



# **11 (Victoria) Field Ambulance Historical Artifacts Collection**

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## Dioramas

### WWII Regimental Aid Post Diorama

**Year:** ca WWII

**Physical Description:** Wood and plexiglas display case

**Physical Characteristics:**

Diorama depicts a WWII Regimental Aid Post. The figures represents Capt (late LCol) Roy Smillie and Sgt (later Capt) JE Newbrigg

**Provenance:** Constructed by unit trustees and friends.



## Commemorative Artifacts

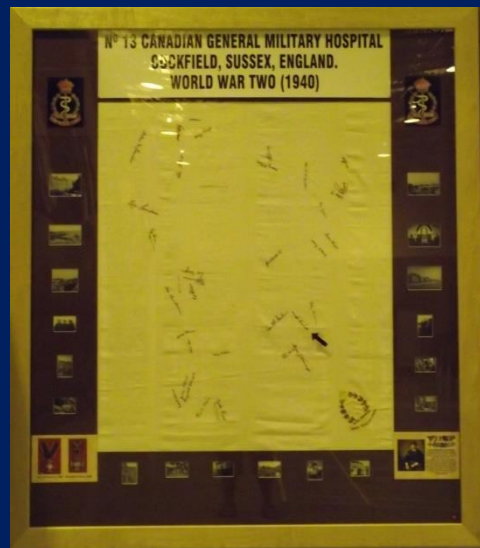
### Commemorative Table Cloth

**Date:** ca WWII

**Physical Description:**  
Embroidered table cloth

**Physical Characteristics:**  
Embroidered autographed by WWII 13 Canadian General Hospital Nursing Sisters.

**Provenance:** Donated by Nursing Sister Mary Speers



## WWII Commemorative Plate

**Date:** WWII

**Physical Description:** Diameter 34.1 cm Hand painted ceramic plate

**Physical Characteristics:** Hand painted plate displays location names and scenes of significance No. 14 Canadian General Hospital, RCAMC, from mobilization Westmount, Quebec in 1940 to Perugia Italy in 1944. Plate appears to have been broken and repaired

**Provenance:** Artist Major Jules Gosselin ca June 1944



## Medical Materiel

### Bag Medical, Shell Dressings

**Date:** WWII +

**Physical Description:** Small canvas bag

**Physical Characteristics:** Marked with Red Cross and labeled "Shell Dressings"

**Provenance:** Used by frontline Medical Assistants.



## Surgical Instrumen Roll

**Date:** WWI

**Physical Description:** Canvas roll containing surgical instruments.

**Physical Characteristics:** Canvas case with an assortment of stainless-steel surgical instruments, including Magill and artery forceps, tweezers and retractors

**Provenance:** Unknown



## Ceramic Bed/Foot Warmer.

**Date** circa WWI

**Physical Description:** As pictured

**Physical Characteristics:** Tan and brown ceramic container with screw-on stopper on top, handle on one end.

**Provenance:** Used as a bed or foot warmer



## Medical Bag

**Date:** Pre WWI

**Physical Description:** Canvas bag with shoulder strap and marked AMC<sup>1</sup> Canada

**Physical Characteristics:**  
Contains original Supplies

**Provenance:** Possibly use during South Africa Campaign

<sup>1</sup> Army Medical Corps



## First Aid Kit - General Purpose

**Date:** 1961-70

**Physical Description:** First Aid Kit in canvas pouch

**Physical Characteristics:**  
Canvas bag containing an assortment of basic first aid supplies. Gromets provided to attach to vehicle

**Provenance:** Carried in military vehicles





## Bandage Roller

**Date:** ca 1870 - 1900

**Physical Description:** Antique bandage roller as pictured

**Physical Characteristics:** Basic metal instrument with wooden handle and clamps to secure to a rigid surface

**Provenance:** Used by physicians, nurses and orderlies



## Skinfold Calipers

**Date:** ca WWII

**Physical Description:** Storage box and skinfold calipers

**Physical Characteristics:** Lined wooden storage box and stainless steel calipers with gauge

**Provenance:** Used by physicians for the measurement of skinfold thickness and the estimation of total body fat



## Smelling Salt Container

**Date:** ca WWI

**Physical Description:** Metal container

**Physical Characteristics:** Flash like metal container with cap used for ammonium carbonate (Smelling Salts)

**Provenance:** Used by medical personnel



## Hypodermic Needle Syringe Kit

**Date:** ca WWI

**Physical Description:** As shown in photograph

**Physical Characteristics:** Thin flask like container that can hold five different medicines, including morphine, nitroglycerin, a hypodermic needle syringe and needle.

