

**Canadian Forces Health Services  
Training Centre  
Museum**

**Queen Mother's Banner**



## The Queen Mother's Banner

*A Banner of sanguine silk, fringed in gold and dull cherry with Medical Branch Badge at its centre above a scroll displaying the Medical Branch Motto Militi Succurrimus with the dates 1885 – 1985 embroidered below the scroll. In the canton, the Queen Mother's cipher, a stylized monogram in silver is embroidered below a coronet. The staff head is a crown lion in gold. The Banner is constricted of two layers of cloth, with identical images on either side.*

In 1984, when the Canadian Forces Medical Services (CFMS) celebrated its 25th anniversary, the Surgeon General requested that a Banner be made to honour the service's contribution to the Canadian Forces. In 1985, a century after the first operational deployment of a medical unit in support of Canadian troops, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief of the CFMS, presented the Banner at a ceremonial parade held in the grounds of Queen's Park, the Ontario legislature. Her Majesty's remarks on this occasion referred to the origins of the CFMS, its splendid record in war, and the value of its contribution in peacekeeping missions.



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The Banner, together with embroidered Medical and Dental Branch carrier sashes, is ensconced at the CFMS School at CFB Borden, Ontario. It is used locally and is available for display by Regular and Reserve medical units, provided that it can be safely transported to and from the place of display and protected while in the custody of the requesting unit. The carrier sashes are used for the Medical and Dental flags when on parade. Normally, an officer accompanies the Banner while it is in transit.

When on parade, the Banner is borne immediately behind and to the right of the Canadian national flag. In 1990, a CFMS detachment trooped the Banner in London as part of a celebration of the 90th birthday of its Colonel-in-Chief.