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## PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE, 1941.

Chairman	.....	Councillor E. J. GIBSON	.....	1940-41, 1941-2
Vice-Chairman		„ S. R. WEIGHTMAN		1940-41, 1941-2
Alderman		Mrs. L. M. Brown.	Councillor	A. V. Kidd.
„		M. Mahoney.	„	C. J. Lee.
Councillor	Mrs. S. C. Amos.	„		F. W. Love.
„	H. A. Beal.	„		G. Loveland.
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„	A. M. Downing.	„		A. E. Smith.
„	F. J. W. Fielder.	„		Mrs. J. V. Snowdon.
„	Mrs. L. A. Glasson.	„		A. E. Winch.
„	Mrs. F. Humphreys.			

#### *Ex-officio.*

Councillor	A. G. R. HENLEY, <i>J.P.</i> , Mayor of Bermondsey, 1940-41 (part).
„	A. C. STARR, <i>J.P.</i> , <i>L.C.C.</i> , Mayor of Bermondsey, 1940-41 (part), 1941-2.

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Alderman	Mrs. L. M. Brown.	Councillor Mrs. L. A. Glasson.
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Councillor	D. Bradley.	„ Mrs. R. E. Laker.
„	Miss I. Condon.	„ Mrs. M. F. Lowery.
„	Mrs. M. Cushing.	„ Mrs. W. L. Miller.
„	E. J. Gibson.	„ Mrs. J. V. Snowdon.

#### *Co-opted Members.*

Mrs. L. J. Benwell.	Mrs. A. M. Hatcher.
Mrs. E. B. Childs.	Mrs. A. P. Henley.
Mrs. I. F. Davison.	Mrs. D. Topley.
Mrs. D. Downing.	

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**STAFF:****MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.**

D. M. Connan, M.D., B.S. (Lond.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

**SANITARY INSPECTORS :**

J. G. Frankson, Senior Inspector.

G. F. J. Toll, Wharves and Food Inspector.

H. E. Butcher, Wharves and Food Inspector.

W. C. Tapsfield, Wharves and Food Inspector.

F. L. Richardson, Drainage and Markets Inspector.

H. J. Bailey, Food and Drugs Inspector.

W. A. Campbell, Factories and Shops Inspector.

*District Inspectors.*

F. J. Carpenter.

W. A. Pilson.

A. W. Hancock.

O. W. R. Smart.

L. T. Knott.

W. F. Smith.

**TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.**

Deputy Medical Officer of Health and Clinical Tuberculosis Officer—

C. H. C. Toussaint, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Assistant Medical Officer and Assistant Tuberculosis Officer—

\*H. T. Levi, M.B., Ch.B.

Tuberculosis Nurse (Open-Air School)—Celia Clapson.

**LADY ALMONER.**

Olive Pike (*Retired March, 1941*).

Florence Child (*From April, 1941*).

**LIGHT TREATMENT CENTRE.**

Medical Officer in Charge—Florence L. Telfer, M.D., D.M.R.E.

Nurse in Charge—Mrs. Dorothy Cottier.

Solarium Nurses—Estelle Jagôt, Muriel Coleby, Joyce Hopkins.

**MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.**

Assistant Medical Officers for Maternity and Child Welfare—

Florence L. Telfer, M.D., D.M.R.E.

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Barbara Anderson.

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Edith Riley.

Rosa Bache (*Retired*

Phyllis Hesketh.

Florence Robson.

*December, 1941*)

Elizabeth Lawrence.

Florence Wadds

Avis Baird.

Olive Oram.

(*retired Dec., 1941*).

Sarah Bowles.

Kathleen Parry.

Isabel White.

Lucy Brown.

Gwendolen Riches.

**FAIRBY GRANGE CONVALESCENT HOME.**

Matron—Ann O'Meara (*From April, 1941*).

Sister—Gladys Coleby (*Commenced October, 1941*).

\* *At present serving in H.M. Forces.*



**POST-NATAL AND SPECIAL CLINICS FOR WOMEN.**

Consultant Gynæcologist—Gladys Dodds, M.D., D.P.H., M.R.C.O.G.,  
F.R.C.S. (Eng.).

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Radiographer—C. F. Lumley.

**DENTAL DEPARTMENT.**

Municipal Dental Surgeon—Grantley Smith, L.M.S.S.A., H.D.D.,  
R.C.S. (Edin.), L.D.S., R.C.S. (Eng.).

Assistant Dental Surgeon—W. H. Shapland, L.D.S., R.C.S. (Eng.).

Dental Nurses—Winifred Lambert (*retired March, 1941*),  
Mrs. Daisy Hodgson and Winifred Lander.

Prosthetic Assistants—G. W. Clarke, W. B. Monger and T. H. Baggott.

**FOOT CLINIC.**

Chiropodists—Ethel Cook, Mrs. Florence Rock, Mary Bradley,  
and E. F. Part.

**PUBLIC ANALYST.**

A. Prideaux Davson, A.R.C.Sc., F.I.C., F.C.S.

**PROPAGANDA AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.**

H. W. Bush, F.I.P.A., M.R.I.P.H.H.

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C. W. Whye, General Clerk.	*F. Cornwell, General Clerk.
*F. R. Parker, General Clerk.	*H. D. White, General Clerk.
J. A. Blake, General Clerk.	*J. L. Springett, General Clerk.
J. F. M. Brooker, General Clerk.	*F. H. Mummery, General Clerk.
C. F. Yaxley, General Clerk ( <i>Died May, 1941</i> ).	Joyce Field, General Clerk.
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*J. W. J. Seward, General Clerk.	*A. E. Gambrell, Junior Clerk
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**DISINFECTING AND CLEANSING STATION.**

A. C. Davidson, Foreman in Charge (*Retired September, 1941*).

A. Manning, Supervisor (*From September, 1941*).

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,  
MUNICIPAL OFFICES,  
SPA ROAD, S.E.16.

\* *At present serving in H.M. Forces.*

# Borough of Bermondsey.

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## **ANNUAL REPORT** OF THE **MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.**

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*To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of  
Bermondsey.*

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Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1941. There have been a number of changes in the staff during the year, but the department has continued to carry out its functions, I believe, to the satisfaction of the Council. Meetings of the Committees with which the department is mainly concerned have been held with almost their normal peace-time frequency, and I wish, once again, to express my appreciation of the help received from both Committees and especially of the kindness of the Chairmen.

I am, Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

D. M. CONNAN.



# I.—VITAL STATISTICS.

## AREA.

The area of the borough (exclusive of area covered by water) is 1,336 acres.

## POPULATION.

Census		Estimate of Registrar-General	
1921	1931	to 30th June, 1940	to 30th June, 1941
119,452	111,542	71,590	*

\* Not available for publication.

## BIRTHS.

The total number of births belonging to the borough registered during 1941 was 756, consisting of 409 males and 347 females. The number for 1940 was 1,232.



**DEATHS.**

The total number of deaths belonging to the borough registered during 1941 was 1,047, consisting of 570 males and 477 females. The number for 1940 was 1,551.

**MARRIAGES.**

The total number of marriages in the borough in 1941 was 725, being 461 below the number for 1940, and 322 below the average for the last 10 years.

The figures have been supplied by the Superintendent Registrar.

