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METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF DEPTFORD

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1943Public Health Department,
Central Clinic,
Amersham Road,
S. E. 14.

November, 1944.

To The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Metropolitan Borough of Deptford.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The following abridged Report indicates that the health standards were reasonably satisfactorily maintained in the fifth year of the war.

GENERAL DATA

Area of Borough..... 1,564 acres

	Deptford	Comparative figures for London.
Birth rate (per 1,000 living).....	20.1	15.8
Still births (per 1,000 total births).....	16	15.0
Death rate (per 1,000 living).....	16.4	15.0
Infantile Mortality rate (deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births).....	33	58
Live births registered.....	(Legitimate.... 1,082 (Illegitimate.... 59 Total..... 1,141	
Still births registered.....	(Legitimate.... 17 (Illegitimate.... 2 Total..... 19	
Infant deaths (under 1 year).....	(Legitimate.... 36 (Illegitimate.... 2 Total..... 38	

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Typhoid fever.....	1 case	- deaths
Cerebro-spinal fever.....	3 cases	1 "
Scarlet fever.....	286 "	- "
Whooping cough.....	161 "	2 "
Diphtheria.....	92 "	5 "
Erysipelas.....	20 "	- "
Smallpox.....	- "	- "
Measles.....	461 "	2 "
Pneumonia.....	157 "	50 "
Puerperal fever.....	4 "	4 "
Puerperal pyrexia.....	7 "	1 "
Paratyphoid fever.....	1	

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DISINFECTION & DISINFESTATION

Premises disinfected (infectious disease).....	1,101	Total articles disinfected in Steam Disinfector....	25,783
Premises disinfected (requests).....	36	Articles disinfected in Mobile Disinfector.....	43
Premises disinfected (verminous conditions)....	294	Books disinfected in Formalin chamber.....	408

BATHING CENTRE

No. of school children who received baths (other than for Scabies).....	1,609	Baths given to adult males (verminous conditions).....	373
Scabies baths to School children.....	3,661	Scabies baths given to adult males.....	499
Adult females and young children who received baths (other than for Scabies).....	64		
Scabies baths to adult females and young children.....	1,981		

MORTUARY & CORONER'S COURT

Bodies received.....	334	Inquests held.....	82
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MATERNITY & CHILD WELFARE

Visits paid by Health Visitors:-			
To expectant mothers..... First visits	934	Total visits	1,212
To children under 1 year.. First visits	1,139	Total visits	6,346
To children 1-5 years of age.....		Total visits	6,345
<u>Infant Welfare Centres</u>			
Total children who attended.....			2,248
<u>Ante-natal Centres</u>			
Total women who attended.....			1,113*
(* inclusive of 230 who attended the Ante-natal Clinic at St. John's Home, Watson Street)			
<u>Post-natal Centres</u>			
Total women who attended.....			270

CHILD LIFE PROTECTION

Persons receiving children for reward (registered fostermothers)	8
Number of children involved.....	8
Total visits of Health Visitors.....	38

GYNAECOLOGICAL & POST-NATAL CLINIC

Total women who attended.....	162
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WAR TIME DAY NURSERIES

At the end of the year under report, three nurseries were functioning under the direction of this Council.

TUBERCULOSIS

Cases notified for first time.....	(Pulmonary 133
	(Non-pulmonary 19

New cases coming to knowledge otherwise than	(Pulmonary 17
by formal notification.....	(Non-pulmonary 5

TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY

Cases on Dispensary Register 31/12/43...443

Consultations between Practitioners and Tuberculosis Officer.....	411	Number of contacts examined.....	129
Visits of Tuberculosis Officer to homes.....	191	Total attendances of patients and contacts at Dispensary.....	1,996
Visits of Tuberculosis Health Visitors to homes - (To Dispensary cases.....	2,805	X-ray examinations made in connection with Dispensary cases.....	658
(To other cases.....	1,175	Total specimens of sputum examined at Dispensary.....	719

TUBERCULOSIS CARE COMMITTEE

Recommendations for institutional treatment to Care Committee.....	189
Visits paid by Secretary.....	891
Interviews.....	808
Cases dealt with by Care Committee.....	749

Sums raised by Christmas Seals (1943).....£119.6.7d. Expenses £3.17.6d.

SANITARY INSPECTION

Total primary inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.....	5,840
Total re-inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.....	16,933
Total number of Intimation Notices served.....	1,295
Total number of Statutory Notices served.....	467
Cases in which legal proceedings were instituted to enforce compliance with Notices..	17

HOUSING ACTS

Dwelling houses represented as unfit for human habitation.....	3
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WAR TIME DAY NURSERIES - 4 -

At the end of the year, three nurseries were functioning under the Food and Drugs Act.

	Milk	Others	Total
Samples taken.....	234	170	404
Number of adulterated or otherwise infringing the Act, by reason of improper labelling.	3	15	18
Instances in which legal proceedings were instituted..			1

My thanks are due to the staff, both permanent and temporary, for the able manner they have discharged their duties under conditions of exceptional difficulty.

TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant,

W. H. Smith

Medical Officer of Health.

Number of contacts examined.....	123
Total attendance of patients and contacts at Dispensary.....	1,222
X-ray examinations made in connection with Dispensary cases.....	622
Total specimens of sputum examined at Dispensary.....	719

Visits of Tuberculosis Officers to homes.....	411
Visits of Tuberculosis Officers to homes - (To Dispensary cases.....)	1,122
Visits of Tuberculosis Officers to homes - (To other cases.....)	1,122

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Total re-inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.....	16,723
Total number of Information Notices served.....	1,222
Total number of Statutory Notices served.....	487
Cases in which legal proceedings were instituted to enforce compliance with Notices..	14

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