**Provenance:** Used by physicians in the field



## Field Dental Kit

**Date:** ca WWI

**Physical Description:** Black wooden, top and front opening, case.

**Physical Characteristics:** Two folding and two slide-out instrument trays; and three drawers. Contents include an array of dental instruments, including picks, mirrors, extractors, etc.

**Provenance:** Used by dentists :



## US Army Medical Bag

**Date:** ca WWII+

**Physical Description:** Canvas bag with shoulder strap

**Physical Characteristics:** Marked with Red Cross labeled IV Bag

**Provenance:** Unknown





## Intubation Set

**Date:** ca WWII

**Physical Description:** Cotton roll containing an assortment of intubation tubes

**Physical Characteristics:** Cotton wrap

**Provenance:** Used in the field by physicians to provide an airway for a patient



## Wicker Medical Pannier

**Date:** WWII and WWII +

**Physical Description:** Wicker panier

**Physical Characteristics:** Wicker body with canvas cover and locking bar

**Provenance:** Used in the field by medical units for storage and transport of medical supplies



## Whittaker Leg Traction Splint

**Date:** ca WWII

**Physical Description:** As pictured

**Physical Characteristics:** Tan canvas and wood construction. Manufactured by Gurrock Ropes and Canvas Ltd Montreal. One person can apply in three minutes

**Provenance:** Used in as and where required.



## Uniforms and Accessories

### Officer's Great Coat

**Date:** ca WWI

**Physical Description:** Authentic Medical Officer's Great Coat

**Physical Characteristics:** Woolen coat with surgeon's cuff and dull cherry piping on epaulettes

**Provenance:** Worn by a CAMC officer during the winter



## WWI CAMC NCO Uniform

**Date:** WWI

**Physical Description:** Authentic Canadian Army Service Dress. Jacket belt, jodhpurs, riding boots and cap with General Service badge

**Physical Characteristics:** Khaki wool jacket with: CAMC General Service buttons and collar dogs, brass "Canada" shoulder titles 4th Div patch, Sgt Major insignia (stripes & crown), Red Cross patch, three (3) service chevrons and two (2) medals; jodhpur; brown leather riding boots and Oliver belt; and khaki wool peaked cap.

**Provenance:** Uniform pictured was worn by Sgt Major Christopher Pamplin. Christopher (Chris) Pamplin, a member of 13 Field Ambulance (Predecessor to 11 Field Ambulance).



### Other Ranks Patrol Dress

**Date:** ca 1919 - 1938

**Physical Description:** Authentic Other Ranks Patrol Dress tunic

**Physical Characteristics:**

Midnight blue serge tunic with similar material and colour trousers. with dull cherry lanyard and piping on epaulettes. RCAMC buttons and collar insignis.

**Provenance:** Worn by Other Ranks on parade or other ceremonial/formal as required



### Battle Dress Blouse and Wedge Cap

**Date:** ca 1939 - 1945

**Physical Description:** Authentic Battle Dress Blouse with, and Field Service (Wedge) Cap,

**Physical Characteristics:** Waist length khaki wool blouse worn with similar material trousers, shirt, tie, putties and ankle boots. RCAMC cap badge, Captain cloth pips, shoulder flashes and lanyard

**Provenance:** Worn by all ranks as universal work dress



## Officer's Mess Dress

**Date:** Circa 1919 - 1939

**Physical Description:** Authentic pre-WWII mess dress jacket and waistcoat

**Physical Characteristics:**

Midnight blue barathea jacket with dull cherry lapels and cuffs, RCAMC buttons and collar badges and embroidered rank insignia and a dull cherry waistcoat was worn with midnight blue trousers with a dull cherry stripe and black shoes/boots..Spurs were optional for senior officers.

