

BOOKS AND REVIEWS

ITALIAN TRANSLATION OF THE PROTOCOLS

The Geneva Protocols of 1977 are now available in Italian. This translation was carried out by General C.A. (a) Pietro Verri and printed in a special issue (No. 4-5)¹ of the "*Rassegna della giustizia militare*", under the heading *I Protocolli aggiuntivi alle Convenzioni di Ginevra del 12 Agosto 1949*. In a very interesting introduction, General P. Verri summarizes for members of the armed forces and jurists the innovations which the Protocols have introduced in international law. A practical and useful table at the end of the book gives a list of States which have signed, ratified or acceded to the Protocols and dates of the entry into force of these international treaties. This fine work is further evidence of the interest shown in the 1977 Protocols.

HOWARD S. LEVIE:

PRISONERS OF WAR IN INTERNATIONAL ARMED CONFLICTS²

The author, who is a professor in the Law School of St. Louis University, has, for many years, taken a deep interest in humanitarian law and especially in the lot of prisoners of war. He has already published many studies on this subject in various legal reviews in the United States of America.

As an army officer, he has had the opportunity to observe operations concerning prisoners of war during the Second World War, the conflict in Korea and the recent conflict between India and Pakistan. These experiences and an in-depth knowledge of the law have enabled Pro-

¹ Rome, 1978.

² International Law Studies, vol. 59, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, USA. LXIX + 529 pp.

fessor Levie to write a well-documented book which deals exhaustively and realistically with all the problems related to prisoners of war.

The book contains an extensive bibliography, a list of international agreements on prisoners of war, the text of the 1949 Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War and a detailed index.

This work will no doubt be of considerable use to all who have to tackle problems concerning prisoners of war, and make an important contribution to the dissemination of international humanitarian law.

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DOCUMENTS ON PRISONERS OF WAR ¹

In a second volume Mr. Howard S. Levie gives the text, in English, of 175 documents relating to prisoners of war. The first ones are quotations from the Bible and the Koran, dating from the pre-Christian era and the VIIth century A.D., and the last is the text of Protocol I adopted in 1977. Between both extremes there is a whole series of documents of considerable interest to historians and lawyers, on the same subject, ranging from the treaties of Westphalia (1648) and the decree of the French National Assembly (1792) to the New Delhi agreements (1973 and 1974) between Pakistan, India and Bangladesh on the repatriation of prisoners of the 1971 conflict. The book also contains resolutions of various International Red Cross Conferences and a Convention of the Universal Postal Union (1974) on the mail of prisoners of war, etc.

Professor Levie has thus published a book with a very rich content as an addition to his first volume. Tables and indexes make the book easier to consult.

¹ *International Law Studies*, vol. 60, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, 1979, xxvii + 853 pages.