

Basic Detail Report



Kultur in Belgium

Date
1918

Primary Maker
Paul Manship

Medium
Bronze

Description

Round bronze medal with high relief decoration on both front and back. The obverse features the image of a large German soldier c. WWI who is seen mid-stride, carrying a woman who appears limp or lifeless in his arms. Beneath his feet lies the body of a young child who appears crouched or lifeless. Around the edge of the coin is the inscription, "KULTUR IN BELGIUM" while a second banner beneath the feet of the soldier reads, "MURDER PILLAGE". The reverse features a bust portrait (caricature) of Kaiser Wilhelm II as Attila the Hun, with stylized, turned up moustache, wearing the Imperial Pickelhaub helmet decorated with a crown of laurel leaves. Wilhelm also wears a necklace of small human skulls around his neck that meets in the center with a large cross while beneath a small cartouche reads the words, "HIS ROSARY." A large bayonette is seen raised to his right. Around the edge, an inscription reads, "THE FOE OF FREE PEOPLES."

Dimensions

Diameter: 2 5/8 inches (6.7 cm)