**Provenance:** Worn for mess dinners and other formal evening functions





## 19<sup>th</sup> Century Nurse's Uniform

**Date:** circa 1854-1885

**Physical Description:** Replica nurse's uniform as worn during the North West Campaign

**Physical Characteristics:** Full length long sleeved maroon cotton dress, white apron (waist to dress hemline) Red Cross sleeve band and traditional nursing school/hospital white cap.

**Provenance:** The nurse were civilian requested, by Col Darby Bergin from hospitals in Winnipeg and Toronto, to provide post operative and convalescent care for the wounded



### **Nursing Sisters' Service Dress**

**Date:** circa 1889-1902

**Physical Description:** Replica service dress uniform

**Physical Characteristics:** Full-length two-piece khaki cotton uniform was worn with a straw hat with a red feather

**Provenance:** Worn by Canadian Army Nursing Services Nursing Sisters deployed to South Africa during the Boer War



**Nursing Sister's Service Dress  
(Ward) Uniform**

**Date:** WWI

**Physical Description:** Replica  
Nursing Sisters Ward Dress

**Physical Characteristics:** Ankle  
length blue cotton jacket and skirt  
white bibbed apron (no pockets) was  
worn with a leather belt with a brass  
buckle, white veil and brown shoes

**Provenance:** Worn by CAMC Nursing  
Sisters working in hospitals and  
convalescent centres



**Date:** WWII +

**Physical Discription:** Authentic  
Nursing Sister's summer service  
dress and cape

**Physical Characteristics:** navy blue  
light wool serge cape



### **Nursing Officers' Ward Dress**

**Date:** 1970-1993

**Physical Description:** Authentic post unification nurses work dress

**Physical Characteristics:** White short sleeved one piece dress with CFMS buttons worn with white generic nurses cap and shoes. Rank insignia appeared on cap and shoulder epaulettes

**Provenance:** Worn by Nursing Officers in Canadian Forces hospitals and clinics.



## **Nursing Officers Operational Work Dress**

**Date:** 2010 - present

**Physical Description:** Authentic CADPAT (Arid) uniform with Captain rank insignia, name tag "Nurse", Red Cross Brassard and ISF Patch (International Security Assistance Force) with a field hat and high top boots

**Physical Characteristics:** Loose fitting two-piece cotton

**Provenance:** Worn as work dress by nurses in Afghanistan and in other similar operational environments





## Photographs

**Date:** ca WWI

**Physical Discription:** As shown

**Physical Characteristics:**

Casualty receiving care from arm & chest injuries in the summer during the Great War.

**Provanance:** Unknown



**Date:** ca WWI

**Physical Discription:** As shown

**Physical Characteristics:** German  
Horse Drawn Field Ambulances

**Provanance:** Unknown



**Date:** ca WWI

**Physical Discription:** As shown

**Physical Characteristics:**  
Autographed by members of  
Surgical Team No. 24,

**Provanance:** Unknown



**Date:** ca 1943-44

**Physical Discription:** As shown

**Physical Characteristics:**  
Improvised casualty ferry, circa  
1943-44

**Provanance:** Unknown



**Date:** ca WWI

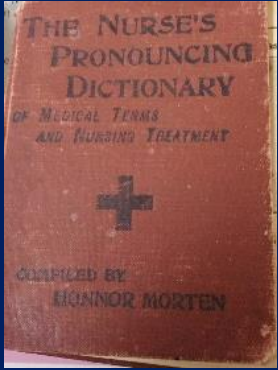
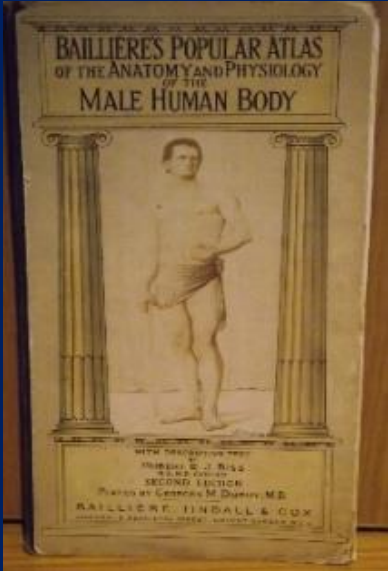
**Physical Discription:** As shown