Year	No.	Rate
1931	1,001	17·81
1932	936	17·00
1933	1,007	18·77
1934	1,050	19·91
1935	1,027	20·00
1936	970	19·32
1937	1,090	22·07
1938	941	19·32
1939	1,258	26·35
1940	1,186	33·13
Average for years 1931—1940	1,047	21·37
1941	725	*

\* Not available for publication.

**INFANTILE MORTALITY.**

The Infantile Mortality Rate for the year 1941 has been calculated on the figure of 528 live births furnished by the Registrar-General.

Year	Whole Borough		London	
	No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Births	No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Births
1931 .. .. .	112	57	4,270	65
1932 .. .. .	103	56	4,143	67
1933 .. .. .	92	61	3,377	60
1934 .. .. .	100	64	3,832	67
1935 .. .. .	103	69	3,229	58
1936 .. .. .	92	60	3,691	66
1937 .. .. .	84	59	3,309	60
1938 .. .. .	65	45	3,130	57
1939 .. .. .	45	37	2,409	47
1940 .. .. .	40	35	2,062	48
Average for years 1931-1940	84	54	3,345	59
1941 .. .. .	32	61	1,543	57

**TUBERCULOSIS OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.**

In the following Table will be found particulars of deaths from Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System since the year 1931.

Sub-District	Bermond-sey	Rother-hithe	St. Olave	Whole Borough		London	
Year	No.	No.	No.	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
1931.. ..	81	30	5	116	1·03	3907	0·90
1932.. ..	71	34	11	116	1·05	3564	0·82
1933.. ..	68	23	8	99	0·92	3530	0·82
1934.. ..	64	22	4	90	0·86	3227	0·76
1935.. ..	70	23	5	98	0·95	2847	0·68
1936.. ..	51	22	6	79	0·79	2848	0·69
1937.. ..	63	22	2	87	0·89	2888	0·71
1938.. ..	42	23	1	66	0·68	2590	0·64
1939.. ..	38	21	6	65	0·72	2650	0·70
1940.. ..	43	21	4	68	0·95	2687	0·87
Averages for years 1931-1940 ..	59	24	5	88	0·88	3074	0·76
1941.. ..	34	17	1	52	*	2552	*

\* Not available for publication.

**VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT DURING 1941 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.**

Year	Population estimated to Middle of each Year	Births		Total Deaths registered in the District				Total Deaths in Public Institutions in the District	Deaths of Non-Residents registered in Public Institutions, etc., in the District	Deaths of Residents registered in Public Institutions etc. beyond the District	Net Deaths at all Ages belonging to the District	
		No.	Rate	Under 1 Year of Age		At all Ages					No.	Rate
				No.	Rate per 1,000 Births registered	No.	Rate					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1931	112,400	1,958	17.4	91	46	1,169	10.4	596	92	331	1,408	12.5
1932	110,100	1,831	16.6	81	44	1,147	10.4	689	189	368	1,326	12.0
1933	107,300	1,500	14.0	72	48	1,216	11.3	720	215	339	1,340	12.5
1934	105,060	1,557	14.8	77	49	1,223	11.6	784	229	310	1,304	12.4
1935	102,700	1,487	14.5	99	67	1,142	11.1	756	255	314	1,201	11.7
1936	100,400	1,545	15.4	76	49	1,136	11.3	723	175	328	1,289	12.8
1937	98,790	1,421	14.4	61	43	1,148	11.6	741	245	309	1,212	12.3
1938	97,420	1,439	14.8	60	42	1,002	10.3	488	201	271	1,072	11.0
1939	*95,500	1,275	13.4	40	31	968	10.7	445	201	243	1,010	11.2
1940	†90,210 71,590	1,232	17.2	35	28	1,483	20.7	829	304	373	1,551	21.7
Averages for years 1931-1940	100,126	1,524	15.2	69	45	1,163	11.9	677	211	319	1,271	13.0
1941	†	756	†	23	44	874	†	569	259	432	1,047	†

\* For calculation of Birth Rate.

† Not available for publication.

‡ For calculation of Death Rate.



**CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1941.**

Causes of Death					Deaths at the subjoined ages of "Residents " whether occurring in or beyond the District.								
					All Ages	Under 1	1 and under 2	2 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and up- wards
All Causes	{	Certified .. .. .	..	..	1,047	32	6	15	24	75	116	305	474
		Uncertified .. .. .	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever .. .. .					—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever .. .. .					1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever .. .. .					—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough .. .. .					1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria .. .. .					5	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System .. .. .					52	—	—	2	—	9	20	16	5
Tuberculous—other forms .. .. .					8	2	1	3	—	1	—	—	1
Syphilitic Disease .. .. .					4	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1
Influenza .. .. .					3	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1
Measles .. .. .					2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis .. .. .					—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Infectious Encephalitis .. .. .					2	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Cancer of Buccal Cavity and Oesophagus (Males only) .. .. .					11	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	9
Cancer of Uterus .. .. .					5	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum .. .. .					28	—	—	—	—	—	3	11	14
Cancer of Breast .. .. .					10	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	7
Cancer of all other sites .. .. .					53	—	—	1	—	—	1	28	23
Diabetes .. .. .					3	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions .. .. .					61	—	—	—	—	—	6	21	34

CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1941—continued.

Causes of Death	Deaths at the subjoined ages of "Residents" whether occurring in or beyond the district.								
	All Ages	Under 1	1 and under 2	2 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and up- wards
Heart Disease .. .. .	206	—	—	—	—	—	6	54	146
Other Diseases of the Circulatory System ..	23	1	—	—	—	—	—	8	14
Bronchitis .. .. .	104	—	—	—	1	—	3	31	69
Pneumonia .. .. .	67	8	2	2	—	—	4	23	28
Other Respiratory Diseases .. .. .	20	—	—	—	—	—	6	5	9
Ulceration of the Stomach or Duodenum ..	17	—	—	—	—	—	4	6	7
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) .. .. .	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Appendicitis .. .. .	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	—
Other Digestive Diseases .. .. .	14	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	6
Nephritis .. .. .	44	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	36
Puerperal and Post-abortive Sepsis .. .. .	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Other Maternal Causes .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Premature Births .. .. .	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Congenital Malformations, Birth Injury, Infantile Diseases .. .. .	9	8	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Suicide .. .. .	6	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	2
Road Traffic Accidents .. .. .	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4
Other Violent Causes .. .. .	214	6	—	2	22	61	41	55	27
All Other Causes .. .. .	60	2	1	—	—	4	10	14	29
	1,047	32	6	15	24	75	116	305	474

# INFANTILE MORTALITY.

Deaths from Stated Causes at Various Ages under One Year of Age, 1941.

