

Online Auction #181 Report: Coins, Medals & Militaria; 4-5 July 2020

Our last sale before re-commencing our valuation and consignment roadshows early July, this sale turned up some impressive results. Total lots offered: 1706. Combined sales: £206,160.

Beginning with the gold, which was very popular, we saw some high prices especially for Royal Mint sets; a Three Coin Premium (£2, Sov & ½ Sov) set 2017 sold for £1800 hammer – this with the special 1817-2017 Anniversary design. A Half Guinea 1695, lot 4, made £1800 also.

The Sayer Collection was well-received. Highlights included £850 for a Farthing of Queen Anne, £1300 for an 1869 Penny in EF+, and £1600 for a 1926 Modified Effigy Penny in GEF. In the world coins a couple of Chinese cash coins and charms sold well-above estimate, including £300 for the large 100 Cash of Qing Emperor Wen Tsung. The Hammered & Ancient section saw some good prices for Roman and Anglo-Saxon coins, including £420 hammer for a Small CRVX type silver penny of Aethelred II (London) in GVF. A couple of “Cambridge Hoard” Cnut pennies went for £360 and £340.

On the Militaria side we began with Weapons. Here we saw £560 for a de-activated Sten Gun, and £1400 for a Dunkirk relic: 303 Browning machine gun casing from a Hurricane shot down May 1940. Many scarce badges were offered, and prices such as £340 and £420 were paid for a badge of the 17th Lancers, and a silver badge of the Gordon Highlanders. A Napoleonic Wars era gorget of the Honourable Artillery Company made £1100, and some regalia of the Royal Highlanders featuring Victorian silver-plate badges went for £1700. The highest price for a medal was £3400 hammer for lot 1176, the Edward Medal to Benjamin Kelly for saving lives at the Big Hole diamond mine, Kimberley, South Africa, in 1909. The Edward Medal is known as “the miner’s V.C.”.

We look forward to multiple online sales in July and early August, and also our outdoor roadshow events which we are able to do now under the current lifting of lockdown measures.

The 12-13 September Auction of Coins, Medals & Militaria is shaping up very well, and we feel confident emerging from the Covid crisis. Consignment for September is open until 31 July.



Lot 62: Queen Victoria ‘bun head’ bronze Penny 1882 (without mintmark), obv 11, rev N, sold for £1800 hammer!