

## THE SCHOOL TEXTBOOK AND THE "SOLDIER'S MANUAL"

To spread the principles of the Red Cross and the Geneva Conventions more widely throughout the world the ICRC has published a school textbook, which is now available in many languages. This is designed for school children and has been supplemented by a "Teacher's Manual". These two works teach humanitarian ideals to young readers, but it was later found necessary to produce a manual for soldiers. The ICRC considered this matter and issued the "Soldier's Manual" which, like the school textbook, was generously illustrated.

The *International Review* on various occasions has reported on the distribution of these three books in the various continents. We refer to this again to show how widely these are disseminated in numerous languages:

### *School textbook and "Teacher's Manual"*

Thanks to the assistance of the Swiss Confederation, the ICRC has been able to continue and increase its activity in the dissemination of knowledge of the principles of the Red Cross and the Geneva Conventions among young people throughout the world. From January to October of this year, it intensified this activity by issuing a version in Swahili at the request of Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda. The translation was made by the Red Cross of Tanzania. The African editions of the two works were reprinted in English and French and the three versions, in Swahili, English and French were distributed to the following sixteen African countries:

	<i>School Textbook</i>	<i>Teacher's Manual</i>
Burundi	2,000	300
Central African Republic	20,000	2,000
Ghana	5,000	500
Kenya	62,000	3,000

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	<i>School Textbook</i>	<i>Teacher's Manual</i>
Madagascar	1,000	100
Malawi	2,000	2,000
Mali	50,000	3,000
Mauritius	8,000	900
Niger	1,000	100
Rwanda	1,000	100
Seychelles	2,000	200
Swaziland	10,000	1,000
Tanzania	50,000	5,000
Togo	50,000	5,000
Uganda	30,000	3,000
Upper Volta	20,000	2,000

*“Soldier's Manual”*

Quite recently, 1,000 copies were given to the soldiers of SWAPO and 11,000 to the People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola.

A Somali translation by the Somali Red Crescent is now being printed.

The armed forces of São Tome have expressed interest in the Manual and have decided to distribute it among the troops. Accordingly, 500 copies have been sent to the Red Cross in São Tome.

In Asia, Burma has translated and printed the work at its own cost for distribution to the soldiers.

*“Soldier's Manual” and “Summary of the Conventions”*

The Red Cross of Tanzania has translated both of these booklets into Swahili. The ICRC has combined them into a single volume and published 50,000 copies, distributed as follows: Tanzania, 20,000; Kenya 10,000; Uganda, 20,000.