

In no case may the medical personnel be deprived of their armlets or the certificates of identity belonging to them.

In case of loss they have the right to obtain duplicates.

ARTICLE 22

The distinctive flag of the Convention shall be hoisted only over such medical formations and establishments as are entitled to be respected under the Convention, and with the consent of the military authorities. In fixed establishments it shall be, and in mobile formations it may be, accompanied by the national flag of the belligerent to whom the formation or establishment belongs.

Nevertheless, medical formations which have fallen into the hands of the enemy, so long as they are in that situation, shall not fly any other flag than that of the Convention.

Belligerents shall take the necessary steps, so far as military exigencies permit, to make clearly visible to the enemy forces, whether land, air, or sea, the distinctive emblems indicating medical formations and establishments, in order to avoid the possibility of any offensive action.

ARTICLE 23

The medical units belonging to neutral countries which shall have been authorized to lend their services under the conditions laid down in article 11, shall fly, along with the flag of the Convention, the national flag of the belligerent to whose army they are attached.

They shall also have the right, so long as they shall lend their services to a belligerent, to fly their national flag.

The provisions of the second paragraph of the preceding article are applicable to them.

ARTICLE 24

The emblem of the red cross on a white ground and the words "Red Cross" or "Geneva Cross" shall not be used, either in time of peace or in time of war, except to protect or to indicate the medical formations and establishments and the personnel and material protected by the Convention.

The same shall apply, as regards the emblems mentioned in article 19, paragraph 2, in respect of the countries which use them.

The Voluntary Aid Societies mentioned in article 10, may, in accordance with their national legislation, use the distinctive emblem in connexion with their humanitarian activities in time of peace.

As an exceptional measure, and with the express authority of one of the national societies of the Red Cross (Red Crescent, Red Lion and Sun), use may be made of the emblem of the Convention in time of peace to mark the position of aid stations exclusively reserved for the purpose of giving first treatment to the wounded or the sick.

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ARTICLE 25

The provisions of the present Convention shall be respected by the High Contracting Parties in all circumstances. If, in time of war, a belligerent not a party to the Convention, its provisions shall, nevertheless, be binding on all the belligerents who are parties thereto.