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**Form:** Circular

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**Ref:** AM: 34; Hern: 86 (similar); BHM: 3673; Fearon: 351.9; Laidlaw: 0046a;

Variations:	Size	Metal	Mass	Value
	38.0 mm	Bronze	21.6 gm	\$220
	38 mm	White Metal	16 gm	\$70

**Edge:** Plain

**Obverse:** Two shields inclined toward each other and overlapping. The left shield, representing the British Empire, quartered with (1) lion – Great Britain, (2) kangaroo – Australia, (3) scale balance – New Zealand and (4) beaver – Canada. The right shield has the British Royal coat of arms. To the left, a garland with a rose (England), shamrocks (Ireland) and thistles (Scotland). To the right, a laurel branch. Above, the Imperial Crown. Two clasped hands across the divide between the shields at the bottom. On a ribbon below: "WE . SERVE . UNDER . ONE . CROWN". Above the ribbon, and below the hands, stamped: "REGISTERED". Legend in ornate lettering above: "UNITED IN THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM" and below between stops: "WE DEFEND OUR EMPIRE".

**Reverse:** To the left, a sailor with rifle at attention; to the right, a soldier with rifle at the ready, standing guard over the British Union Jack between them on a flagpole surmounted by a crown. Behind, two artillery pieces facing outwards and in the background, a tent behind the sailor and a tent behind the soldier. Legend in ornate lettering: "SOUVENIR (left) MEDAL 1899 / & 1900 (right)". The exergue in ornate letters: "THE QUEEN / GOD BLESS HER (in an arc)". Signed on the left close to the rim: "FENWICK". On the right near the rim, stamped: "REGISTERED".

**Notes:** The earlier version of this medal