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country, as well as migration and deportation of German Jews during the years 1933 to 1945. Work which may be carried out thanks to these documents will permit the assembly of details on all German Jews who died in the course of detention. Documents received up to the end of 1962 give information on some 38,000 persons. Some of this information is completely new to the ITS, other details providing additional data.

The municipality of Frankfurt-am-Main has handed to the ITS a voluminous original set of records concerning foreign workers. As these records were compiled in part by the police authorities, they prove, apart from the work carried out in Germany during the war, the location of detainees in specific camps.

The ITS is continuing the preparation of a revised edition of its catalogue of camps and prisons. It hopes, in addition, to complete in 1963 the examination of over 100,000 cases of deceased Soviet citizens in respect of whom documents have been gathered in the territory of the German Federal Republic.

TRAINING OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND ASSISTANCE TO THE WAR DISABLED

The Statutes of the International Red Cross (article IV e) lay upon the ICRC the duty of contributing " to the preparation and development of medical personnel and medical equipment, in co-operation with the Red Cross Organizations, the Medical Services of the Armed Forces and other competent authorities ". The Medical Personnel Section of the ICRC, therefore, endeavours to collect all possible information on the situation of medical personnel in all countries, i.e. recruitment, training, organization and enrolment in case of necessity.

Although some countries are well organized in this connection, others—the majority—are in grave need of professionally trained medical personnel. It is therefore the task of the ICRC to encourage National Societies to train as many voluntary medical personnel as possible, so that in the event of conflict they would be able to fulfil the rôle of auxiliaries to the Army Medical Service. The Medical Personnel Section of the ICRC has distributed abundant

documentary material to the National Societies, at the same time laying stress on the provisions of the Geneva Conventions with regard to medical personnel.

This Section has also answered numerous enquiries from nursing associations and from private individuals. These enquiries related especially to the possibility of making interchanges between nurses in different countries, conditions of admission to nursing schools, the relative equivalence of diplomas and the dispatch of documentary material.

Furthermore, the ICRC headquarters were visited by a great many nurses and nursing students from all parts of the world.

War Disablement Section.—This Section distributed Braille watches for French, Finnish and Australian persons blinded during the war. It also supplied equipment to the Artificial Limb Workshop in Sarajevo (Yugoslavia).

It also handled a voluminous amount of correspondence from war wounded and injured civilians who raised queries of a very wide variety.

SUMMARY TABLE OF ICRC RELIEF ACTIONS IN 1962

(Classified by countries and categories of persons assisted)

		Value in Swiss francs
<i>Algeria</i>	Civilian population and victims of events	1,292,840
	Internees and detainees	41,780
<i>Congo</i>	Civilian population	9,550
<i>France</i>	Harkis	5,800
	Activists	4,500
	Repatriated persons	1,000
<i>Germany, Federal Republic</i>	Gifts in kind to the German Red Cross for refugees from the East	18,900