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THE  
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF FINSBURY

ANNUAL REPORT

on the

PUBLIC HEALTH OF FINSBURY

for the year 1947

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24.3.47)

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Miss K.Turner (Matron - to 24.1.47)  
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Miss E.M.Hutchings (Deputy Matron - to  
24.3.47)  
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(resigned 30.10.47)  
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to 30.6.47. full-time from 1.7.47)  
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Mrs. I.Aperguis (Assistant Physiotherapist  
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Mr. F.M.Battle

ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR  
DOMESTIC HELPS

Mrs. G.M.Coppen - from 7.10.47.



To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Metropolitan Borough of Finsbury.

I have the honour to present Annual Report for 1947 of the work of the Public Health Department.

Special interest centred round the outbreak of acute Poliomyelitis which spread through this and other countries during the summer. Fortunately the incidence in this Borough was not as high as in some other parts of London and at no time gave rise to any serious alarm. There were no fatal cases and the majority of the 10 cases which were notified were very mild. It is probable that a number of other abortive cases occurred but remained unrecognized. Some concern was felt when one case occurred in a Day Nursery, but it was decided not to close it in view of the hardship which such a step would cause. Parents were, however, warned of the occurrence and permitted to withdraw. A few did so for a few days, but soon the Nursery was again filled to capacity. The department remained throughout the epidemic season prepared to take all reasonable precautions possible to safeguard the community, but did not institute any panic measures.

The year otherwise was uneventful and represented a further stage in the transition from war to peace conditions - a process that proved to be slower than most of us had anticipated.

Unfortunately, the Medical Officer of Health is not in a position to assess the general health of the community with any degree of accuracy as he has no source of detailed information as to the incidence of sickness, other than infectious disease. The general health may therefore only be estimated by means of the vital statistics. It must be remembered, however, that these are liable to lead to false deductions unless it is constantly borne in mind that they may reflect health conditions of previous years and these in turn may be dependent on environmental conditions of yet earlier years. For example, bad conditions in one year may not adversely influence the health of the individual to the next or succeeding years and perhaps not at all if not continued, and then may only reduce the span of life by a few years and so only affect mortality rates many years later; or, again, adverse conditions in childhood may influence motherhood and so affect infant mortality ten or more years later.

With these reservations it is pleasing, however, to note the following points:

The birth rate was 22.2, the highest recorded rate since 1926.

The death rate was 14.9, the lowest rate since 1940, and may probably be considered as satisfactory when compared with the lowest rates of 12.6 and 12.8 recorded in 1935 and 1933 respectively, when it is remembered that allowance should be made for a larger percentage of persons living now in the older age groups. It may be noted that out of the total of 522 deaths, 305, or 59%, were of persons over 65 years of age. This compares with 53% in 1938, 42% in 1934 and very strikingly with 17% in 1882 (St. Lukes). There was no particular cause of

death to which I desire to call attention other than Tuberculosis (see later).

The maternal mortality was 1.3, but it must be remembered that this figure is subject to very wide fluctuations because of the small population of the Borough and represents one death only. This was not from any condition recognized as preventable.

Infant mortality was 32, the lowest rate hitherto recorded in Finsbury and follows the steep downward gradient which has occurred since 1917, when the rate was 118. Even the rate for illegitimate infants, it may be noted with pleasure, was only 47.

The stillbirth rate also fell to 1.6% of the total births.

The Tuberculosis death rate, however, was 1.25, which is a slight increase on the previous two years, when it was 1.07 and 0.96. On the other hand, an unusually large number of these deaths were among those aged over 65, namely 27%, to the relief of the numbers aged 45 to 65.

Apart from Poliomyelitis there was no unusual incidence of infectious disease and the incidence of Scabies and verminous conditions became almost negligible.

Speaking generally, from these statistics one may reasonably believe that the health of the community remained satisfactory and this was confirmed by personal impressions which supported this view in regard to Physical Health. Unfortunately they also led to the conclusion that joy and happiness in life, which have an important bearing on Mental Health, were depressed owing to the frustration caused by the slow amelioration of unsatisfactory environmental conditions.

Some progress was made during the year in securing remedies for the overcrowded and unsatisfactory housing conditions in the Borough, but was admittedly very slow, not only on account of the continued shortage of labour and materials, but also on account of the outworn and outdated character of so many of the buildings which remain well nigh unrepairable and impossible to modernize at a reasonable cost and have long been ripe for demolition.

