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Form: Oval Zulu-Shield Shape. Uniface.

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Date: Circa 1892-1914

Ref: Laidlaw: 1341;

Variations:

Size	Metal Mass	Value
58.7 mm x 37.4 mm	Silver 32.3 gm	\$60

Edge: Plain.

Obverse: Inner and outer ornate borders following the shape of the medal. Within inner border, on shield, across (some lines in a "INTER-TOWN / SHOOTING / PRESENTED / .1892. / -FOR- / ANNUAL COMPETITION / MAYOR OF MARITZBURG MASON. ESQ. / (line) / MAYOR OF DURBAN / B.W. GREENACRE, ESQ." Encircling inner shield, palm fronds tied at bottom with a ribbon: "PALMAM QUI MERUIT FERAT". On cartouche on left of inner shield: "MARITZBURG" and on right: "DURBAN". Behind the inner shield crossed rifles. On right butt: "1892 DURBAN / 1141 POINTS" and on left butt: "1893 MARITZBURG 1156 POINTS".

Reverse: Blank. Attached fitting for brooch and safety chain. At the bottom, makers mark: "W.J.D" and the Birmingham Sterling S hallmarks for 1904-5 (date letter e).

Notes: These rifle shooting competitions continued to be held annually until at least 1960. Similar medals were made in South Africa for these later competitions,