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OF

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ANNUAL (ABRIDGED) REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

H. W. BARNES, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

for the year

1945

SECTION

Public Health Department,

Town Hall,

Camberwell, S.E. 5.

20th August 1946.

The Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Metropolitan Borough of Camberwell.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my annual report on the work of the public health services of the Borough for the year 1945. This report has been prepared on the lines of those previously submitted during the war years and is in accordance with the directions of Ministry of Health Circular 28/46 dated the 11th February, 1946.

There were no matters of particular significance affecting the health of the inhabitants of Camberwell which require special reference. Although the majority of the people gave the appearance of mental and physical tiredness resulting from the strain of war the health of the Borough was satisfactory. The birth rate shows an increase from 18.9 in 1944 to 19.5 per 1000 of the population, and the death rate fell to 14.5 as compared with 18.7 in the previous year. The infantile mortality rate dropped from 52 in 1944 to 34 per 1000 live births in the year under review, the lowest figure ever recorded in Camberwell. The deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis totalled 118 as compared with 96 in the previous year and the deaths from all forms of tuberculosis 126 as against 109 in the previous year. The death rates from these causes were 0.8 and 0.9 per 1000 of the population respectively as compared with 0.7 and 0.8 in 1944.

There was an increase in the number of cases of infectious and other diseases reported during the year, viz. 2365 as compared with 1712 in 1944. This increase was mainly due to the incidence of measles throughout the year, the highest recording of cases occurring in the months of March and April, and to the notification of approximately 100 additional cases of scabies. It is pleasing to record that the number of cases of diphtheria continues to fall, the number notified during the year was only 54; there were two deaths from this cause. Efforts to stimulate public interest in the Diphtheria Immunisation Campaign were continued and the statistics published on page 4 of this report reflect the measure of success of these activities.

The sanitary administration in spite of the many difficulties arising from war conditions was maintained at a satisfactory level.

With the cessation of hostilities the Council gave early consideration to the need for additional Infant Welfare Centre facilities in view of the return of evacuees to the Metropolis and an anticipated rise in the birth rate. As a result the Amott Road Voluntary Association Centre which was closed during the war was re-opened under Municipal direction; the possibility of establishing an additional Infant Welfare Centre in the Northern part of the Borough was explored and the St. Antholin's Centre which for a number of years was conducted by a Voluntary Association was transferred to Municipal control during the year. The "Toddlers" clinics, which were such an important and popular feature of the Infant Welfare Service before the war, were also re-established.

Difficulty continued to be experienced in the recruitment of suitable persons to undertake Home Help duties and at the end of the year under review the number of persons available for this service was three full-time and two part-time workers. There is, however, reason to hope that in the process of time it will be possible to meet all demands for assistance of this kind, in fact at the time of the preparation of this report the number of persons now available for these duties is four full-time and five part-time workers.

In these general observations I desire to take the opportunity of expressing my thanks and appreciation to the Members of the Council for the support and encouragement they extended to me throughout the year in the discharge of my duties as Medical Officer of Health. I also wish to thank the staff of the Public Health Department both permanent and temporary for their loyal co-operation given freely and willingly in difficult times.

Your obedient Servant,

H. W. BARNES.

Medical Officer of Health.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

FOR THE YEAR 1945.

Area of the Borough in acres	4,480
Registrar General's estimate of civilian population	135,460
Number of live births	2,646
Birth rate	19.5
Number of deaths	1,968
Death rate	14.5
Infantile Mortality -	
Deaths under 1 year	91
Infantile deaths per 1,000 births (live)	34
Maternal Mortality -	
Deaths of women from diseases or accidents associated with childbirth	6
Maternal death rate (per 1,000 total births)	2.21
Deaths from phthisis	118
Phthisis death rate	0.8
Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis	126
Tuberculosis death rate	0.9

DEATHS, CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DURING THE YEAR 1945.

