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Form: Circular with attached ring through which passes a second.

By: P.M. Keith / JYS (obv) and JMK (rev) (?)

Date: 1919

Ref: AM2: 161; Laidlaw: 0025b;

Variations:	Size	Metal	Mass	Value
	31.8 mm	Silver	15.2 gm	\$75
	31.8 mm	Bronze	12.6 gm	\$35

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 GREAT WAR". In the exergue "PEACE WITH HONOUR". Signed: "JYS" under the exergue line on the right.

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". Signed: "JMK" below the shield on the right.

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 design of the obverse and reverse of this medal differs slightly from the usual medal (Laidlaw 0025a). It is believed this piece was a pattern produced by an unsuccessful tenderer and scarce as such.