

## 11 (Victoria) Field Ambulance

13 Field Ambulance was mobilized in Victoria on 22 March 1916 and departed Canada July 1 on the S.S. Matagama. The unit saw action at the Battle of the Somme, Vimy Ridge, and Passchendaele. The unit was mobilized again during World War II on 2 September 1939. On 29 October 1954, 13 Field Ambulance and 46 Field Hygiene Section were amalgamated to form 25 Medical Company. It was re-designated in 1979 as 11 (Victoria) Medical Company. In April 1994 Saanich Council honoured 11 (Victoria) Service Battalion and 11 (Victoria) Medical Company with the Freedom of the Municipality designation. In 2007 the unit was renamed 11(Victoria) Field Ambulance. Mayor Richard Atwell was invited to a Freedom of the District of Saanich Parade on 19 March 2016, held on the lawn of the Municipal Hall, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the mobilization of 13 Canadian Field Ambulance, considered to be 11 (Victoria) Field Ambulance's predecessor unit. The 11 (Victoria) Field Ambulance presented Mayor Atwell with a commemorative coin and accompanying information card, as well as a book titled "Canadian Forces Medical Service: Introduction to its History and Heritage". The book includes a hand-written inscription: "To his Worship, Mayor Atwell, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of 13 Field Ambulance, in appreciation of your support."

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11 (Victoria) Medical Company & Service Battalion

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[1995-006-019](#) Mayor Murray Coell presenting the 11 (Victoria) Medical Company with the Freedom of Saanich, 1994

[1995-006-023](#) 11 (Victoria) Medical Company at the Freedom of Saanich ceremony, 1994