The Personal Health Services continued to provide for many of the needs of the Borough. Some extension of the Domestic Help Services, particularly for the aged, took place.

The purity and hygiene of food sold received careful attention and no serious case of adulteration was discovered.

I have to thank the members of the several committees for their continued and generous support and the members of my staff for their ready help and assistance.

I have the honour to be  
Your obedient servant,  
C.O.S. Blyth Brooke,  
Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION "A" - VITAL STATISTICS

- AREA:** The area of the Borough is 587 acres.
- POPULATION:** The Registrar General's estimate of resident civilian population was 35,120. In 1938 the estimated population was 56,960.
- LIVE-BIRTHS:** The total number of live births belonging to the Borough occurring during 1947 was 779 including 42 illegitimate births, and consisting of 403 males and 376 females, giving a birth rate of 22.2 per 1,000 population. The total number of births during 1946 was 687. The birth rate for England and Wales was 20.5 and for the London Administrative County 22.7, per 1,000 civilian population
- STILL-BIRTHS:** The total number of still-births allocated to the Borough during the year was 13. This figure represents 1.6% of the total births, and .37 per 1,000 civilian population, compared with .49 for London Administrative County and .50 for England and Wales.
- DEATHS:** The total number of deaths belonging to the Borough registered during 1947 was 522, consisting of 282 males and 240 females, giving a death rate per 1,000 population of 14.9. The total number of deaths for 1946 was the same figure of 522. The comparable death rates in London and England and Wales during 1947 were 12.8 and 12.0 respectively.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS, 1940 - 1947

	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
Population.....	40,090	30,280	28,420	27,830	26,740	27,990	33,400	35,120
Birth rate (per 1,000 population)....	14.3	14.8	15.9	16.7	16.0	16.9	20.6	22.2
Death rate ( -do- )...	23.1	24.7	17.9	17.5	19.9	17.1	15.6	14.9
Maternal mortality (per 1,000 live births)...	3.68	2.8	4.4	2.1	2.4	4.2	1.5	1.3
Death rate, infants under 1 ( -do- ).....	68.0	70.4	64.0	56.0	47.0	55.0	54.0	32.0
Death rate of illegitimate infants under 1 (per 1,000 illeg. live births).....	167.0	125.0	76.9	83.3	128.0	53.6	118.0	47.6
Still-births (percentage of total births).	2.6%	4.0%	4.04%	2.92%	2.51%	2.7%	3.6%	1.6%
T.B. Death rate per 1,000 inhabitants (all forms).....	1.77	1.65	1.72	1.33	1.46	1.07	0.96	1.25
Illegitimate births...	36	33	39	24	47	56	68	42

The following table shows the causes of, and ages at death during the year 1947:-

CAUSE OF DEATH	Total all ages.	0-	1-	5-	15-	45-	65-
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
3. Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Whooping Cough	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
5. Diphtheria	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
6. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	40	-	1	-	20	9	10
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	4	-	-	-	2	-	2
8. Syphilitic Diseases	5	-	-	-	1	3	1
9. Influenza	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
10. Measles	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
11. Acute Polio-myelitis and Polio- Encephalitis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12. Acute Infectious Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13. Cancer of Buccal Cavity and Oesophagus and Uterus.	13	-	-	-	2	5	6
14. Cancer of Stomach & Duodenum	18	-	-	-	2	6	10
15. Cancer of Breast	11	-	-	-	1	4	6
16. Cancer of all other sites	45	-	-	-	2	18	25
17. Diabetes	2	-	-	-	-	1	1
18. Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions	33	-	-	-	1	10	22
19. Heart Disease	121	-	-	-	3	26	92
20. Other diseases of circulatory System	22	-	-	-	-	3	19
21. Bronchitis	57	-	-	-	-	17	40
22. Pneumonia	39	2	1	-	3	9	24
23. Other respiratory diseases	5	-	-	-	1	-	4
24. Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	7	-	-	-	2	1	4
25. Diarrhoea under 2 years	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
26. Appendicitis	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
27. Other digestive diseases	8	-	-	-	1	-	7
28. Nephritis	11	-	-	-	3	3	5
29. Puerperal & Post-Abortive Sepsis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30. Other maternal causes	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
31. Premature birth	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
32. Cong.Malf.Birth Injuries. Infant Dis.	10	10	-	-	-	-	-
33. Suicide	8	-	-	-	1	5	2
34. Road Traffic Accidents	5	-	-	1	1	1	2
35. Other Violent Causes	24	5	-	-	5	2	12
36. All other causes	20	-	1	-	5	4	10
M	282	12	3	1	27	84	155
F	240	13	3	-	30	44	150
Total All Causes	522	25	6	1	57	128	305

## SECTION "B" - GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS

The attendances at the various treatment centres and clinics have shown a further steady expansion and there were record attendances in the Dental, Foot and Women's Clinics.

