

Basic Detail Report



World Unity Or Oblivion, Society of Medallists 32nd Issue

Date

1945

Primary Maker

Berthold Nebel

Medium

Bronze

Description

Round bronze medal with high relief decoration on both the front and back. The obverse features the image of a wounded soldier who is seen seated on the floor shirtless, with his head bandaged as he leans on a makeshift pillow. A second, shirtless soldier is still wearing his helmet but kneeling down and tenderly grasping the wounded soldier behind the neck while offering a bowl of something to drink or eat. The wounded soldier is seen grasping the other soldier on the arm. The reversed features the image of a large mushroom cloud or atomic blast and the aftermath it leaves. Smoke is seen billowing in the air while dirt and debris rocket to the sky. The ground appears completely empty yet, it is in fact a sea of corpses piled one on top of the other, in various poses. Along the horizon line the inscription ominously reads, "WORLD UNITY OR OBLIVION."

Dimensions

2 7/8 inches (7.3 cm)