



# Commentary on the First Geneva Convention : Convention (I) for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field /

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