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Form: Circular. Aluminium shell over cardboard. Pierced at 12 o'clock for a ring to a short red-white-blue ribbon.

By: ?

Date: 1900

Ref: Hern: 136 & 138 (obv); Laidlaw: 0288a;

Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
38 mm	Aluminium Sheet Metal	5 gm	\$40

Edge: Upright reeded.

Obverse: A central medallion showing bareheaded bust of Lord Roberts in uniform, front, "LORD (left) ROBERTS (right)". Above, crown. Behind, crossed flag poles, British Union flag (left) Royal standard (right). Around and behind, laurel wreath tied bottom. Legend below: "1899. TRANSVAAL WAR . 1900 ."

Reverse: Across: "SOUVENIR (in an arc) / PRESENTED BY (within a rectangle) / SIMPSON & CO. / PENZANCE".

Notes: Simpson's was established in the 1860's as a tailors and outfitters in Penzance, Cornwall. It remains in business today, branches in Truro and Falmouth.

In the late 1800's a branch as opened in Durban, South Africa. Two medals were issued from there: Laidlaw 0186 for Q Victoria's Diamond Jubilee and Laidlaw 0288b for Lord Roberts, similar to this one.