

## KIMBERLEY MEDAL

Sunday, 31 August 2003

The Kimberley Medal is the suppressed forerunner of the Kimberley Star. Created by the Mayor and Council of Kimberley, this medal was struck in England but never officially issued. It was instructed that it be melted down as, without sanction, it had incorporated into its design the Royal Cipher on the reverse. It is unknown as to how many survived - though its scarcity is unquestioned.

The obverse carries the figure of Victory placed above an image of the Kimberley Town Hall with the dates 1899-1900.

The reverse carries the inscriptions in two shields: INVESTED 15 OCT. 1899 and RELIEVED 15 FEB. 1900, the Imperial Crown and Royal Cipher with the legend TO THE GALLANT DEFENDERS OF KIMBERLEY.

Contrary to some texts, the ribbon is distinctly different to that of the later Kimberley Star.

