

M I S C E L L A N E O U S

23rd SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE OF MILITARY MEDICINE DOCUMENTATION

In its previous number, the *International Review* reported that the ICRC had been represented at the 23rd session of the International Office of Military Medicine Documentation held in Athens in September, by Mr. F. Siordet, a member of the International Committee and Mr. J.-P. Schoenholzer, of the Legal Department.

The session was almost entirely devoted to the study of the problems posed by tuberculosis in the armed forces. The question of identity discs for military personnel was also raised and the hope was expressed of having the blood group of the bearer figured on these discs. The ICRC delegates had the opportunity of stating the legal aspect of this problem.

At the request of one delegation, the session also expressed the wish to see Article 3 common to the four Geneva Conventions of 1949 — relative to conflicts not of an international character — applied in the broadest possible way, and it invited the ICRC to examine the matter, particularly with a view to enlarging the protection due to the sick and wounded and to civilian medical personnel.

The ICRC delegation was also able to draw the attention of the members of the Office to the celebrations, scheduled for 1963, in Geneva, on the occasion of the Centenary of the Red Cross, and it invited the health services of all the countries represented to participate, in one way or another, in this important anniversary. These proposals aroused great interest and were warmly welcomed.

This session of the Office was extremely well organized by the Medical Service of the British Army (Royal Army Medical Corps); the participants will retain a warm memory of Greek hospitality, which they had the opportunity of experiencing in all its many aspects.