ATTENDANCES &C. at TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS

CLINIC	1944			1945			1946			1947		
	No. of sess- ions.	No. of new cases	Total No. Atts.	No. of sess- ions.	No. of new cases	Total No. Atts.	No. of sess- ions.	No. of new cases	Total No. Atts.	No. of sess- ions.	No. of new cases	Total No. Atts.
FOOT CLINIC	1358	800	8037	1572	701	10244	1774	721	11121	1949	740	12062
DENTAL CLINIC	357	979	4413	423	1298	4967	527	1506	5747	724	1742	6735
SOLARIUM	415	529	10032	438	497	9122	605	464	9345	580	370	8675
WOMEN'S CLINIC	44	52	321	47	90	295	59	194	738	103	203	1170
TOTALS	2174	2360	22803	2480	2586	24628	2965	2885	26951	3356	3055	28642

LABORATORY: Routine examinations of swabs, sputum, milk samples, etc, were continued to be carried out in the Laboratory and the following is a brief summary of the work undertaken -

No. of throat and nasal swabs examined	...	...	...	...	424
No. of sputums examined for T.B.	...	...	...	...	367
Milk samples (Bacteriological examinations)	...	...	...	...	308
Other Pathological specimens examined	...	...	...	...	38
Ice cream samples..	...	...	...	...	70
Blood Counts	...	...	...	...	104
Mycelium Investigations (Foot Clinic)	...	...	...	...	21
Miscellaneous Food Samples	...	...	...	...	3
Samples of Well Water	...	...	...	...	18

The Council continued the arrangements whereby special examinations are undertaken by the Archway Group Laboratories by the L.C.C. Group Pathologist, Doctor J.M. Alston.

INQUESTS: Inquests were held on 43 residents during the year, the findings being as follows:

Drowning	...	...	...	...	1
Bronchitis...	...	...	...	...	1
Road Accidents	...	...	...	...	5
Misadventure	...	...	...	...	3
Violence	...	...	...	...	13
Self Neglect	...	...	...	...	2
Suicide	...	...	...	...	9
Broncho-pneumonia	...	...	...	...	2
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	1
Heart Failure	...	...	...	...	3
Murder	...	...	...	...	1
Judicial Hanging...	...	...	...	...	2

MATERNAL MORTALITY: There was one maternal death during the year, giving a maternal mortality rate of 1.4 per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births.

INFANTILE MORTALITY: There were 25 deaths amongst infants under one year of age and the infant mortality rate based on 1,000 live births was 32. Of these deaths 14 occurred in the neo-natal period, two of the infant deaths occurred in illegitimate children and there were 5 deaths due to prematurity. The comparative infant mortality rates for London and England and Wales were 37 and 41 respectively.

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
FINSBURY	70	64	56	47	55	54	32
LONDON	68	60	58	61	53	41	37
ENGLAND & WALES	59	49	49	46	46	43	41

DEATHS IN RELATION TO DISEASE: The number of deaths was the same as for 1946. There was one death from Diphtheria, and none from Typhoid or Scarlet Fever during the year. The deaths from Cancer, Heart Disease, Bronchitis and Intra cranial Vascular lesions form a high proportion of the total deaths, and it is to be noted that these deaths occur to a large extent in the 65 years and over group. Of the total of 522 deaths, 305 occurred in the age group of 65 years and over.

GRANTS SCHEME: 2,491 dinners were granted free of charge to necessitous mothers and children at the two Centres, under the provisions of the Council's Maternity and Child Welfare Grants Scheme. The scheme to provide dinners for selected cases who were outside the income group for free dinners was continued. Charges were made for such cases at the rate of 1/3d per dinner for adults and 6d per dinner for children under 5 years, and a further 3,387 dinners were provided under this scheme. 230 lbs. of Dried Milk were also issued to necessitous persons free of charge, and 7,573 lbs. at cost price.

MUNICIPAL WELFARE CENTRES: The attendances at the two Municipal Maternity and Child Welfare Centres are briefly outlined in the following table and a comparison is shown with the figures which obtained in 1946.

