

GANDHIJI

1906-Leader, Indian Ambulance Corps

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Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi

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During the Boer War of 1899 and the Zule Rebellion of 1906 Gandhiji donned the Khaki Army uniform and set on his mission of mercy brought help and succour to many a wounded soldier. in 1899 he collected an ambulance corps of 1100 which included about 400 ex-indentured indians and 40 leaders. his party of gallant men on occasions marched 20 to 25 miles carrying the wounded on stretchers. when in-charge of one these parties, Gandhiji himself carried General Woodgate from the field where he lay dying to a base hospital. on two or three occasions he and his ambulance personnel carrying wounded Zulus marched 40 miles a day. But for Gandhiji many Zulus would have been uncared for.