Military Pharmacy & Books: Books from the Library of Hungarian Military Hospital Pharmacies in the 1st World War

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Books always have played an essential role in the History; as well as Pharmaceutical History and its research. Our professional every-day work is strongly influenced by books, printed texts and manuals; today and even in the past. As a new sequence of the previous lecture of mine dealing with Military Pharmacy held in Vienna 2009, I will focus on some books used in Military Hospital Pharmacies within the borders of the former Austrian-Hungarian Monarchy during the 1st World War: military pharmacopoeias, military taxes, books on epidemiology, lists of former pharmaceutical substances and remedies (Materia medica), military regulations for health care professionals – in Hungarian, but also in some cases texts in German editions.
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Even today, about 100 years later we can admire our professional ancestors’ knowledge and even ingenuity to get across difficult situations, wartime circumstances.