Cause of Death	Under 1 week	1—2 weeks	2—3 weeks	3—4 weeks	Total under 1 month	1—3 months	3—6 months	6—9 months	9—12 months	Total under 1 year
Measles .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Scarlet Fever .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Influenza .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Tuberculous Meningitis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
Other Forms of Meningitis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Tuberculous Diseases .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Syphilis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bronchitis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia (all forms) .. .. .	—	—	1	—	1	2	4	—	1	8
Other Respiratory Diseases .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diarrhoea and Enteritis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Congenital Debility and Malformation, Premature Birth .. .. .	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2
Injury at Birth .. .. .	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
Other Causes .. .. .	4	—	1	—	5	3	2	1	2	13
Totals .. .. .	7	—	2	—	9	7	6	4	6	32



## II.—INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following diseases are notifiable :—

Anthrax	Acute Polioencephalitis
Acute Poliomyelitis	Acute Primary Pneumonia
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia	Cholera
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	Continued Fever
Diphtheria	Dysentery
Enteric Fever and Typhoid	Encephalitis Lethargica
Fever	Erysipelas
Glanders	Hydrophobia in Man
Malaria	Measles
Membranous Croup	Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Plague	Puerperal Pyrexia
Puerperal Fever	Scarlet Fever and Scarlatina
Relapsing Fever	Typhus
Small-pox	Whooping Cough
Tuberculosis—all forms	

### DIPHTHERIA PREVENTION.

The appended table shows the attendances at the Schick Clinics during the year.

Clinic	No. of Sessions	No. of New Patients	Total Attendances
Public Health Centre, Grange Road	47	186	604
Public Air Raid Shelters .. ..	6	55	205
L.C.C. Schools .. ..	31	590	1,107
Totals ..	84	831	1,916

**DISINFECTION.**

The figures showing the work done in the disinfecting station are set out below.

Beds	740	Pillows (cases)	1,765
Blankets	8,428	Quilts	1,485
Bolsters	528	Sheets	1,418
„ (cases)	230	Furniture	145
Books	1,294	Miscellaneous	4,111
Cushions	583	Verminous Clothing	1,121
Mattresses	9	„ Bedding	2,372
Overlays	2,531	Scabies, Clothing	6,311
Pillows	3,584		

60,744 new tabs were used to replace those taken off mattresses, palliasses, and cushions before disinfection.

Number of rooms disinfected	993
Number of air raid shelters disinfected	126

Number of mattresses and other articles destroyed	367
Furniture, Floorcloth, etc., destroyed	65 Loads

**CLEANSING STATION.**

Verminous persons cleansed	Adult Females	162
	Adult Males	101
	Children	1,152

Persons treated for Scabies :—

	Number treated	Number of baths given
Adult Females	422	773
Adult Males	234	467
Children, Females	295	2,642
Children, Males	312	2,221



**BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY.**

The work done in the Laboratory during the year is set out in the appended table.

Examined for	Total Examina- tions		Results of Examination			
			Positive		Negative	
	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941
Diphtheria (specimens taken by Medical Officer of Health ..	34	17	—	—	34	17
Ditto (taken by general practitioners) .. .. .	388	427	17	20	371	407
Diphtheria (total specimens taken)	422	444	17	20	405	424
Phthisis .. .. .	510	194	80	38	430	156
Various .. .. .	94	28	7	1	87	27
Total specimens taken .. ..	1,026	666	104	59	922	607

**FOOD POISONING.**

Seven cases of Food Poisoning were notified to me during the year under The Public Health (London) Act, 1936, Section 182.

**INSULIN FOR DIABETIC PATIENTS.**

Twenty-four patients have been supplied during the year as compared with thirty-nine patients in 1940. (The Public Health (London) Act, 1936, Section 227.)



## NURSING.

The following table shows the number of patients nursed under the Council's Scheme.

Disease	St. Olave's District Nursing Association		Rotherhithe Queen's Nursing Association		Totals whole Borough	
	Cases	Visits	Cases	Visits	Cases	Visits
Pneumonia .. ..	24	480	4	64	28	544
Broncho-pneumonia ..	6	123	—	—	6	123
Bronchitis .. ..	7	122	2	13	9	135
Influenza .. ..	22	331	3	51	25	382
Measles .. ..	13	267	8	86	21	353
Whooping Cough ..	4	97	3	93	7	190
Tuberculosis :—						
(a) Respiratory System	8	694	6	119	14	813
(b) Other Forms ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pregnancy and Labour ..	19	208	8	118	27	326
Diseases of the Digestive System .. ..	4	33	5	19	9	52
Infantile Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Discharging Ears ..	1	71	1	16	2	87
Discharging Eyes ..	—	—	1	19	1	19
Post-operative cases :—						
(a) Tonsils & Adenoids	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Other cases ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other diseases .. ..	21	255	8	121	29	376
Totals .. ..	129	2,681	49	719	178	3,400

**CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1941.**

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED												BERMONDSEY							ROTHERHITHE				ST. OLAVE				Total Cases removed to Hospital
	At all Ages	At Ages—Year											1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	1	2	3	Total	St. John	St. Olave	St. Thomas	Total	
		0 to 1	1 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 55	55 to 65	65 & up- wards																
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)	89	—	30	34	10	6	5	2	1	1	—	—	21	14	9	9	8	3	64	9	4	4	17	5	3	—	8	88
Erysipelas .. ..	48	—	—	1	—	3	—	2	7	13	9	13	3	8	10	11	6	—	38	5	3	1	9	1	—	—	1	14
Scarlet Fever ..	75	1	32	15	9	6	4	5	1	1	1	—	11	7	7	7	4	7	43	13	11	4	28	—	2	2	4	74
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	18	2	5	2	2	1	—	3	2	—	—	1	5	2	3	—	—	1	11	6	—	1	7	—	—	—	—	18
Acute Poliomyelitis ..	3	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	3
Malaria .. ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
Enteric Fever ..	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Dysentery .. ..	11	1	5	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	3	1	—	—	—	7	—	2	1	3	1	—	—	1	6
Pneumonia (Acute Primary and Acute Influenzal)	99	4	29	1	1	5	1	6	13	15	17	7	16	27	18	7	7	2	77	4	7	5	16	4	2	—	6	27
Whooping Cough ..	274	23	199	48	2	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	48	29	27	14	29	15	162	48	31	26	105	2	5	—	7	96
Measles .. ..	381	42	268	61	8	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	64	53	27	25	30	23	222	80	28	29	137	10	8	4	22	263
Tuberculosis— Respiratory System	106	—	4	2	4	16	17	23	10	18	8	4	13	14	10	9	9	8	63	13	12	12	37	4	2	—	6	—
Other forms of Tuberculosis	9	—	1	1	2	3	—	1	1	—	—	—	3	2	1	2	—	1	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ..	1120	74	574	168	39	42	28	46	37	49	37	26	187	161	114	85	94	60	701	180	98	86	264	27	22	6	55	592

**CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEARS 1932-1941.**

Notifiable Disease.	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941
Small Pox .. .. .	16	21	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup) .. .. .	263	386	372	273	207	167	187	135	56	89
Erysipelas .. .. .	49	68	73	53	39	28	57	35	43	48
Scarlet Fever .. .. .	446	640	597	367	266	167	200	112	243	75
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis .. .. .	9	4	2	2	4	10	3	8	29	18
Acute Polio-Myelitis and Acute Polio-Encephalitis .. .. .	3	1	—	—	—	1	1	7	—	3
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .. .. .	10	7	6	5	6	1	10	5	2	—
Anthrax .. .. .	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	1	—	—
Enteric Fever .. .. .	2	2	2	3	15	5	2	—	2	1
Puerperal Fever .. .. .	8	6	2	3	6	1	1	—	2	1
Puerperal Pyrexia .. .. .	27	24	13	19	9	13	10	9	11	3
Encephalitis Lethargica .. .. .	2	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery .. .. .	—	1	—	3	1	43	26	2	6	11
Malaria .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Malaria (Induced) .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Pneumonia (Acute Primary and Acute Influenzal) .. .. .	102	136	121	113	125	170	112	121	104	99
Whooping Cough .. .. .	—	—	—	—	103	275	101	383	25	274
Measles .. .. .	—	—	—	—	7	85	889	39	229	381
Tuberculosis—										
Respiratory System .. .. .	177	182	141	129	142	147	112	94	97	106
Other forms of Tuberculosis .. .. .	35	34	32	34	34	31	18	20	6	9
Totals .. .. .	1,149	1,512	1,371	1,004	966	1,145	1,730	973	855	1,120



### III.—TUBERCULOSIS.

In Table I are set out particulars of new cases and deaths during the year, and Table II shows the period elapsing between notification and death.

