



The Central Prisoners of War Agency unites those who have been separated by war by enabling them to exchange family news

45 million index cards

15 million cases dealt with

5 million enquiries

24 million messages transmitted to and from civilians deprived of postal facilities

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IN GENEVA, THE AGENCY

collects in its card-index all information likely to be of interest to families concerning prisoners of war and civilian internees (address, transfer, state of health, etc.), on the basis of documents received from the Detaining Powers and the captives themselves;

transmits to the country of origin of detainees a copy of the official nominal lists which it retains;

replies to requests by families, national Red Cross Societies and government services;

makes enquiries regarding missing persons.

The Agency does not merely concern itself with detained persons, but may also re-establish contact between civilians separated by events.

Since 1955, the ICRC has been responsible for directing the **International Tracing Service**. This Service, which has its headquarters at Arolsen (Federal Republic of Germany), is a centre for information concerning persons deported, displaced or missing either in Germany or in countries occupied by German forces during the Second World War.

25 million index cards



REUNITING OF FAMILIES

The ICRC reunites, or helps to reunite, members of families dispersed by war events. Thus, with the assistance of several national Red Cross Societies, it undertook a programme which enabled 350,000 persons of German origin from Central and Eastern Europe to be reunited, mainly in Germany and Austria.

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