATEM". Outside flan decorated with bows and floral sprays, below across incuse: "Hope Charity". Signed: "FUCHS" diagonally in lower right corner.

**Notes:** Princess Alexandra, as head of the Red Cross Society, equipped hospitals and hospital ships at the outset of the Boer War. Newspapers dubbed her, 'The Princess of Pity'.