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Form: Circular

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Date: 1937

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Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
44.4 mm	Darkened Pewter	45.3 gm	\$25

Edge: Plain.

Obverse: Crowned and robed bust of the King, right. Legended on a raised pebbled band: "HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VIII" with stops at the beginning and end, and between words.

Reverse: Britannia, standing facing in an open portico, crown raised in her right hand and supporting a standard bearing the British flag in her left. River behind with ship (left) and bridge in front of St. Paul's Cathedral (right). Signed: "BRITISH" bottom right. Legend: "CROWNED (4 stops arranged in a square) (left) (4 stops arranged in a square) A.D. 1937. (right)".

Notes: Issued inside a red cardboard box with: "(crown) / CORONATION / 1937" in gilt on the outside of the lid.

King Edward VIII (1894-1972) was the eldest son of King George V and Queen Mary. Edward became king when his father died in early 1936. He abdicated in December of that year in favour of marriage to the American divorcee Wallis Simpson. The coronation commemorated on this medal never took place. His younger brother was crowned King George VI later in 1937.

The reverse of this medal was reused for a medal commemorating the coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, issued in 1953.