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Form: Circular. Uniface. Pin back.

By: H. Lewis & Company, Mount Street, London

Date: 1900

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Variations:	Size	Metal	Mass	Value
	331.mm	Gilded & Enamelled Bronze	14.6 gm	\$220

Edge: Plain.

Obverse: The emblem of the AHS Maine. Highlighted with red, while, blue and dark blue enamel, crossed standards of the United States (left) and British Union (right) flags. In the angle above, starboard broadside view of steamship at sea. In the middle across a ribbon: "MAINE". In the angle below, the Red Cross shield. Legend on a lifebelt round the edge, above: "AMERICAN HOSPITAL SHIP FOR" and below: "SOUTH AFRICA".

Reverse: Blank with brooch pin. Stamped: "H.LEWIS / MOUNT ST. W"

Notes: The AHS Maine was an American ship lent to the British government by Bernard N. Baker, president of the Atlantic Transport Line, for use as a hospital ship during the Boer war.

It is believed that this badge was used by the medical staff on board.