**TABLE I.**  
**TUBERCULOSIS, 1941—NEW CASES AND DEATHS.**

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 .. ..	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2
1 .. ..	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	3
5 .. ..	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
10 .. ..	1	3	1	1	—	—	—	—
15 .. ..	7	10	2	1	2	2	—	—
20 .. ..	4	14	—	—	3	2	—	1
25 .. ..	12	13	1	1	8	5	—	—
35 .. ..	9	3	—	2	6	1	—	—
45 .. ..	16	4	—	—	3	4	—	—
55 .. ..	12	3	—	—	8	1	—	—
65 and upwards	5	1	—	—	4	1	—	1
	69	54	6	9	35	17	1	7

**TABLE II.**  
**TUBERCULOSIS, 1941—PERIOD BETWEEN NOTIFICATION AND DEATH.**

Period Between Notification and Death	Respiratory System				Other Forms			
	Males	Females	Total	Percentage of Total Deaths	Males	Females	Total	Percentage of Total Deaths
Not notified	5	1	6	11·54	1	5	6	75·00
0-1 month	6	1	7	13·46	—	1	1	12·50
1-3 months	3	3	6	11·54	—	—	—	—
3-6 months	1	2	3	5·77	—	—	—	—
6-12 months	4	2	6	11·54	—	—	—	—
1-2 years ..	7	4	11	21·15	—	—	—	—
2-5 years ..	3	2	5	9·61	—	1	1	12·50
Over 5 years	6	2	8	15·39	—	—	—	—
Totals ..	35	17	52	100·00	1	7	8	100·00

### **NURSING, EXTRA NOURISHMENT AND SHELTERS.**

As in previous years the District Nurses have been asked to visit many of our patients who are suffering from Tuberculosis, and are being treated at home ; 813 visits were paid by the nurses in 1941. A limited provision is made for the supply of extra nourishment to tuberculous persons, and this usually takes the form of eggs and milk ; 74 patients received help in this way during the year. The scheme for the provision of shelters has been continued, and 2 shelters are at present in use.

### **LADY ALMONER.**

The Lady Almoner has a variety of duties which are concerned chiefly in the after-care of tuberculous patients. She arranges for assistance to be given to patients in a number of different ways, as for instance in the supply of extra nourishment, the provision of beds, bedsteads and nursing utensils. In a few cases she has been able to arrange for a period of rest in a convalescent home, or for a country holiday in the case of exhausted mothers. She regularly visits the homes of patients who are undergoing treatment in sanatoria in order to keep the relatives informed as to the patients' progress, and to see that proper provision is made for the patients' return. In addition to these duties the Lady Almoner acts as Child Protection Visitor under Part XIII of the Public Health (London) Act, 1936.



**RETURN SHOWING THE WORK OF THE DISPENSARY DURING THE YEAR 1941.**

DIAGNOSIS	PULMONARY				NON-PULMONARY				TOTAL				GRAND TOTAL	
	Adults		Children		Adults		Children		Adults		Children			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
A.—NEW CASES examined during the year (excluding contacts):—														
(a) Definitely tuberculous .. .. .	37	31	—	2	1	3	—	2	38	34	—	4	76	
(b) Diagnosis not completed .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	—	—	6	
(c) Non-tuberculous .. .. .	132	106	2	2	—	—	—	—	132	106	2	2	242	
B.—CONTACTS examined during the year:—														
(a) Definitely tuberculous .. .. .	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	
(b) Diagnosis not completed .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
(c) Non-tuberculous .. .. .	10	10	3	8	—	—	—	—	10	10	3	8	31	
C.—CASES written off the Dispensary Register as:—														
(a) Recovered .. .. .	1	4	—	2	1	1	2	3	2	5	2	5	14	
(b) Non-tuberculous (including any such cases previously diagnosed and entered on the Dispensary Register as tuberculous) .. .. .	145	118	5	10	—	—	—	—	145	118	5	10	278	
D.—NUMBER OF CASES on Dispensary Register on December 31st:—														
(a) Definitely tuberculous .. .. .	256	207	29	27	28	30	34	28	284	237	63	55	639	
(b) Diagnosis not completed .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	—	—	6	
1. Number of cases on Dispensary Register on January 1st. . . . . 677														
2. Number of cases transferred from other areas and cases returned after discharge under Head 3 in previous years. . . . . 5														
3. Number of cases transferred to other areas, cases not desiring further assistance under the scheme, and cases "lost sight of" .. .. . 60														
4. Cases written off during the year as Dead (all causes) .. . 41														
5. Number of attendances at the Dispensary (including Contacts) .. .. . 1,963														
6. Number of Insured Persons under Domiciliary Treatment on December 31st .. .. . 120														
7. Number of consultations with medical practitioners:—														
(a) Personal .. .. . 54														
(b) Other .. .. . 216														
8. Number of visits by Tuberculosis Officers to homes (including personal consultations) .. .. . 373														
9. Number of visits by Nurses or Health Visitors to homes for Dispensary purposes .. .. . *1,004														
10. Number of:—														
(a) Specimens of sputum, etc., examined .. .. . 90														
(b) X-ray examinations made in connection with Dispensary work .. .. . 660														
11. Number of "Recovered" cases restored to Dispensary Register, and included in A (a) and A (b) above .. . 1														
12. Number of "T.B. plus" cases on Dispensary Register on December 31st .. .. . 239														
13. Number of Artificial Pneumothorax Refills .. .. . 487														

\* In addition to these visits 51 visits were made by the Lady Almoner.



# **PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1930.**

Summary of Notifications during the period from the 1st January, 1941, to the 31st December, 1941.

