

## III. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

The conditions stated above must, in a general way, be interpreted and applied in as broad a spirit as possible.

This breadth of interpretation must especially be applied in neuropathic or psychopathic cases caused or aggravated by the effects of war or captivity (psychasthenia of prisoners of war), and in cases of tuberculosis in all degrees.

It is obvious that camp doctors and mixed medical commissions may find themselves faced with many cases not mentioned amongst the examples given under section II above, or with cases that cannot be assimilated to these examples. The above-mentioned examples are only given as typical examples; a similar list of surgical disabilities has not been drawn up because, apart from cases which are indisputable on account of their very nature (amputations), it is difficult to draw up a list of specified types; experience has shown that a list of such specified cases was not without inconvenience in practice.

Cases not conforming exactly with the examples quoted shall be determined in the spirit of the guiding principles given above.

CONVENTION OF 1929 RELATIVE TO THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR  
SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS AND ACCESSIONS

| COUNTRIES                               | Signature     | Ratification   | Accession      |
|---|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Australia.....                          | July 27, 1929 | June 23, 1931  |                |
| Austria.....                            | July 27, 1929 | Mar. 3, 1936   |                |
| Belgium.....                            | July 27, 1929 | May 12, 1932   |                |
| Bolivia.....                            | July 27, 1929 | Aug. 13, 1940  |                |
| Brazil.....                             | July 27, 1929 | Mar. 13, 1932  |                |
| Bulgaria.....                           | July 27, 1929 | Oct. 13, 1937  |                |
| Canada.....                             | July 27, 1929 | Feb. 20, 1933  |                |
| Chile.....                              | July 27, 1929 | June 1, 1933   |                |
| China.....                              | July 27, 1929 | Nov. 19, 1935  |                |
| Colombia.....                           | July 27, 1929 | June 5, 1941   |                |
| Cuba.....                               | July 27, 1929 |                |                |
| Czechoslovakia.....                     | July 27, 1929 | Oct. 12, 1937  |                |
| Denmark.....                            | July 27, 1929 | Aug. 5, 1932   |                |
| Dominican Republic.....                 | July 27, 1929 |                |                |
| Egypt.....                              | July 27, 1929 | July 25, 1933  |                |
| Estonia.....                            | July 27, 1929 | June 11, 1936  |                |
| Finland.....                            | July 27, 1929 |                |                |
| France.....                             | July 27, 1929 | Aug. 21, 1935  |                |
| Germany.....                            | July 27, 1929 | Feb. 21, 1934  |                |
| Great Britain and Northern Ireland..... | July 27, 1929 | June 23, 1931  |                |
| Greece.....                             | July 27, 1929 | May 28, 1935   |                |
| Hungary.....                            | July 27, 1929 | Sept. 10, 1936 |                |
| India.....                              | July 27, 1929 | June 23, 1931  |                |
| Iraq.....                               |               |                | May 29, 1934   |
| Irish Free State.....                   | July 27, 1929 |                |                |
| Italy.....                              | July 27, 1929 | Mar. 24, 1931  |                |
| Japan.....                              | July 27, 1929 |                |                |
| Latvia.....                             | July 27, 1929 | Oct. 14, 1931  |                |
| Lithuania.....                          |               |                | Feb. 27, 1939  |
| Luxembourg.....                         | July 27, 1929 |                |                |
| Mexico.....                             | July 27, 1929 | Aug. 1, 1932   |                |
| Netherlands.....                        | July 27, 1929 | Oct. 5, 1932   |                |
| New Zealand.....                        | July 27, 1929 | June 23, 1931  |                |
| Nicaragua.....                          | July 27, 1929 |                |                |
| Norway.....                             | July 27, 1929 | June 24, 1931  |                |
| Persia.....                             | July 27, 1929 |                |                |
| Poland.....                             | July 27, 1929 | June 29, 1932  |                |
| Portugal.....                           | July 27, 1929 | June 8, 1931   |                |
| Roumania.....                           | July 27, 1929 | Oct. 24, 1931  |                |
| Siam.....                               | July 27, 1929 | June 3, 1939   |                |
| Slovakia.....                           |               |                | Sept. 15, 1939 |
| Spain.....                              | July 27, 1929 | Aug. 6, 1930   |                |
| Sweden.....                             | July 27, 1929 | July 3, 1931   |                |
| Switzerland.....                        | July 27, 1929 | Dec. 19, 1930  |                |
| Turkey.....                             | July 27, 1929 | Mar. 10, 1934  |                |
| Union of South Africa.....              | July 27, 1929 | June 23, 1931  |                |
| United States of America.....           | July 27, 1929 | Feb. 4, 1932   |                |
| Uruguay.....                            | July 27, 1929 |                |                |
| Venezuela.....                          | July 27, 1929 |                |                |
| Yugoslavia.....                         | July 27, 1929 | May 20, 1931   |                |