

OBITUARIES

DR. GUY HENRY FAGET

1891-1947

Dr. Guy Faget, for 25 years a distinguished officer of the U. S. Public Health Service, and noted for his pioneer work in treating leprosy with sulfone drugs, died July 17 in the U. S. Marine Hospital, New Orleans, La.

In June 1940, Dr. Faget was appointed Medical Officer in Charge of the National Leprosarium, Carville, La., where he was active in research and in the development of new therapeutic aids in the treatment of leprosy. By his demonstration of the efficacy of sulfone drugs, including promin, diasone, and promizole, in the treatment of leprosy, he gave new hope to sufferers from the disease.

Dr. Faget was born in New Orleans, June 15, 1891, attended the city's public schools, and was graduated from Tulane University Medical School in June 1914. Serving his internship in the U. S. Marine Hospital in New Orleans, he became resident physician in the Presbyterian Hospital, and later was a health and quarantine officer and a private physician in British Honduras; where he had opportunity to study many tropical diseases, including Hansen's disease.

Entering the U. S. Public Health Service as a commissioned officer in the grade of assistant surgeon on September 19, 1922, Dr. Faget completed assignments in Marine Hospitals and Quarantine Stations in Mobile, Ala., San Francisco, Calif., Seattle, Wash., Fort Stanton, N. Mex., New Orleans, La., and Norfolk, Va. Publishing many papers on tuberculosis research he first gained recognition as an outstanding internist. Later, he became even better known for his articles on leprosy.

Dr. Faget was a fellow of the American Medical Association and of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the International Leprosy Association. He was also Consultant to the Advisory Medical Board of the Leonard Wood Memorial Fund.

Surviving him are his wife and four children, Frank, Max, Elsie, and Edward.