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Form: Circular with attached loop.

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Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
28.5 mm	Gilded Bronze	8.5 gm	\$55

Edge: Plain.

Obverse: Beaded border around the rim. Bareheaded bust of MacDonald in uniform, front and slightly to the left. Legend: MAJOR GENERAL SIR HECTOR MACDONALD. KCB"

Reverse: Beaded border around the rim. Within a laurel wreath tied at the bottom, radiant 5-pointed star at the top, then across: "1853 / (line with ornamentals extending downwards framing the next two lines) / DIED / 25 TH. MARCH / 1903".

Notes: Major General Sir Hector Archibald MacDonald, KCB, DSO (1853-1903) was a distinguished Scottish soldier rising through the ranks and choosing to be commissioned during the 2nd Afghan War rather than accepting the Victoria Cross. In the Boer War he had command of the Highland Brigade at Modder River and was with Lord Roberts at the occupation of Pretoria. He was knighted in April 1901. Posted to Ceylon as Commander-in-Chief of British forces, he committed suicide in 1903 following accusations of homosexual activity with local boys.