

## **Diffusion of the Soldier's Manual**

The Soldier's Manual, for the use of the armed forces, presents in words and pictures the main provisions of the Geneva Conventions of 1949. The first edition of 10,000 copies which appeared in 1969 was sent to governments and National Societies. On the basis of their comments, the work was revised and republished in the form of a pocket manual. There were subsequent editions in various languages. Reports reaching us this year show that the diffusion of the Soldier's Manual continues, both in Africa and Latin America.

The Red Cross Society in Mali requested 5,000 copies. The Moroccan Red Crescent made a special request for 120 copies while awaiting the 2,000 ordered; Morocco had already received 2,000 copies in 1974. In Mauritania, the Red Crescent received 200 manuals to be used in a seminar for army officers. In Sudan, 3,000 copies were sent to the General Staff of the armed forces. One thousand copies in Portuguese were sent to Angola and Mozambique, with 25,000 copies due to follow.

In Latin America as well, the Soldier's Manual is being distributed in various countries. One example is that of Colombia, which asked for additional copies of the manual for a basic course on the Geneva Conventions in the military schools of all three of the armed services. Colombia had already received 1,500 copies.

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