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**Form:** Cross pattée with attached loop for ring

**By:** Joseph Moore, Petsford Street, Birmingham, England

**Date:** 1901

**Ref:** Laidlaw: 1367;

**Variations:** **Size**

**Metal Mass Value**

30 mm (width) x 35 mm (height inc. loop) 9ct Gold 12.8 gm \$1,400

**Edge:** Plain.

**Obverse:** Ornaments on arms of cross. Ornate initial:"RC" engraved on central roundel.

**Reverse:** Engraved across with ornaments: "PRESENTED TO / R. COULTHARD / BY THE OFFICIALS, WORKMEN / AND FELLOW APPRENTICES OF THE / HOLBORN ENGINE WORKS / on his return from the front / with the 1st N.E.V. / MAY, 1901". Stamped below with the makers mark: "J.M" and the Birmingham 9ct gold hallmarks for 1899-1900 (date letter z).

**Notes:** Sapper 5861 R.C.P. Coulthard served during the Boer War with the 1st Newcastle Royal Engineers (Volunteers Section) and was awarded the Queen's South Africa Medal with six clasps: Johannesburg, Diamond Hill, Belfast, Cape Colony, Orange State and South Africa 1901.

The Holborn Engineering Works was a marine engine building and repairing company located in South Shields at mouth of River Tyne near Newcastle. The company was headed by George Thomas Grey.