Age Periods .. ..			Formal Notifications											
			Number of Primary Notifications of New Cases of Tuberculosis											Total Notifi- cations
			0 to 1	1 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 55	55 to 65	65 and up- wards	
Pulmonary, Males .. ..	—	2	1	1	7	4	11	7	14	5	4	56	67	
„ Females .. ..	—	2	1	3	9	13	12	3	4	3	—	50	53	
Non-Pulmonary Males ..	—	1	—	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	5	6	
„ Females .. ..	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	4	4	

New cases of Tuberculosis coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health during the above-mentioned period, otherwise than by formal notification :—

Age Periods .. .. .	0 to 1	1 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 55	55 to 65	65 and upwards	Total
Pulmonary Males .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	7	1	13
„ Females .. .. .	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	1	4
Non-Pulmonary Males .. .. .	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
„ Females .. .. .	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	5

**Returns rendered under the PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS)  
REGULATIONS, 1930.**

**1st QUARTER, 1941.**

	Respiratory System		Other Forms	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Number of Cases on Register at commencement of Quarter .. .. .	345	270	80	83
Number of Cases notified during Quarter ..	14	9	1	2
Inward Transfers, Un-notified Deaths, etc.	6	1	—	1
Number of Cases removed from the Register	20	19	—	4
Number of Cases remaining on the Register at end of Quarter .. .. .	345	261	81	82

**2nd QUARTER, 1941.**

	Respiratory System		Other Forms	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Number of Cases on Register at commencement of Quarter .. .. .	345	261	81	82
Number of Cases notified during Quarter ..	23	11	1	—
Inward Transfers, Un-notified Deaths, etc.	2	—	—	1
Number of Cases removed from the Register	26	21	6	10
Number of Cases remaining on the Register at end of Quarter .. .. .	344	251	76	73

**3rd QUARTER, 1941.**

	Respiratory System		Other Forms	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Number of Cases on Register at commencement of Quarter .. .. .	344	251	76	73
Number of Cases notified during Quarter ..	7	21	2	1
Inward Transfers, Un-notified Deaths, etc.	4	2	1	2
Number of Cases removed from the Register	16	16	1	3
Number of Cases remaining on the Register at end of Quarter .. .. .	339	258	78	73

**4th QUARTER, 1941.**

	Respiratory System		Other Forms	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Number of Cases on Register at commencement of Quarter .. .. .	339	258	78	73
Number of Cases notified during Quarter ..	12	9	1	1
Inward Transfers, Un-notified Deaths, etc.	1	—	1	1
Number of Cases removed from the Register	14	11	2	2
Number of Cases remaining on the Register at end of Quarter .. .. .	338	256	78	73

## IV.—LIGHT TREATMENT, ELECTRO-THERAPY AND MASSAGE.

The following table shows the work done in the Solarium during 1941. No diathermy treatments were given until May.

Total Number of Attendances	.....	.....	.....	10,467
Number of Treatments	.....	.....	.....	21,108
Massage	.....	.....	.....	2,842
Physical Exercises	.....	.....	.....	366
Medical Electricity	.....	.....	.....	1,366
Diathermy	.....	.....	.....	1,170
Q-Ray Pad	.....	.....	.....	784
Mechanical Vibratory Massage	.....	.....	.....	21
Peat Baths	.....	.....	.....	7
Local Treatments—				
Radiant Heat and Ultra Violet Light	.....	.....	.....	4,115
Number of Medical Examinations	.....	.....	.....	690
Number of New Cases	.....	.....	.....	344



## V.—MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

### FAIRBY GRANGE CONVALESCENT HOME.

The total number of patients received into the home during the year, including mothers, babies and toddlers, was 200, a slight decrease on the figures for 1940.

Number of women admitted .....	104
Number of babies admitted .....	41
Number of toddlers admitted .....	55

### OBSTETRIC AND PUERPERAL FEVER CONSULTANTS.

The number of consultations during the year was as follows :—

Obstetric Consultations .....	Nil
Puerperal Fever Consultations .....	Nil

### CHILD LIFE PROTECTION.

There were no foster-children in the borough during the year.

# HEALTH VISITORS.

The following table shows the work done by the Municipal and Voluntary Centres and Health Visitors during 1941 :—

District	Births Notified	Visits to Infants and Children			Visits to Expectant Mothers		Visits to Cases of Infectious Disease							Unclassified or Special Visits	Attendances at Centres & Clinics	Health Talks
		First Visits	Re-visits		Pri- mary Visits	Re- visits	Puerperal Pyrexia and Fever	Ophthalmia Neonatorum*	Measles	Whooping Cough	Tuberculosis	Post-Infectious Disease				
			Under 1 year	1—5 years												
Miss Anderson ..	51	54	252	467	14	30	—	—	21	17	96	1	18	64	—	
Miss Bache ..	8	12	35	259	2	12	—	1	5	3	15	—	1	20	—	
Miss Baird ..	5	9	106	314	14	28	—	1	13	7	23	—	62	53	—	
Miss Bowles ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	473	—	
Miss Brown ..	1	14	108	240	12	28	—	—	13	27	113	12	149	98	—	
Miss Crundwell ..	11	22	134	326	6	5	—	—	22	6	30	—	51	49	—	
Miss Hesketh ..	12	10	171	329	8	6	—	—	3	5	34	—	83	35	—	
Miss Lawrence ..	35	30	157	391	13	17	—	—	17	17	145	—	121	88	—	
Miss Oram ..	39	29	355	557	15	29	—	—	20	24	104	1	307	122	—	
Miss Parry ..	31	18	373	514	22	107	—	1	17	8	52	—	63	170	—	
Miss Riches ..	5	18	80	331	13	12	—	—	6	19	27	—	71	60	—	
Miss Riley ..	8	12	99	131	—	4	1	—	59	8	42	—	19	33	—	
Miss Robson ..	40	46	346	1056	29	52	—	1	1	12	122	5	25	68	—	
Miss Wadds ..	28	17	125	180	—	16	1	—	4	2	19	—	28	360	—	
Miss White ..	16	22	465	1130	30	65	—	—	48	21	63	116	383	146	—	
Miss Williams ..	7	23	222	509	26	43	3	—	48	40	119	—	360	72	—	
Salomon's Centre..	2	9	81	414	52	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	—	
Totals ..	299	345	3109	7148	256	473	5	4	297	216	1004	135	1741	1937	—	

# ATTENDANCES AT MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

The following table shows attendances at Maternity and Child Welfare Centres during 1941 :—

Name of Centre	Children's Consultations						Ante-natal Clinic				Sewing Class		Gynæcological Clinic		
	No. of Sessions	New Cases		Total Attendances		No. seen by Doctor	No. of Sessions	New Cases	Post-Natal Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Sessions	No. of Attendances	No. of Sessions	New Cases	Total Attendances
		Under 1 year	1-5 years	Under 1 year	1-5 years										
Public Health Centre, Grange Road	150	143	33	1,907	1,084	1,660	76	155	2	747	—	—	50	96	278
Amos Estate ..	14	92	15	101	156	219	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Community Centre	35	25	15	272	445	513	—	—	—	—	32	170	—	—	—
Bermondsey Gospel Mission ..	49	44	6	563	544	805	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salomon's Centre..	43	47	12	274	138	231	101	262	5	1,009	—	—	—	—	—
Fulford Street ..	101	145	21	1,561	542	1,818	74	137	—	640	—	—	—	—	—
Central Hall ..	116	83	25	1,072	791	1,508	—	—	—	—	13	65	—	—	—
Totals ..	508	579	127	5,750	3,700	6,754	251	554	7	2,396	45	235	50	96	278



## EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS, 1941.

## Births.

Registered—				Total	Males	Females
Live Births	{	Legitimate .. ..	..	735	400	335
		Illegitimate .. ..	..	21	9	12
				Total	Males	Females
Stillbirths	..	..	..	28	20	8
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births				..	..	36

Notified within 36 hours of birth—

(1) Live Births, 292. (2) Stillbirths, 6. (3) Total, 298.

(1) By Midwives, 291\*. (2) By Parents and Doctors, 7.

\* Including 113 births delivered by midwives in Hospitals.

Deaths	Total	Males	Females
.. .. .	1,047	570	477

## Maternal Deaths.

Calculated on the figure of 553 (live and still) births furnished by the Registrar-General.

