A person authorized by the military authorities to enter into direct parleys with the enemy, usually to negotiate a military convention.

Also called a parliamentary.

He and the persons and equipment accompanying him have the right to inviolability. He must show that he is a parlementaire by advancing a white flag, accompanied by a trumpeter, bugler or drummer. The commander to whom he is sent is not in all cases obliged to receive him, and the parlementaire loses his right to inviolability if he takes advantage of it to commit an act of treachery. He may not have the nationality of the enemy to whom he is sent.

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