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**Form:** Circular cast with attached loop or lug

**By:** Frans Joris / Baetes

**Date:** 1902

**Ref:** AM: 101; Hern: 228; Laidlaw: 0934;

**Variations:**

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
28,4 mm	Bronze	11.7 gm	\$380

**Edge:** Plain

**Obverse:** Barehead bearded bust in high relief of de Wet wearing bandoleer. Signed in script: "Fr. Joris. Sc." on the truncation and on the left side of the bust; on the right side of the bust, that, round the rim, signed: "BAETES FEC". Legend in incused letters: "CHRISTIAAN (left) DE WET (right)".

**Reverse:** Across: "GENERAAL / C.R. de WET / NAAR HET LEVEN / DOOR / FRANS JORIS / BEELDHOUWER / ANTWERPEN 1900"

**Notes:** In this example there is no hole in the lug for a ring. Other examples have been silver plated.

General de la Rey was part of a delegation which visited Europe at the end of the Boer War to seek funding for reconstruction. This medal dates from that time.

Frans Joris (1851-1914) was an eminent Belgian sculptor better known for the statues and monuments he produced than as a medallist.