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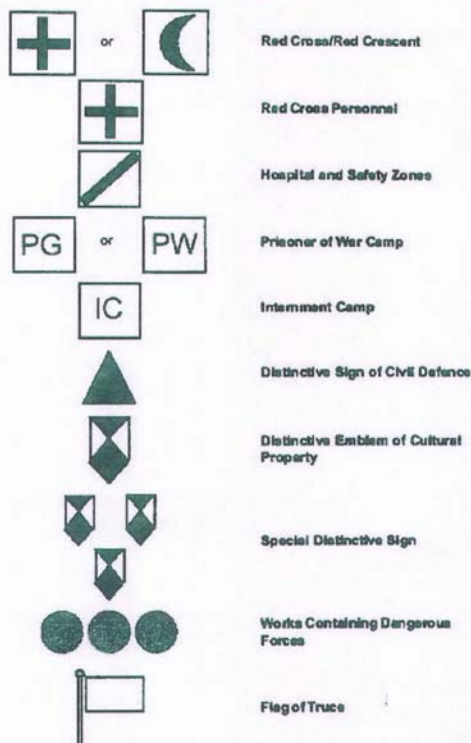
AN AIDE MEMOIRE FOR USE IN ARMED CONFLICT

1. Fight only enemy combatants and attack only military objectives.
2. Employ methods of attack which will achieve your objective with the least amount of incidental civilian damage.
3. Do not attack enemy soldiers, sailors or airmen who surrender. Disarm them and treat them as prisoners of war.
4. Collect and care for the wounded or sick whether friend or foe.
5. Do not torture, kill or abuse prisoners of war.
6. Treat all civilians humanely.
7. Respect civilian property - looting is prohibited.
8. Respect all cultural objects and pieces of worship.
9. Respect all persons and objects bearing the Red Cross, Red Crescent and other recognized symbols of humanitarian agencies.
10. Do not alter your weapons or ammunition to increase suffering.
11. Do not attack persons and objects that display the protective emblems illustrated overleaf.
12. It is the duty of all ranks upon becoming aware of an allegation of any breach of the law of armed conflict to report the circumstances to their Commanding Officer.
13. Disobedience of the Law of Armed Conflict is a crime and not only dishonours your country and you but renders you liable to punishment as a war criminal.

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PROTECTIVE EMBLEMS



These rules are based on [Annexes A and B] Army Code 71130,  
A Soldier's Guide to the Law of Armed Conflict

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**PW HANDLING AIDE MEMOIRE**

COMBAT TROOPS	
<b>WHO IS A PRISONER OF WAR?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Enemy personnel</b> in or out of uniform who carry arms openly.</li> <li>• <b>Civilians</b> who accompany the Armed Forces of the enemy e.g war correspondents, supply contractors, civilian members of aircraft crews.</li> <li>• <b>Crews</b> of merchant ships and civil aircraft belonging to the enemy.</li> </ul>
<b>IF IN DOUBT - TREAT AS PW</b>	
<b>ACTION ON CAPTURE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Disarm - Search - Administer First Aid</b> (if required)</li> <li>• <b>Segregate</b> Officers, NCOs, Other Ranks, Females from Males, and Juveniles (under 15) from both.</li> <li>• <b>Escort</b> to Unit or Sub-Unit HQ as directed.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTION AT UNIT OR SUB-UNIT HQ</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tag or Label PW.</b></li> <li>• <b>Remove and Tag or Label:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weapons.</li> <li>• Documents or equipment captured with the PW.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Do not Remove:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothing.</li> <li>• Protective Equipment.</li> <li>• Personal effects.</li> <li>• ID discs or documents.</li> <li>• Any medication.</li> <li>• Medical or religious accoutrements from Retained Personnel</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Safe Custody:</b> Treat humanely.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shelter PW from enemy fire and the elements.</li> <li>• Provide food, water, and protective clothing.</li> <li>• Move PW out of the combat zone as soon as possible.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Do not fraternise with PW.</b></li> <li>• <b>Carry out Tactical Questioning.</b></li> <li>• <b>Escort PW to Collecting Point.</b></li> </ul>
<b>MINIMUM INFORMATION</b>	<p>Do NOT use force to gain information from a PW.</p> <p>When questioned, a PW is required only to give:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name - Rank - Number - Date of Birth</li> </ul>
THE STAFF	
<b>RESPONSIBILITIES</b>	<p><b>J1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PW Policy.</li> <li>• All aspects of safe custody and evacuation of PW.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determination of PW status.</li> <li>• Transfer of PW between nations.</li> </ul> <p><b>J2/J3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimating PW numbers.</li> <li>• Organising Tactical Questioning and Interrogation of PW.</li> <li>• Establishing and manning the PW Handling Organisation.</li> <li>• Locating PW facilities.</li> <li>• Ordering the construction of PW facilities.</li> </ul> <p><b>J4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of medical support.</li> <li>• Provision of construction materials for PW facilities.</li> <li>• Administering PW (feeding, clothing, moving and accommodating).</li> </ul>
THE COMMANDER	
<b>INTELLIGENCE</b>	As part of Intelligence Preparation of the Battlefield, J2 staff make assessment of likelihood of significant numbers of PW being captured in the course of the operation.
<b>THE ESTIMATE</b>	J3 staff make provision for impact of significant PW capture in considering 'Other Relevant factors' as part of the Estimate Process.
<b>THE PLAN</b>	J3 staff make provision for Handling PW in Plan.
<b>COMMANDER'S RESPONSIBILITIES</b>	<p>Commander's responsibilities for PW are summarised as ensuring that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals under his command comply with the four 1949 Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocol I.</li> <li>• PW captured by forces under his command are treated in accordance with the Laws of Armed Conflict.</li> <li>• An appropriate PW Handling Organisation is in place within his formation.</li> <li>• PW are evacuated as soon as possible and are not needlessly exposed to danger.</li> </ul>