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Form: Circular

By: ?

Date: 1984

Ref: Laidlaw: 0715;

Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
33.0 mm	Bronze	15.2 gm	\$20

Edge: Plain.

Obverse: Coat of arms of Vryheid on shield with crossed flags behind and incused motto: "EENDRAGT REGTVAARDIGHEID LIEFDE (unity, justice and love)".

Reverse: To the left, on a raised circular center, incused: "EEN- / FEES / CENTE- / NARY". To the right, a smaller version of the arms on the obverse. Legend above in large letters: "VRYHEID". Three bands round the left side of circular centre, joined at foot by: "1984" in incuse letters.

Notes: Vryheid was the capital of the short lived Boer Republic, die Nieuwe Republiek Zuid Afrika, formed on 5 August 1894. The country was given to the Boer by the Zulu King Dinizulu and stretched from the Transvaal Republic in the west to the Indian Ocean and located to the North of the Colony of Natal. After Britain annexed most of the territory to Natal in 1887, the remainder of the Republic, including Vryheid, was incorporated into the Transvaal Republic 20 June 1888. After the Boer War, the territory was transferred to the Colony of Natal in 1903.

The coat of arms on the medal is the same as the arms of the Nieuwe Republiek but with a Zulu shield in front.