Causes of Death	Sex	All ages	0-	1-	5-	15-	45-	65-
All causes	M	1027	61	12	7	86	298	563
	F	941	30	10	8	103	215	575
Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-spinal fever	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Scarlet fever	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	M	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	M	65	-	-	-	30	30	5
	F	53	-	-	-	39	9	5
Other forms of tuberculosis	M	4	1	-	1	1	1	-
	F	4	-	3	-	-	-	1
Syphilitic diseases	M	4	-	-	-	-	3	1
	F	4	-	-	-	-	3	1
Influenza	M	6	-	-	-	-	4	2
	F	5	1	-	-	-	2	2
Measles	M	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Acute Polio-myelitis and polio-encephalitis	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ac: inf: enceph:	M	3	-	-	-	1	2	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Cancer of buc: cav: & oesoph: (M)	M	19	-	-	-	-	4	15
uterus (F)	F	15	-	-	-	1	7	7
Cancer of stomach & duodenum	M	30	-	-	-	1	13	16
	F	20	-	-	-	-	6	14
Cancer of breast	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	20	-	-	-	2	8	10
Cancer of all other sites	M	120	-	1	1	9	48	61
	F	83	-	-	1	6	33	43
Diabetes	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
	F	2	-	-	-	1	1	-
Intracranial vascular lesions	M	77	-	-	-	1	24	52
	F	87	-	-	-	1	22	64

DEATHS, CAUSES OF, AND AGE AT, DURING THE YEAR 1945.

Causes of Death	Sex	All ages	0-	1-	5-	15-	45-	65-
Heart disease	M	248	-	-	-	8	54	196
	F	292	-	-	-	12	41	239
Other Dis: of circ: system	M	35	-	-	-	-	8	27
	F	45	-	-	-	-	9	36
Bronchitis	M	97	3	-	-	4	33	57
	F	55	1	-	-	5	11	38
Pneumonia	M	68	8	3	-	2	17	38
	F	41	9	-	-	2	7	23
Other resp: diseases	M	10	-	-	-	1	5	4
	F	12	1	1	-	1	6	3
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	M	25	-	-	-	4	12	9
	F	6	-	-	-	1	2	3
Diarrhoea under 2 years	M	9	9	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Appendicitis	M	2	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	3	-	1	-	1	-	1
Other digestive diseases	M	14	1	-	-	2	4	7
	F	32	-	-	-	4	13	15
Nephritis	M	12	-	-	-	2	4	6
	F	12	-	-	-	1	4	7
Puer: and post-abort: sepsis	F	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
Other maternal causes	F	4	-	-	-	4	-	-
Premature birth	M	13	13	-	-	-	-	-
	F	5	5	-	-	-	-	-
Con: Mal: birth inj:	M	22	21	-	-	1	-	-
infant dis:	F	10	7	-	1	2	-	-
Suicide	M	9	-	-	-	1	3	5
	F	6	-	-	-	3	3	-
Road traffic acc:	M	14	-	2	-	2	4	6
	F	7	-	1	-	1	2	3
Other violent causes	M	36	2	-	2	8	11	13
	F	45	2	1	3	6	12	21
All other causes	M	77	-	6	2	8	12	49
	F	64	1	2	2	7	13	39

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

NOTIFICATIONS.

The number of notifications (2363) during the year was made up as follows:-

Diphtheria and Croup	54
Scarlet fever	141
Measles	1119
Whooping Cough	140
Enteric fever & Paratyphoid	3
Pneumonia (Acute Influenzal)	12
(Acute Primary)	68
Erysipelas	25
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	10
Malaria	2
Dysentery	30
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	10
Puerperal fever	8
Puerperal Pyrexia	20
Scabies	716
Polio-Myelitis	1
Smallpox	4

Total. 2363

In forty-three (43) instances it was found that the patient was not suffering from the disease notified.

SCABIES & VERMIN.

There were over 2000 fewer attendances for treatment for Scabies at the Council's Cleansing Station during 1945 than in the previous year. The attendances for the treatment of verminous conditions were also over 700 less than in 1944.

