

# **Canadian Medical Corps Memorabilia and Artifacts Held In Museums, Institutes and Military Establishments**

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## **1: Camp Borden Military Museum:**

This museum is located in Camp Borden, Ontario where the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps was founded. The museum has the largest collection of memorabilia, artifacts and documents related to the Royal Army Medical Corps and the medical services that followed the dissolution of the Army Medical Corps. The Museum acquired the Documents and Historical Artifacts directly from the RCAMC and the Medical Services, and also over the years from many private donors.

The most valuable items in this museum is one of the earliest of Dr. Frank's Antigravity flying suits, the precursor of the Space suits and the Victoria Cross belonging to Private Douglas, one of the first Victoria Crosses awarded to an individual belonging to the medical services in late 1800. Base Borden Military Museum and Archives, CFB Borden, Borden, ON L0M 1C0

## **2: Canadian Forces Medical Training Centre, Borden:**

The school has numerous historical documents and group photographs. The most valuable item in their collection is a painting by Sir Frederick Banting, the discoverer of Insulin.

## **3: War Museum, Ottawa:**

Amongst their vast military collection are numerous items relating to the medical services of Canada, including many medals belonging to medical personnel.

Canadian War Museum, 330 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0M8

## **4: 25 Field Ambulance, Moss Park Armoury , Toronto:**

This distinguished unit which is the survivor of the old Field Ambulance of the Toronto Garrison and 26 Medical Company, has a small but very important collection of artifacts relating to the men and women of the Medical Services. Amongst the most valuable item in the collection, is an oil on canvas (Cobalt in Winter) by Sir Frederick Banting, which he donated to the medical mess before the war. We have the mess minutes in which this

Donation is duly noted. In addition there are signed silver trays and canvases of previous director generals of the medical services. The portrait of Major General Fotheringham who was the director general of the medical services in the first world war, although the property of the medical services, now hangs in the Royal Canadian military Institute in Toronto. 25 Medical Company Officers Mess. Moss Park Armouries, Toronto ON

#### **5: Museum, Royal Canadian Military Institute, Toronto**

The above institute has a superb collection of militaria which includes numerous items from the medical services. Uniforms and medals from distinguished Canadian medical personnel including the nursing services, are part of their collection which also includes the largest library of military interest in Canada.

#### **6: The Museum**

##### **12(Vancouver) Field Ambulance Unit Association**

The unit association maintains a historical collection relating to the medical services. Curator: Major Thomas E. Speed CD

##### **7: 11(Victoria) Field Ambulance Collection**

The above unit has a collection of about 140 items relating to the medical services in their museum, including uniforms and medals. The collection belongs to the trustees of the unit, and is on permanent loan to the unit. In addition the trustees are also actively involved in the Ashton Armoury museum in the armoury of the medical unit. This museum also contains a number of important artifacts of medical significance.

##### **8: 16 (Saskatchewan) Field Ambulance Company**

This unit has no collection of medical military artifacts, but the Regina Armoury museum has a number of items relating to the medical services. The Armoury museum, 1600 Elphinstone Street, Regina, SK, S4T 3N1

##### **9: 33(Halifax) Medical Platoon, Halifax Armouries, Halifax, Nova Scotia**

POBox 99000 Station Forces, Halifax Tel:902 427 6149

Collection of unit medical memorabilia. Curator: Unit Commanding Officer

##### **10: Canadian Forces School of Aeromedical Training**

In 1996 a small permanent exhibit in honour of Group Captain Wilbur Rounding Franks OBE, CD, was dedicated to honour his numerous contributions to the field of aerospace medicine.

Canadian Forces School of 17 Wing, Aeromedical Training, Franks  
Building  
PO ox 17000 STN Forces, Winnipeg, MB R3J 3Y5

**11: Prince Edward Islands Medical Military Museum Display  
Charlottetown**

Organised by Maj (Ret'd) Margaret Mackinnon

**1: P.E.I Regiment Museum**

**2: Daniel J. MacDonald Building atrium, Veterans Affairs Canada**  
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This list is not complete as there are many small regimental or other military museums that have important military artifacts and memorabilia. In addition overseas the Imperial War Museum in London, UK, has many items relating to Canadian Medical Services specially from the Boer War and First World War.

There are in addition many small collections in private hand