

Introduction to Part I

Jean Henry Dunant's legacy to the world is the Red Cross which is a living monument to Dunant. It was the one constant in his life.

The **International Committee of the Red Cross** administers several funds and most countries founded their own Red Cross movement.

Médecin Sans Frontiers was founded in 1971 by French doctors and journalists in the aftermath of Biafra.

Magen David Adom (Red Shield of David) was first used during the Second Boer War in South Africa 1899-1902. President Paul Kruger gave permission for the Star of David to be used as its insignia rather than the conventional red cross. Magen David Adom was not officially recognised by the International Committee of the Red Cross until June 2006.

The **Red Cross Message Scheme** - Form 61 was provided by Post Offices at one shilling each for families to send messages to Prisoners of War held in enemy territories. This is a form that remains on my 'wants' list to date.

The **Central Tracing Agency** has been in existence since the Franco-Prussian War of 1870. The **United Nations** is illustrated with a couple of examples of refugees or descendants of refugees.

Mahatma Ghandi formed the Natal Indian Ambulance Corps in 1900 to support British combat troops against the Boers, often carrying wounded soldiers for miles to a field hospital because the terrain was too rough for the ambulances.

Doctor Lilian Mary Grandin combined the duties of a hospital doctor with nursing training for local Chinese women.

Caitriona Lucas was a volunteer with the **Irish Coast Guard**. A 41 year old mother of two, she lost her life saving others.

The **Sovereign Order of Malta** has hospitals and hospices in Jerusalem, France and Italy as well as being active in over 120 countries helping the poor and the suffering.

Malta - affectionately known as the **Nurse of the Mediterranean**.

Mrs Agnes Bryson Morrison founded the First World War Flag Day Movement, was involved in child welfare work, closely associated with the Scottish Children's League of Pity and organised many charities.

Moina Belle Michael was an American humanitarian who conceived the idea of using poppies as a symbol of remembrance in 1918 to raise funds to assist disabled veterans. Her idea was adapted by the American Legion Auxiliary and Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal Fund in 1921.

The first half of the display concludes with Austria's 2021 homage to Covid and a small tribute to the Poppy Line for the railway enthusiasts.