Follow-up visits were paid by the Sanitary Inspectors to all these cases. The Health Visitors also concentrated largely in their visiting on the homes which they knew to be the least satisfactory, particularly in the case of children between 2 and 5 years of age.

The issue of small tooth combs and Lethane Oil continued as an activity of the Infant Welfare Centre Service.

DISINFECTING STATION - RETURN OF WORK.

	Notified Infectious Diseases.	Other Diseases.	Miscella- neous.	Vermin.	Total all cases
Rooms disinfected	588	49	18	1,106	1,761
Lots of bedding disinfected	352	49	564	626	1,591
Total visits	1,078	93	1,024	897	3,092

Number of articles disinfected by steam	...	...	...	...	3,352
" " " " formalin	...	...	...	...	961
" " books disinfected	...	...	...	...	133
Beds and mattresses destroyed	...	...	...	...	204
Miscellaneous goods destroyed	...	...	...	...	180
Weight of unsound foods condemned	...	...	...	...	...
" " miscellaneous foods damaged	...	...	...	...	...
by enemy action	...	...	...	...	...
" " old and verminous furniture	...	...	...	...	...
etc. destroyed	...	...	...	...	...
" " dead animals destroyed	...	...	...	...	...
" " hospital dressings destroyed	...	...	...	...	...

CLEANSING STATION.

Persons cleansed	Number of attendances			
	Scabies		Vermin	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Adults	609	949	153	12
Children	1,614	1,973	374	1,440

NUMBER OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS PERFORMED 1945.

Swabs for diphtheria	864
Sputa for tubercle	994
Milks	45
Ice Creams	5
Faeces for Typhoid Group	5
" " Sonne Dysentery	10
" " Ova of parasites	2
" " Food Poisoning	1
Miscellaneous specimens	31
Total	<u>1957</u>

RETURN OF WORK OF THE VACCINATION OFFICER 1945.

No. of names received in birth lists	2328
Certificates of Successful Vaccination received	1446
" " Postponement received	16
" " Insusceptibility received	5
Statutory Declarations of Objection received	574

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

A continuous campaign was conducted throughout the year by means of poster displays, sending birthday cards to children on reaching their first birthday and by personal contact with parents of children in the susceptible age groups by Health Visitors and Sanitary Inspectors, urging acceptance of the facilities provided by the Council for protective treatment against diphtheria. The result of these activities is shown in the following table.

Summary of persons immunised 1945.

	<u>0 - 5 yrs</u>	<u>5 - 15 yrs</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. At Borough Council Clinics etc.	1161	20	1181
2. At L.C.C. Schools and Clinics.	56	405	461
3. Under Private Practitioners Scheme	42	9	51
Totals.	<u>1259</u>	<u>434</u>	<u>1693</u>

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

Infant Welfare Centres - Clinic Attendances etc. 1945.

Attendances of Children (i) Under 1 year	25,869
(ii) Between 1 & 5 years	7,928
Miscellaneous attendances	<u>1,837</u>
Total attendances	<u>35,634</u>
Analysis of Attendances -	
Doctors' Consultations	10,407
Seen by Health Visitor	23,390

Health Visitors - Record of Visits. 1945.

No. of Births reported in the area	<u>1,984</u>
Visits to Expectant Mothers	1,052
" " Post-natal Mothers	1,831
" " Children -	
(i) Under 1 year	6,854
(ii) Between 1 & 5 years	9,749
Total	16,603
Miscellaneous Visits	<u>2,472</u>
Total Visits	<u>21,958</u>

PREMATURE BIRTHS.

The number of premature births notified during the year was 193, of which 155 survived the first month of life. Special attention was paid to these cases by the Council's Health Visitors. Detailed particulars of these cases appear in the following table.

No. of premature babies notified during 1945 who weighed 5½ lbs or less at birth:-

(i) Born at home	33 *
(ii) Born in hospital	160 †

No. of those born at home:-

(i) who were nursed entirely at home	31
(ii) who died during the first 24 hours	4
(iii) who survived at the end of one month	28

No. of those born in hospital:-

(i) who died during the first 24 hours	17
(ii) who survived at the end of one month	127

* Two of these cases were subsequently removed to hospital.

