



Mark Davidson Collection Canadian Army Medical Corps Uniforms and Headdress Circa 1870 - 1920

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Mark Davidson, is a Captain General Duty Medical Officer with 17 (Winnipeg) Field Ambulance and the 38 Canadian Brigade Surgeon. He deployed twice to Kandahar, Afghanistan as a Civil-Military Affairs Officer while a Health Care Administration officer with 11 (Victoria) Field Ambulance.. Mark is a Royal Canadian Medical Service Association member.

Mark graduated from the Camosun College/University of Victoria Nursing programme in 2001 working in Victoria BC and Toronto. He later attended James Cook University School of Medicine in Townsville, Queensland, Australia, in 2014, graduating with a Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery followed by a Residency in Family Medicine at the University of Manitoba. Mark is now a General Practitioner in northern Manitoba. Mark has always been interested in history and, particularly, the history of Canadian military nursing and medicine. He and a 17 (Winnipeg) Field Ambulance colleague have been collecting Canadian Health Services militaria for some time and have acquired some interesting pieces including a silver platter presented to Colonel E. Smellie, Matron-in-Chief, RRC, CBE, the first woman to be promoted to Colonel in the Canadian Army.

The following pages display some of the more interesting and/or unique items from the Mark Davidson Collection

Field Officer's Tunic



Date: ca 1910

Description: Blue serge tunic with red facing on collar and cuffs.

Characteristics: Tunic shown displays a Lieutenant Colonel's lace, rank insignia and cross belt. Cross belt and pouch, comprising cross belt with gold braid and gilt metal fittings with pouch fitted with Royal cipher. The red facings were later replaced with sanguine/dull cherry.



Field Officer's Tunic

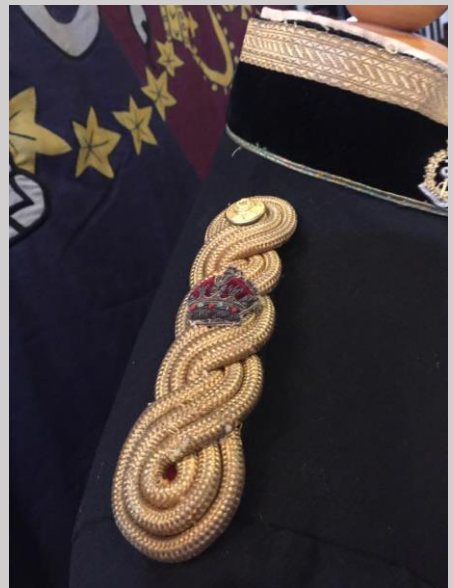
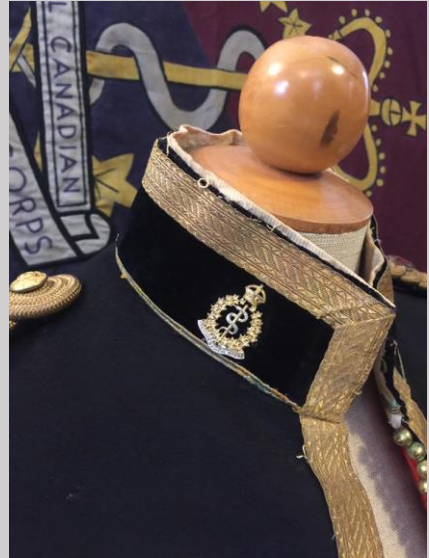


Date: ca 1920

Description: Blue serge tunic with sanguine/dull cherry facing on collar and cuffs.

Characteristics: Tunic Shown displays Lieutenant Colonel lace and rank insignia.

Field Officer's Mess Dress Kit



Date: ca 1907

Description: Blue serge cut-away jacket and scarlet waistcoat

Characteristics: Jacket and waistcoat shown display Major's lace and rank insignia.

Universal Pattern Helmet



Dates: 1870 – 1909

Description:

Characteristics: The helmet shown displays the Canadian Militia plate with a silver maple leaf with a red cross insignia, overlaying a bronze gilt base



Headdress



Date: ca 1906

Description: Senior officer's forage cap

Characteristics: Blue serge with white piping, scarlet welt on crown and top of band, and gold braid on brim indicating a senior officer..

NOTE: All display Canadian Army Medical Corps cap badge.



Date: ca 1920

Description: Field service cap

Characteristics: Blue wool with sanguine/dull cherry crown and officer's gold piping



Date: ca 1920

Description: Other rank's forage cap

Characteristics: Blue serge with sanguine/dull cherry piping and welt on crown.

Other Rank's Tunic



Dates: ca 1904 & 1907

Description: Army Medical Corps frock worn by Permanent Force

Characteristics: (L) Blue serge with blue facing and scarlet shoulder straps (1904) and sergeant lace and rank insignia (R) Blue serge with scarlet facing and shoulder straps (1907)

Nursing Sister's Uniforms

Right

Date: ca 1914

Description: Service dress and cape

Characteristics: Two-piece blue cotton ankle length dress with brass buttons and rank insignia and leather belt worn with a blue serge cape with sanguine/dull cherry lining



Left

Date: ca 1914

Description: Service dress with apron and veil.

Characteristics: Two piece blue cotton ankle length dress worn with a leather belt, starched white apron and veil.





Left

Date: ca 1899: Two-piece khaki ankle length dress worn by Canadian Nursing Sisters serving in South African War



Right

Date: ca 1914

Description: Trench coat

Characteristics: Blue serge trench coat with brass buttons, collar and rank insignia.



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