Deaths from puerperal causes :—	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births
Puerperal Sepsis .. .. .	2	3.62
Other puerperal causes .. .. .	—	—
Total .. .. .	2	3.62

## Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age.

Calculated on the figure of 528 live births furnished by the Registrar-General.

All Infants per 1,000 live births .. .. .	61
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births .. .. .	63
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births .. .. .	—

## Health Visitors. Visits paid by Health Visitors during the year :—

To Expectant Mothers	(1) First Visits, 256.	(2) Total Visits, 729
To Infants under 1	(1) First Visits, 345.	(2) Total Visits, 3,109
To Children, 1—5 .. .. .	.. .. .	Total Visits, 7,148

## Convalescent Homes for Children under 5.

Number of Beds, 16.	Number of Children under 5 received during the year	96
.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .

## Day Nurseries.

Number of day nurseries .. .. .	Nil.
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Deaths from Cancer (all ages) .. .. .	107
Deaths from Measles (all ages) .. .. .	2
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) .. .. .	1
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) .. .. .	1

## VI.—DENTAL TREATMENT.

The attached tables summarise the work which has been done at the two dental centres during the year.

### TREATMENT OF CHILDREN DURING 1941.

CENTRE	Age Group	Number Examined	Number Treated	Number of Extractions	Anaesthetics		Number of Fillings	Number of Scalings	Number of Attendances for Orthodontics	Total Number of Attendances
					Local	General				
PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE, GRANGE ROAD.	Under 5 years	151	130	477	9	109	—	1	—	223
	Over 5 years	409	378	814	133	182	85	5	—	409
	Totals ..	560	508	1291	142	291	85	6	—	632
98, ROTHER- HITHE NEW ROAD.	Under 5 years	17	31	82	—	22	—	—	—	41
	Over 5 years	67	82	155	29	33	10	—	—	130
	Totals ..	84	113	237	29	55	10	—	—	171
Totals both Centres		644	621	1528	171	346	95	6	—	803



## DENTAL TREATMENT CARRIED OUT DURING 1941.

CENTRE	Type of Case	Number of Patients Examined	Number of Patients Treated	Number of Extractions	Anæsthetics		Number of Fillings	Number of Scalings	Number of Dentures Fitted	Number of Repairs to Dentures	Number of Attendances
					Local	General					
PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE, GRANGE ROAD	Maternity Cases	714	681	1928	278	167	101	52	133	62	1752
	Women ..	1053	1022	1557	696	132	175	69	116	76	1909
	Men ..	1575	1532	2050	971	203	195	96	117	114	2311
	Tuberculosis Cases	5	5	10	7	—	3	—	—	2	15
	Children (Table I.)	560	508	1291	142	291	85	6	—	—	632
Totals ..		3907	3748	6836	2094	793	559	223	366	254	6619
98, ROTHER- HITHE NEW ROAD	Maternity Cases	127	291	457	55	89	31	10	38	20	438
	Women ..	155	252	532	107	104	63	17	23	16	428
	Men ..	156	303	497	119	64	52	20	26	37	469
	Children (Table I.)	84	113	237	29	55	10	—	—	—	171
	Totals ..	522	959	1723	310	312	156	47	87	73	1506
Totals both Centres ..		4429	4707	8559	2404	1105	715	270	453	327	8125



## VII.—CONSULTATION AND OTHER CLINICS.

### X-RAY DEPARTMENT.

The number of patients examined in this Department was 353 less than in 1940.

Total number of Attendances	910
Number of Individual Cases	843
Number of New Cases	648
Number of Screenings	754
Number of Films	1,136

#### Analysis of Films :—

Chests	660
Bones	130
Barium Meals	28
Barium Enemas	2
Hearts	13
Kidney	1
Abdomens	8
Gall Bladder	1

### POST-NATAL AND SPECIAL CLINICS FOR WOMEN.

During the year the total number of patients who attended was 278, of these 96 were new patients.

There is a marked increase in the number of patients attending with minor disabilities of the menopause. Many of these only require an examination and can then be reassured that the symptoms of which they complain have no serious significance; some require minor treatment which may be carried out at the clinic; or the patient may be referred to her own doctor. Sometimes hospital treatment is required, and the patient is referred to a suitable department of a hospital. Four cases of carcinoma were seen, and of these three were in an early stage of the disease and were able to be cured by operation.

There is also an increase in use being made of the clinic by women with menstrual irregularities. Most of these cases are referred by their own doctor for such complaints as dysmenorrhœa and sterility.

### FOOT CLINIC.

Attendances during the year are shown in the following table:—

Clinic	Men	Women	Total
Bermondsey .. ..	1,463	3,602	5,065
Rotherhithe .. ..	891	1,952	2,843
Totals .. ..	2,354	5,554	7,908



## VIII.—PROPAGANDA.

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During the year under report the following lectures and demonstrations, illustrated by cinema films, were given in the Borough :—

	<i>No.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>
Public Air Raid Shelters .....	127	14,250
Civil Defence Personnel .....	36	2,350
Lectures on First Aid .....	11	532
Others .....	31	1,900
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	205	19,032
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As in previous years no opportunity was missed of giving lectures and demonstrations to the public. We were able to carry out a good deal of work in the public air-raid shelters and 127 visits were paid.

Health films were shown as a part of a general programme of entertainment which, in most cases, was arranged by the Bermondsey Shelter Council with whom we are working in close co-operation.

During the year training in film showing was given to a number of the most suitable men in the Civil Defence Services, and it was with their assistance that a successful year's programme was completed. Unfortunately, most of them have since gone into the Services or to other work, but, during the time they were with us, they did some very useful work.

We have been enabled to assist the Ministry of Information by showing their films to shelterers and Civil Defence personnel, and, in fact, to any available audience.

Towards the end of the year we commenced showing a series of interest and instructional—including, of course, hygiene—films to the boys' club in the Borough, as part of the Youth Movement Scheme.



## IX.—SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

### HOUSING.

During the year 1941, no areas were represented or declared by the Council.

Four cottages were erected on the Adams Gardens Estate, Brunel Road, during the year.

### HOUSING ACT, 1936—OVERCROWDING.

It is impossible to give any reliable figures relative to overcrowding, owing to repeated changes in the occupation of houses. Many families have been evacuated, have moved out of the district privately, or have been provided with accommodation by the London County Council on outlying estates.

### ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

The following table shows the fumigations carried out during 1941 :—

	Infested	Disinfested
Council houses or flats .....	137	137
Other houses or flats .....	168	168

### INSPECTIONS, PROCEEDINGS, ETC.

Hereunder will be found particulars of Inspections, Proceedings, etc., for the year 1941 :—

#### INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR :—

- |   |        |
|---|--------|
| (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ..... | 5,829  |
| (b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose .....  | 29,670 |

(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 .....	3,612
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose .....	3,824
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .....	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding subhead) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation .....	Nil
REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES :—	
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers .....	256
ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR :—	
(A) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .....	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners .....	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners .....	Nil
(B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .....	307
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners .....	51
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners .....	Nil
(C) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .....	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .....	Nil



## (D) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ..... Nil
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ..... Nil

**REGISTERED PREMISES—**

Premises	Number on Register at end of 1941	Number of Inspections	Number of Prosecutions
Common Lodging Houses ..	3	29	—
Seamen's Lodging Houses ..	2	6	—
Milkshops .. .. .	138	293	—
Houses let in lodgings .. ..	456	1,060	—
Ice Cream Premises .. ..	97	54	—
Offensive Trades (including Poultry Slaughter-houses) .. ..	13	72	—

**SMOKE NUISANCES—**

Number of observations .....	Nil
Number of notices .....	Nil
Number of complaints .....	Nil
Number of summonses .....	Nil

**WATER SUPPLY TO TENEMENT HOUSES—**

Premises supplied .....	Nil
Prosecutions .....	Nil

**SALE OF FOOD—**

Number of premises used other than ice-cream premises, milk-shops and cowsheds .....	357
Number of inspections .....	1,510

**RAG FLOCK ACT, 1911, and PUBLIC HEALTH (LONDON) ACT, 1936 :—**

There are three premises in the District where rag flock is used and four inspections were made during the year.



