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**Form:** Circular

**By:** Germany, Hamburg

**Date:** 1916

**Ref:** Laidlaw: 1298;

**Variations:**

Size	Metal Mass	Value
25.0 mm	Silver 20.7 gm	\$220

**Edge:** Upright reeded.

**Obverse:** Obverse of German East Africa Zwei Rupien coin showing bust of Kaiser Wilhelm II skimmed and blank surface engraved. Within an ornamented rim, springbok head left dividing slanted dated: "1915 (left) 1916 (right)". Legend above between ornaments: "2ND. S.A.R." and below between ornaments: "G.E.A".

**Reverse:** Reverse of 1894 German East Africa Zwei Rupien coin.

**Notes:** The 2nd South African Rifles was an Imperial Regiment of South African and Rhodesian soldier who volunteered to fight in the German East African Campaign of the First World War. Officially the South African Defense Force could not be deployed outside the Union and so these troops had to be recruited and paid for by the British government. The regiment was divided into four squadrons of 110 men each.