† In three instances it was not possible to "follow up" to ascertain whether or not the child survived.

CHILD LIFE PROTECTION.

The supervision of foster mothers and children is undertaken by the Municipal Health Visitors.

Visits to foster mothers and children	167
Foster mothers under supervision at the end of 1945	14
Foster children under supervision at the end of 1945 ...	18

CARE OF ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN.

Close co-operation continued between the Public Health Department and the Moral Welfare Worker of the Southwark Diocesan Association for Moral Welfare in all matters relating to the care of the illegitimate child and its mother. Information of all notified births of illegitimate children were forwarded to the Moral Welfare Worker. Guaranteed payments to foster mothers undertaking the care of illegitimate children were made under this Scheme during the year, and at the end of the year 4 foster mothers were receiving payment in respect of 4 children, contributions towards the cost of this service being recovered by the Council from the natural mother in each case.

ANCILLARY SERVICES.

In 73 instances the services of a Home Help were provided for mothers, either before, during or after confinement. In two instances the services of a Domestic Help were provided in homes where there was sickness. Nineteen expectant or nursing mothers were provided with dental treatment.

Priority dockets were issued to 464 expectant mothers to enable them to purchase sheets for their confinements.

The District Nursing Associations paid a total of 2,805 visits to 238 approved cases under the Council's Domiciliary Nursing Scheme.

A total of 73 patients benefitted under the Council's Treatment of Minor Ailments Scheme.

Eleven children were sent during the year through the agency of the Invalid Children's Aid Association to convalescent homes.

FOOD AND DRUGS.FORMAL AND INFORMAL SAMPLES SUBMITTED FOR ANALYSIS -
YEAR ENDED 31.12.45.

Number examined			Number adulterated etc.			Percentage of adulteration.	
Formal	Informal	Total	Formal	Informal	Total	Formal	Informal
472	675	1147	17	19	36	3.60	2.81

COMPOSITION OF MILK SAMPLES.

Four hundred and fifty-four formal and three informal samples of milk were taken during the year. Three formal samples were found not to conform with requirements.

MILK ADULTERATION.

Three formal samples were reported against, all being found to contain extraneous water. The percentage of adulteration was 0.86.

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER 1936.

The following table shows the number of licences issued under these Regulations during 1945.

	Tuberculin Tested	Accredited	Pasteurised
Producers	-	1	-
Dealers	21	-	42
Supplementary	14	-	15
Totals	35	1	57

Samples of Designated Milk were submitted for bacteriological examination as follows:-

Pasteurised	29
Tuberculin tested	1
Tuberculin tested pasteurised	5
From an accredited herd	1
	<u>36</u>

All these samples were reported to be satisfactory. Two samples of pasteurised milk were examined by the phosphatase test, and were reported to be sufficiently heat treated.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK.

Number of samples submitted for examination -

Pasteurised milk	29
Tuberculin tested pasteurised milk	5

All were found to comply with the standard for pasteurised milk laid down in the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936; in addition, eleven samples of pasteurised milk were submitted to the phosphatase test. All samples were found to be adequately pasteurised. One sample of Tuberculin Tested Milk, one sample of milk from an accredited herd and nine samples of sterilised milk were submitted for the Methylene Blue test and found to be satisfactory.

EXAMINATION OF MILK FOR THE PRESENCE OF TUBERCLE BACILLI.

Five samples of raw milk were examined by means of the animal test for the presence of tubercle bacillus, with negative results.

MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT.

No infringements of the Merchandise Marks Act were recorded during the year or of the various orders under the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Act, 1928.

BAKEHOUSES.

The number of bakehouses on the register at the end of the year was 66 overground and 27 underground.

PARTICULARS OF INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD, 1945.No. of Registered Food Premises.