# WORK OF DISTRICT INSPECTORS, 1941.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
	House-to-House	Special Inspections	Complaints	Infectious Diseases	Factories & Workshops Specially Inspected.	Offensive Trades	Outworkers' Bi-Annual Inspection	Underground Con- veniences	Drains Tested	Other Calls and Visits	Chimney Watched	Bakehouses	Common and Seamen's Lodging Houses	Butchers	Fishmongers, Friers and Curers	Food Stores	Fruiters and Green- grocers	Ice Cream	Markets	Restaurants and Eating Houses	Destruction of Food	Various	Visits	Ints.	
District No. 1	349	1503	172	62	—	—	15	—	—	1711	—	6	8	17	8	26	4	8	—	7	—	—	—	3896	39
„ No. 2	333	1475	357	54	—	—	19	—	1	3920	—	4	—	20	9	47	15	14	1	6	1	—	—	6276	58
„ No. 3	573	1029	139	74	—	—	9	—	1	1296	—	4	—	3	—	28	3	11	—	3	—	—	—	3173	22
„ No. 4	721	2371	328	71	—	—	6	—	8	2667	—	6	2	16	1	23	4	1	—	7	5	—	—	6237	35
„ No. 5	826	1460	475	50	—	—	24	—	6	3647	—	3	—	11	—	33	3	2	—	1	1	—	—	6542	30
„ No. 6	465	2361	128	115	—	—	34	—	2	2558	—	11	5	19	5	74	11	1	3	19	2	—	—	5813	36
„ No. 7	345	2032	159	33	—	—	17	—	6	1741	—	28	20	16	7	38	1	17	29	31	1	—	—	4521	87
Total ..	3612	12231	1758	459	—	—	124	—	24	17540	—	62	35	102	30	269	41	54	33	74	10	—	—	36458	307

**FACTORIES AND OTHER PREMISES.**

**HOMEWORK.**

NATURE OF WORK	Outworkers' Lists, Section 110									Outwork in Unwholesome Premises, Section 111		
	Lists received from Employers				Outworkers resident in Bermondsey received from other Districts		Notices served on Occupiers as to keeping or sending lists	Prosecutions		In- stances	Notices served	Prose- cutions
	Lists	Outworkers		Failing to keep lists				Failing to send lists				
		Resident in Bermondsey	Resident in other Districts									
			Con-tractors	Work-men		Con-tractors	Work-men					
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
Wearing Apparel—												
(1) Making, etc. ..	3	3	49	34	6	11	1	—	—	1	1	—
(2) Cleansing and washing ..	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fur pulling ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Umbrellas, etc. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sacks ..	1	—	11	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paper, etc., Boxes, Paper Bags ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brush making ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Combs, etc. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Leather Goods ..	2	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Surgical Instruments ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Coathangers ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carding of buttons, etc. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Onion Peeling ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Games and Toys ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fancy Goods ..	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total ..	6	3	60	54	7	15	1	—	—	1	1	—

**FACTORIES AND OTHER PREMISES.****INSPECTION.**

Premises	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
<b>Factories</b> with mechanical power..	3,233	11	—
<b>Factories</b> without mechanical power	1,462	6	—
<b>Other Premises</b> under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers' premises)..	120	—	—
Total .. ..	4,815	17	—

**DEFECTS FOUND.**

Particulars	Number of Defects			Number of defects in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.) ..	1	1	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2.) ..	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.) ..	—	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6.) ..	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)—				
Insufficient .. ..	1	1	—	—
Unsuitable or Defective ..	5	5	—	—
Not separate for Sexes..	—	—	—	—
Other Offences .. ..	2	2	—	—
(Not including offences relating to Home Work or offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921, and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act, 1937.)				
Total .. ..	9	9	—	—



**BAKEHOUSES.**

In Use		Not in Use	
Underground	Above ground	Above ground	Underground
4	24	12	8

25 of these are Factory Bakehouses

**HOUSE, TRADE AND MARKET REFUSE.**

The following table shows the amount of house, trade and market refuse disposed of during 1941 :—

Disposal	Loads	tons	cwts.	qrs.
House Refuse to Barge ..	7,396	9,704	16	2
Trade Refuse to Barge .. ..	3,154	2,436	16	—
Street Markets Refuse to Barge	610	579	11	1
Totals ..	11,160	12,721	3	3

**OFFENSIVE TRADES.**

The offensive trades on the Register are as follows :—

Fellmongers .....	3	Fatmelters .....	1
Glue and size makers .....	3	Dresser of Fur Skins .....	6

**MORTUARY.**

The Public Health (London) Act, 1936, Section 234, requires the Borough Council to provide a proper place for the reception of dead bodies before interment. The London County Council acts as agent for the Borough Council in this matter and receives into the mortuary at St. Olave's Hospital those bodies for which it is the duty of the Borough Council to provide. A fee of one guinea per body is paid by the Borough Council for this service.

Number of infectious bodies removed .....	Nil
Total number of bodies removed .....	15

**STREET MARKETS.**

The market scheme continues to work smoothly and satisfactorily.

Number of Licences in operation .....	201
Income .....	£713 8s. 0d.

There was one prosecution during the year.

**DRAINAGE WORK.**

Hereunder will be found particulars of drainage work, etc., carried out by the Drainage Inspector during 1941 :—

Drains Tested .....	253
Visits to Underground Conveniences .....	132
Other Visits .....	2,362

**WORK OF THE FACTORIES AND SHOPS INSPECTOR.****Shops.**

Visits .....	186
Notices served under Shops Act, 1934 .....	Nil
Notices served under Public Health (London) Act, 1936 .....	Nil

**Factories (with mechanical power).**

Visits .....	206
Notices under Factory Act, 1937 .....	Nil
Notices under Public Health (London) Act, 1936 .....	3

**Factories (without mechanical power).**

Visits .....	93
Notices under Factory Act, 1937 .....	Nil
Notices under Public Health (London) Act, 1936 .....	Nil

**Workplaces.**

Visits .....	58
Notices served .....	Nil
Visits to Offensive Trade premises .....	72
Chimneys watched .....	Nil



## X.—FOOD CONTROL.

### PUBLIC HEALTH (IMPORTED FOOD) REGULATIONS, 1937.

Thirty-nine samples were taken during the year by the Wharves Inspectors, but no further proceedings were necessary.

Three samples of flour were submitted for bacteriological examination with satisfactory results.

