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Form: Circular with drilled hole at 12 o'clock

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Date: c1900-1900

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Variations:	Size	Metal	Mass	Value
	39.0 mm	Copper-Bronze	30.8 gm	\$12

Edge: Plain.

Obverse: Bareheaded bust of Roberts in uniform, front with head turn slightly right. Signed: "RESTALL" round the rim, bottom left. Upwards on the left: "EARL ROBERTS / V.C. K.G."

Reverse: Within a laurel wreath tied at the bottom, space for engraving the recipient's name. This medal "J.W. CHADWICK. / 100 HRS."

Notes: During the South African War it became apparent to Lord Roberts that his British Troops, particularly the Volunteer Regiments, were far less accurate shots with their rifles than the Boers for whom the rifle had been a part of everyday life from boyhood.

On his return to Britain in 1900, Lord Roberts was instrumental in promoting rifle clubs with the aim of encouraging marksmanship skills so that the British people would be better prepared in the event of another war.