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**Form:** Circular with attached loop

**By:** German made.

**Date:** 1900 ?

**Ref:** Laidlaw: 0757a;

**Variations:**

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
27 mm	White Metal	6.9 gm	\$35

**Edge:** Plain.

**Obverse:** Within a beaded border round the rim, bust of bearded General Cronjé in hat with bandoleer across chest, front and turned slightly left. Legend: "GENERAL CRONYE (sic)", sprig of laurel before, stop after.

**Reverse:** Within a beaded border round the rim, oak wreath tied at the bottom containing across: "DEM / BESTEN / SCHÜTZEN (protection)".

**Notes:** Probably a shooting medal. Three similar medals were made:  
General Cronye / Dem Besten Schützen  
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Pieter Arnoldus Cronjé (1836 – 1911) was a Z.A. Republiek general in the Anglo-Boer wars of 1880-1881 and 1899-1900. He was defeated at the Battle of Paardeberg where he and 4,150 commandos surrendered to Lord Roberts on 27 February 1900. He spent the remainder of the war as a POW on St. Helena.