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Form: Circular with attached ring

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Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
31.5 mm	Copper-bronze	16 gm	\$12

Edge: Plain

Obverse: A shield depicting a blacksmith turning "swords into plough shears". Supporting the shield on the left is a soldier with rifle, on the right a sailor with artillery shell. Above: "1914 / 1919". Legend: "TO COMMEMORATE THE CONCLUSION OF THE WAR". In the exergue "PEACE WITH HONOUR". On the exergue line: "REG 14/1919".

Reverse: Within a laurel wreath, the coat of arms of Johannesburg with motto: "FORTITER ET RECTE" on a ribbon above. Across top: "28TH JUNE / 1919 / JOHANNESBURG"

Notes: The Johannesburg City Council offered a prize for the best design of the medal. The winner was Mr. P.M. Keith and the runner-up Mr. A.J. Sirrall. Tenders were then called for the production of the medal. The lowest tenderer failed to deliver on time, so the order was placed with Frank Stevens Ltd.

About 40,000 medals were made and issued to Johannesburg school children.