

Allocations from the Maurice de Madre French Fund

The Maurice de Madre French Fund was founded a few years ago with a large legacy bequeathed to the ICRC.

On 20 November 1978 a circular ¹ was sent to all National Societies reminding them of the existence of the Fund and inviting them to apply, in the first quarter of each year, for allocations to their delegates or nurses who qualify for grants from the Fund.

According to article 2 of the Fund Regulations, the income of the Fund is intended to help personnel of national or international Red Cross institutions who have suffered injury in the course of their work or during relief operations in the event of war or natural disaster and have thereby found themselves in straitened circumstances or reduced health.

So far the Board of the Fund has allocated three grants, one to a former ICRC nurse injured in Jerusalem in 1948, one to an Ethiopian member of the League staff and the third to a Lebanese Red Cross voluntary first-aider who was a member of an ambulance team, and wounded in 1978. The sum of these three grants is 17,000 Swiss francs.

During the meeting of the Council of Delegates in Geneva, on 3 October 1979, National Society representatives present were reminded of the awards provided for in the Fund Regulations under the conditions set forth in the circular which the ICRC had sent to National Societies on 20 November 1978.

¹ The circular was reproduced in the January-February 1979 issue of *International Review of the Red Cross*. See also the February 1976 issue.