The systematic and violent appropriation of movable public or private property \[1\] belonging to the enemy State, to civilians \[2\], wounded, sick \[3\] or shipwrecked \[4\] persons, or to prisoners of war \[5\].

Pillage is a war crime \[6\].

When movable property \[1\] belonging to civilians \[2\], wounded, sick \[3\] or shipwrecked \[4\] persons, prisoners of war \[5\] or the dead \[7\] on the battlefield is removed by non-violent means, the term “spoliation” is sometimes used. Spoliation is prohibited.

**OUTLINE**

Chapter 8, IV. 7. b) prohibition of pillage \[8\]

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prohibition of

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