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**Form:** Circular. Aluminium medal with attached loop.

**By:** Messrs. Beyenbach of Wiesbaden, Germany

**Date:** 1900

**Ref:** AM: 89; Hern: 204; ME: Germany 4; Laidlaw: 0213a;

Variations:	Size	Metal	Mass	Value
	33 mm	Silver		\$900
	33 mm	Bronze		\$550
	33 mm	Gilt		\$550
	33 mm	Aluminium		\$300

**Edge:** Plain.

**Obverse:** Divided into three portions by two horizontal lines. Upper portion in German: "BURENKRIEG (in an arc) / 1899-1900". Central wide band, hyaena facing left crushing a bird (the OFS) with its left paw while trying to catch a second bird (presumably Transvaal) with its right. Lower portion in German: "Da sprach der Mörder / ihr seid mein, denn ich / bin gross und ihr / s (thus said the murderer: you are mine because I am big and you are small)". At foot, maker's mark: "B" on caduceus.

**Reverse:** Across in German: "HERR LASS STURME / GEH'N UND KOMMEN / JEDE PRUFUNG SOLL UNS / FROMMEN / ABER / UNS EINES NICHT / RAUM UND LUFT UND / HIMMELSLICHT. (Lord, let storms come and go. Each affliction will strengthen us, but of these things deprive us not: space, air and the light of heaven.)". At top, five-pointed star. Between ornaments maker's mark: "B" on caduceus.

**Notes:** Beyenbach was the name of a private mint; the engraver is not known. One of these medals was probably presented to President Kruger.

A medal with a similar obverse having French text was also made.