### UNSOUND FOOD.

The general inspection of food in shops and on stalls forms part of the duty of the District Sanitary Inspectors. Food, in the quantities stated, came under the notice of the Inspectors during the year, and being found unfit for human consumption was destroyed.

Description of Food	Weight			
	tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Fish .. .. .	1	8	3	14
Dairy Produce .. .. .	—	2	—	12
Meat .. .. .	1	16	—	—
Various .. .. .	—	—	—	25
Total .. .. .	3	7	—	23



**MILK PREMISES.****MILK AND DAIRIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1922.  
FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.**

Twelve milk sellers were registered under the above Acts during 1941, and 84 were removed from the Register, making a total of 138 milk sellers on the Register at the end of the year under report.

**MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936.**

During the year under report the following licences were granted :—

**Dealers' Licences.**

To sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	11
To sell Pasteurised Milk	19

**Supplementary Licences.**

To sell Pasteurised Milk	13
To sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	6

All premises used for the sale of milk are regularly inspected to ensure that the standard of cleanliness laid down is maintained.

**MILK SAMPLING.**

Samples of milk, both for bacteriological and chemical examination, are taken from milksellers, and special arrangements are made for the sampling of the milk supplied to all schools in the borough. The total number of samples submitted for analysis during 1941 was 415, of which number 16 were taken from schools.

**For Chemical (i.e., Fat and non-Fatty Solids) Examination.**

Liquid Milk, undesignated	295
Liquid Milk, undesignated (informal)	1
Sterilized Milk	87
Pasteurised Milk (informal)	8
Condensed Milk (informal)	1
Evaporated Milk (informal)	4
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**For Bacteriological Examination.**

Tuberculin Tested Milk	2
Pasteurised Milk (from schools)	8
Pasteurised Milk (other than from schools)	7
For tubercle bacilli	2
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**PHARMACY AND POISONS ACT, 1933.**

Thirty-two premises were entered on the Council's list for the year under report.

As a result of samples being purchased, it was found that four contraventions of the Act occurred, poisons being sold wrongly by both listed and unlisted vendors. Warnings were given in three cases and in the fourth case legal proceedings were taken, and a fine of 30s., with 5s. costs, was imposed.

**FOOD AND DRUGS.**

During the year 1,453 articles were submitted for analysis, of which number the following 24 were found, either adulterated or, not complying with the requirements of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Borax	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Dripping	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Egg Self-raising Flour	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Fruit Laxatives	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Gin	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Jam	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Lemon Substitute	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Marcussen's Ointment	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Orange Substitute	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Pepper	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Sage and Onion Stuffing	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Sucron	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Suet	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Teafusa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Whisky	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2

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**PROSECUTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH SAMPLES TAKEN  
DURING 1941.**

No.	Sample	Adulteration or Infringement	Remarks
586	Teafusa Tablets	The label attached was calculated to mislead as to the nature, substance, or quality of the article.	Manufacturer—Fine £10 Costs £5 5s. Vendor—Case dismissed
947	Chopped Suet	Excessive quantity of bread-crumbs.	Fine £1. Costs 17s. 6d.
844	Gin ..	13.2 % excess water.	Fine £3. Costs £5 5s.
803	Egg Self-raising Flour	The label attached was calculated to mislead as to the nature, substance, or quality of the article.	Manufacturer—Case dismissed. Costs £10 10s. Vendor—Case dismissed

**SUMMARY.**

	£	s.	d.
Fines .. .. .	14	0	0
Costs .. .. .	21	17	6
	<u>£35</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>6</u>



**PUBLIC HEALTH (IMPORTED FOOD) REGULATIONS, 1937.**

Articles	Quantity Unsound															
	Disposed of for purposes other than human food				Destroyed				Removed for sorting under S.A.				Exported			
	Weight				Weight				Weight				Weight			
	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Cereals ..	4090	4	2	7	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	0	—	—	—	—
Cocoa ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	84	19	0	0	—	—	—	—
Coffee ..	623	11	0	0	41	18	1	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dairy Produce	14	7	3	14	200	9	0	14	26	12	1	18	—	—	—	—
Fish ..	4	4	1	6	1	11	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fruit ..	176	12	3	0	40	12	1	0	231	17	1	0	—	—	—	—
Meat ..	82	15	0	12	21	2	1	0	53	11	2	23	—	—	—	—
Nuts ..	283	17	3	0	4	9	2	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Spices ..	1	5	0	0	—	—	—	—	86	5	2	0	—	2	0	0
Sugar ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	84	12	0	0	—	—	—	—
Tea ..	356	7	3	14	1	11	3	0	1	12	2	0	80	2	3	20
Various ..	73	4	1	9	27	11	1	14	11	14	0	23	—	—	—	—
Vegetables ..	—	—	—	—	—	6	5	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total ..	5706	10	2	6	339	12	3	0	581	6	0	8	80	4	3	20



# WORK OF THE WHARF AND FOOD INSPECTORS, 1941.

Visits	1			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13							
	Food Factories			Fish Curers	Food Stores	Food Wharves and Depots	Milk- sellers	Pharmacy and Poisons	Destruction of Food	Nuisances Found	Intimations Served	Food Control	Various	Ice Cream Premises	Number of Samples taken							
	Jam	Butter and Margarine	Other												Food and Drugs	Imported Food Regulations	Milk (Special Designation) Order	Samples of Milk for presence of Tubercle Bacilli	Ice Cream (Bacteriological Examination)	Water	Imported Food (Bacterio- logical Examination)	Pharmacy and Poison
Mr. Toll .. ..	—	20	340	—	405	1666	—	—	55	1	1	—	333	—	4	13	—	—	—	—	2	—
Mr. Butcher .. ..	39	85	237	—	717	1663	—	—	177	3	1	—	696	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mr. Tapsfield .. ..	34	9	249	—	134	1075	—	—	81	2	1	—	219	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mr. Bailey .. ..	—	4	—	—	—	—	293	47	59	—	—	994	61	—	1449	—	17	2	—	8	—	6
Totals .. ..	73	118	826	—	1256	4404	293	47	372	6	3	994	1309	—	1453	39	17	2	—	8	2	6

## XI.—HEALTH SERVICES.

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The detailed list of health services shown in previous Annual Reports has not been published this year, owing to the frequent changes in the services necessitated by war conditions.

All services are being maintained as fully as possible, and up-to-date information regarding the time-tables of all Centres and Clinics, the Ambulance Facilities afforded by the London Ambulance Service of the London County Council, Obstetric and Puerperal Fever Consultants and other services will be supplied on application to the Medical Officer of Health, Telephone No. BERmondsey 2109.

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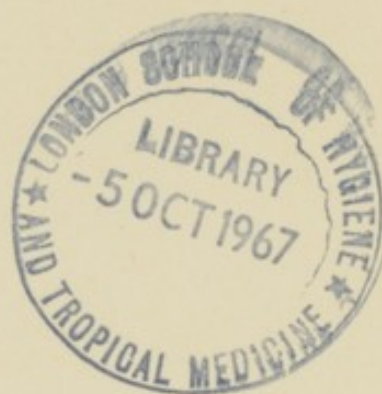
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All services are being maintained as fully as possible and up-to-date information regarding the status of all Councils and Local Authorities is being published in the London Assistance Service of the London County Council, Districts and Hospital Board, and other services will be supplied on application to the Medical Officer of Health, Telephone No. 1-1000, 210.

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