**Physical Characteristics:** Horse  
drawn ambulance evacuating  
casualties

**Provanance:** Unknown



## Documents

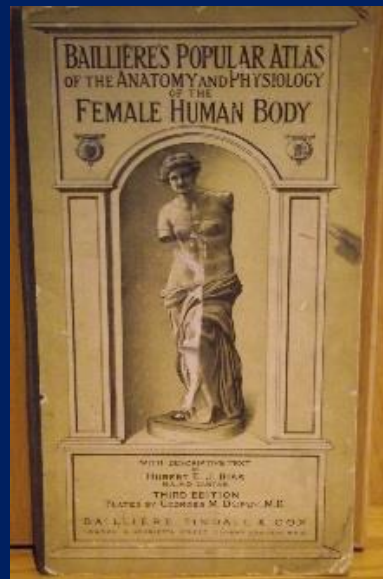
<p><b>Date:</b> ca 1913</p> <p><b>Physical Discription:</b> Reference book</p> <p><b>Physical Characteristics:</b> Nurses Pronouncing Dictionary of Medical Terms and Nursing Treatment,</p> <p><b>Provanance:</b> Unknown</p>	
<p><b>Date:</b> ca 1928</p> <p><b>Physical Discription:</b> Referenc Bool</p> <p><b>Physical Characteristics:</b> Baillieres Popular Atlas of the Human Male Body</p> <p><b>Provanance:</b> By Hubert E.J. BISS (Author), Plates by Georges M Dupuy. (Illustrator)</p> <p>Reference - Baillieres Popular Atlas of the Human Male Body</p>	

**Date:** ca 1928

**Physical Discription:** Reference book

**Physical Characteristics:**  
Baillieres Popular Atlas of the Human Female Body

**Provanance:** By Hubert E.J. BISS (Author), Plates by Georges M Dupuy. (Illustrator)



## Artistic Works

### Stained Glass

**Date:** ca 1975

**Physical Discription:** : Stained Glass Panel

**Physical Characteristics** Medical crest. Approximately 60 x 60 cm

**Provanance:** Unknown



## Etched Glass

**Date:** ca 1970

**Physical Discription:** Etched mirror

**Physical Characteristics:** CFMS crest

**Provanance:** Unknown



## Metal Casting

**Date:** ca 1965

**Physical Discription:** Statuette

**Physical Characteristics:** Airborne Medic/Stretcher Bearer

**Provanance:** Unknown

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## Metal Casting

**Date:** ca WWI

**Physical Discription:** Statuette

**Physical Characteristics:** WWI orderly carrying casualty

**Provanance:** Unknown





<p><b>Reproduction</b></p> <p><b>Date:</b> ca WWII</p> <p><b>Physical Discription:</b> Sketch</p> <p><b>Physical Characteristics:</b> medic tending to a civilian casualty in the rubble somewhere in Italy</p> <p><b>Provanance:</b> Unknown</p>	
<p><b>Reproduction</b></p> <p><b>Date:</b> ca WWII</p> <p><b>Physical Discription:</b> Sketch</p> <p><b>Physical Characteristics:</b> street scene near a medical station somewhere in Italy</p> <p><b>Provanance:</b> Unknown</p>	
<p><b>Reproduction</b></p> <p><b>Date:</b> ca WWI</p> <p><b>Physical Discription:</b> Sketch</p> <p><b>Physical Characteristics:</b> medical officer drawing blood from a soldier during WW I</p> <p><b>Provanance:</b> Unknown</p>	



## Reproduction

**Date:** ca WWI

**Physical Discription:** Sketch print

**Physical Characteristics:**  
Personnel loading a 12 Motor Ambulance Company (MAC) ambulance at 43 Casualty Collection Station (CCS)

**Provanance:** Unknown



## Photograph

**Date:** ca WWI

**Physical Discription:** Sketch

**Physical Characteristics:** medical orderly applying a tourniquet

**Provanance:** Unknown



## Reproduction

**Date:** ca WWI

**Physical Discription:** As shown

**Physical Characteristics:** Print titled "Caring". Two soldiers, one supporting the other.

**Provanance:** Unknown

