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Form: Circular with attached loop for a ring

By: ?

Date: 1900

Ref: AM: 120; Hern: 270; Laidlaw: 1436;

Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
30.5mm	Bronze	12.1 gm	\$250

Edge: Plain.

Obverse: Bead border around the rim. Bust of Kruger, left, similar to ZAR coinage. Legend above: "PRÄSIDENT KRÜGER" and below: "TRANSVAAL" between stars.

Reverse: Bead border around the rim. Between ornate lines above and below, across: "EENDRACHT / MAAKT MACHT (sic)".

Notes: Hern list another medal together with this one with the same reference number. The other's obverse is that same as this one, but the reverse inscription reads: "DEUTSCHLAND BLEIBT ZWAR NEUTRAL DAS VOLK FUHLT MIT TRANSVAAL". This translates to: "Although Germany remains neutral, the people feel for the Transvaal". Both medals date from the time that Kruger was in Cologne where he learned that the German Kaiser was no longer willing to support the Boer side in the war.

A reasonable assumption is that the medal here was issued in anticipation of Kruger's successful visit to Germany. The medal was hastily remade when it became apparent that financial assistance would not be forthcoming.