REMEMBERANCE TO A MILITARY PHARMACIST OF THE AUSTRIAN-HUNGARIAN MONARCHY IN THE 1ST WORLD WAR

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My Father and me decided to write the History of our Family. A part of it recalls the memory of Mihály Szalay, my Grandfather. He served as a military pharmacist of the Monarchy during the 1st. World War.

He was graduated as a pharmacist from the Péter Pázmány University of Budapest, Faculty of Pharmacy in 1910. From 1914 he was serving as military pharmacist in the "Infektionslazaret" in Kassa (Kosice in Slovakian). In 1918, approaching to the end of the War, he was obliged to serve in the warlike zone, in the military hospital in Nevesinje, Bosnia. The terrible "Spanish flu" was extremely pandemic in Europe at that time; Nevesinje was also infected by the disease. Mihály Szalay got the illness, but luckily he could recover from it. He proved to be a very precise and reliable "k. und k." military pharmacist; his serve was honoured with merits. He was still in Bosnia at the time of the end of the Ist World War, and the collapse of the Monarchy; then he had an adventurous trip backwards to Budapest.

Objectives from the War remained, herited by the Family; which will also be shown during the presentation.

We would dedicate this lecture to pharmacists working under warlike circumstances even today.

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