Manufacturers of ice cream ...	49	Storage & sale of ice cream ..	211
Manufacture of sausages ..	144	Preparation or manufacture	
Fish Curers ..	33	of potted or preserved	
Fish fryers ..	60	meat or fish ...	285
Miscellaneous food factories		Eating houses ...	235
& wholesale warehouses ..	38	Dairies & milkshops ..	267

RETURN OF WORK 1945.

Street markets inspections ...	1988
Food Places - inspections	
Bakehouses ...	117
Fish Curers' premises ..	56
Fried Fish shops ...	64
Ice cream premises ..	252
Restaurants & eating houses	235
Milkshops ..	347
Slaughterhouses ...	8
Carcases inspected ...	13
" condemned with organs	4
Organs inspected ..	49
" condemned ..	3
Other food premises ..	4210
Food surrendered ..	603
Food contamination certificates issued	1111
No. food premises repaired ..	48
Shops Act inspections ..	596
Food Poisoning investigations	23
Inspections not defined ..	447

PARTICULARS OF UNSOUND FOOD CONDEMNED.

	tons	cwt	qrs	lbs
Meat	6	1	2	11
Fish	-	12	0	11
Canned & miscellaneous foods	12	9	2	0
Total.	19	3	0	22

REPAIRS TO FOOD PREMISES.

Many food premises were destroyed or damaged by enemy action. A number of the damaged premises have been repaired to a reasonable standard without resorting to the service of notices, but in 149 cases it was necessary to serve intimations and notices requiring work to be carried out. In 48 instances the work has been completed and in a certain number of cases work is in progress while in other cases the essential work awaits the issue of building licences.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

No. of complaints received	4387
Inspections under Shops Act, 1934	596
" " Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933	139
" of Milkshops	347
Factories Act, 1937 -	
No. of inspections of factories	56
" " " " Outworkers' Premises	1
Intimations served	1
No. of Intimations, P.H. (London) Act, 1936	2928
" " Statutory Notices	611
" " Reinspections (all enactments)	7708
Total number of visits	22746

WATER SUPPLY.

No complaints were made to the Public Health Department as to the purity of the water supply provided by the Metropolitan Water Board. All houses in Camberwell receive a direct supply.

RODENT CONTROL SCHEME.

During 1945 a further four special areas were defined in connection with this Scheme, making a total of 14 special areas. Initial treatments were carried out to a further 28 areas and follow-up treatments to 36 areas. Investigation revealed that in 9 areas surface follow-up treatments were not necessary.

In addition to area treatment for rat infestation, 511 complaints were received of rat infestation at individual properties, all of which received attention.

During the year the Rodent Officer made 416 surveys and inspections; 40,412 calls were made by the Investigators and 29,565 visits were paid by Operators; the baits laid numbered 53,745.

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TUBERCULOSIS

PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1930.

NEW CASES during 1945. Three hundred and twenty fresh cases of Tuberculosis came to the notice of the Dispensary during the year. Two hundred and fifty seven of these cases were primary notifications, 47 inward transfers, 4 posthumous notifications and 12 non-notified deaths obtained from the local Registrar's returns. The distribution of these cases in age groups distinguishing pulmonary and non-pulmonary forms is set out in the following table.

Age periods	Fresh Cases.				
	Respiratory		Non respiratory		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	2	5	1	4	12
5 -15	5	3	9	7	24
15 -45	111	80	9	11	211
45 -65	42	11	1	3	57
65 -	10	5	-	1	16
Total	170	104	20	26	320

MORTALITY during 1945. There were 126 deaths from all forms of tuberculosis after correction for inward and outward transfers, equal to a death rate of 0.93 per 1000 of population (0.84 per 1000 in 1944). Of these, 118 were pulmonary cases and 8 non-pulmonary cases. The age groups in which these deaths occurred appear in the sub-joined table.

