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Form: Coin mounted inside bezel ring with riveted attachment for boss

By: Jeweler engraved

Date: 1900

Ref: Laidlaw: 1301;

Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
34.2 mm	Silver	16.0 gm	\$70

Edge: Plain

Obverse: Obverse of old-head Queen Victoria British Halfcrown.

Reverse: Reverse of old-head Queen Victoria British Halfcrown almost completely skimmed and engraved with ornaments: "IN / COMMEMORATION / SIEGE OF MAFEKING / I.C. / 17.5.1900".

Notes: Mafeking was a small garrison town in the northern part of the Cape Colony close to the border of Bechuanaland (now Botswana). It was besieged by Boer Forces over 217 days, from 13 October 1899 to 17 May 1900. The Siege was lifted by a column of some 2,000 British soldiers. The engraved initials: "I.C." probably stands for Imperial Cavalry.