Age periods	Deaths.				
	Respiratory		Non respiratory		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
0 - 1	-	-	1	-	1
1 - 5	-	-	-	3	3
5 -15	-	-	1	-	1
15 -45	30	39	1	-	70
45 -65	30	9	1	-	40
65 -	5	5	-	1	11
Total	65	53	4	4	126

The total number of cases on the Notification Register at the end of the year was 1,792, i.e., 1,467 pulmonary, 325 non-pulmonary.

The ratio of non-notified deaths to the total deaths was 1 to 10.6 as compared with 1 to 8.4 in 1944.

WORK OF THE TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY DURING 1945.

Diagnosis	Pulmonary				Non-Pulmonary				Total				Grand total	
	Adults		Child- ren		Adults		Child- ren		Adults		Child- ren			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
A- New Cases examined during the year (excluding contacts):-														
(a) Definitely Tuberculous	74	53	5	3	4	4	4	3	78	57	9	6	150	
(b) Diagnosis is not completed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	47	14	13	124	
(c) Non-tuberculous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	252	366	15	6	639	
B- Contacts examined during the year:-														
(a) Definitely tuberculous	16	22	2	1	-	-	-	-	16	22	2	1	41	
(b) Diagnosis not completed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	23	13	11	68	
(c) Non-tuberculous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	104	177	62	68	411	
C- Cases written off the Dispensary Register as:-														
(a) Recovered	23	9	1	1	2	1	1	-	25	10	2	1	38	
(b) Non-tuberculous (including any such cases previously diagnosed and entered on the Dispensary Register as tuberculous)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	389	579	89	86	1143	
D- Number of cases on Dispensary Register on December 31st:-														
(a) Definitely tuberculous	611	541	76	70	89	118	40	57	700	659	116	127	1602	
(b) Diagnosis not completed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71	70	27	24	192	

1. Number of cases on Dispensary Register on January 1st 1945.	1640	2. Number of cases transferred from other areas and cases returned after discharged under Head 3. in previous years.	69
3. Number of cases transferred to other areas, cases not desirous of further assistance under the scheme and cases "lost sight of".	97	4. Cases written off during the year as Dead (all causes).	73
5. Number of attendances at the Dispensary (including contacts).	7105	6. Number of consultations with Medical Practitioners: (a) Personal (b) Other	2567
7. Number of visits by Tuberculosis Officers to homes (including personal consultations).	175	8. Number of visits by Nurses or Health Visitors to homes for Dispensary purposes.	6979
9. Number of:- (a) Specimens of sputum etc examined (b) No. found to be positive (c) X-ray examinations made in connection with Dispensary work.	932 101 2898	10. Number of cases "recovered" restored to Dispensary Register and included in A(a) and A(b) above	-
11. Number of "T.B.plus" cases on Dispensary Register at December 31st, 1945.	305		

ARTIFICIAL PNEUMOTHORAX TREATMENT. A total of 2,163 refill treatments were given to Camberwell patients as compared with 2,250 in 1944.

One patient received Finsen Light treatment and seven patients dental treatment. Extra diet was given to 77 patients and 30 pocket flasks were supplied.

X-RAY. Every new case of "contact" attending the Dispensary during 1945 received X-ray examination.

TUBERCULOSIS ALLOWANCES. Memo 266/T. The Government Scheme of monetary payments to patients suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis receiving approved treatment, and their dependents, which commenced in June 1943, continued to work smoothly. Particulars of the cases dealt with under the scheme during 1945 appear in the sub-joined table.

1. Number of applications considered	195
2. Number of applications found to be eligible	170
3. Number found to be ineligible but became entitled to an allowance at a later date	2
4. Number of applications approved and subsequently lapsed as a result of altered circumstances	102

HANDICRAFT CLASS. The members of the class continued their high standard of work, and a ready market for the articles made by them was found. The Friday afternoon class continued throughout the year and there were 50 sessions; the average attendance was 10 members.

CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE. The receipts were £526. 15. 1., and the expenses £76. 7. 0., the balance of £450. 8. 1. being disbursed in the provision of bedding and other comforts for tuberculous patients.

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