	PINE STREET		LEAGE STREET	
	1946	1947	1946	1947
Mothers, Individual	140	60	103	41
Mothers, Attendances	169	69	116	43
Children (1-5 years) Individual	385	365	319	231
Children (1-5 years) Attds.	2402	2409	1596	1578
Babies, Individual	470	590	273	362
Babies, Attendances	4387	6080	2241	3266

PRIORITY DOCKETS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: In accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 154/44, arrangements were continued through the Maternity and Child Welfare Services for the issue of vouchers to enable expectant mothers, being confined at home, to obtain a supply of utility sheets. During the year 313 vouchers were issued.

**HEALTH VISITING:** The regular visitation of expectant mothers and children under 5 years was continued by the Health Visitors and during the year a total of 10,294 visits were made by the Council Staff in addition to visits made by the officers from certain Voluntary Centres in the borough. The following special cases necessitated frequent visits by the Health Visitors:-

<u>Nature of case</u>	<u>No. of cases</u>	<u>Results</u>
Prematurity	25 )	Died - 3
Marasmus	5 )	Satisfactory -37
Illegitimacy	18 )	Removed to other
Twins	22 )	areas - 1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2 )	Still special at
Frail Infant	1 )	end of year - 32.

**VOLUNTARY CENTRES:** The Council has continued grants to the undermentioned Voluntary Centres, and a brief outline of the work carried out at these centres is shown below:

<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>No. of CHILD WELFARE CLINICS HELD</u>	<u>No. of ATTENDANCES</u>
City of London Maternity Hospital	102	244 (Finsbury)
Claremont Central Mission	96	607
Maternity Nursing Association	100	1473

**NURSERIES:** Three day nurseries, with places for 155 children, were in operation in the Borough throughout the year. The following table shows the average daily attendances:

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APL.	MAY.	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
King Square	22	18	20	26	34	33	34	31	32	34	39	38
Lloyd Square	59	51	50	43	53	60	53	51	57	60	60	56
Banner Street	46	43	46	48	41	35	37	41	44	44	38	33
Total	127	112	116	117	128	128	124	123	133	138	137	127

**HOME NURSING:** The arrangements with the Metropolitan District Nursing Assn. to undertake the nursing of cases of illness occurring in expectant and nursing mothers and the nursing of children under five years of age suffering from any illness at home, was continued throughout the year.

**NATIONAL MILK AND VITAMINS SCHEME:** The Municipal and Voluntary Centres continued to operate as distributing points for vitamin products and national dried milk. 2,731 bottles of Cod Liver Oil, 10,477 bottles of orange juice and 325 Cod Liver Oil Capsules were issued during the year, through the two Municipal Centres.

**CARE OF PREMATURE INFANTS:** In accordance with recommendations contained in Ministry of Health Circular 20/44. (a) a space is provided on the Birth Notification forms for recording the weight of babies of 5½ lbs or less; (b) a supply of equipment is kept in stock for premature infants nursed at home; (c) a panel of Home Helps is available and (d) the Health Visitors regard premature births as 'Special cases' necessitating more frequent visiting. During the year 32 births were notified where the birth weight was 5½ lbs. or less; of these 20 were nursed entirely at home and survived at the end of one month.

MIDWIFERY: Under the Council's Midwifery arrangements as detailed in previous annual reports the following numbers of patients were admitted to the various hospitals.

(a) St. Bartholomews Hospital	...	...	...	119
(b) The City of London Maternity Hospital	...	...	...	48 (incl. Brocket Hall cases)
(c) L.C.C. Emergency Maternity Homes	...	...	...	22
(d) St. Mary's (Islington) Hospital	...	...	...	53

Co-operation was maintained between the Hospitals concerned and the Maternity and Child Welfare Department. Attendances at ante-natal clinics are notified and ante-natal visits are made by our Health Visitors.

The following table shows the attendances at the various ante-natal and post-natal clinics:

	<u>Health Centre</u>	<u>City of Lon. Mat. Hosp.</u>	<u>Royal North-ern Hospital.</u>	<u>St. Barts Hospital.</u>
Ante Natal	467	344	1,486	3,068
Post Natal	113	33	42	

HOME & DOMESTIC HELPS: The Council provides a service of Home Helps during the post-natal and ante-natal period for domiciliary cases. 84 cases were attended during the year. At the end of the year the panel of Home Helps consisted of 3 regular persons. The staff shortage for this work continued and as a result the Council agreed during the year to the employment on a short-term basis of suitable persons nominated by the Mothers themselves. The scheme has worked well and became increasingly popular.

The Council was again able to give practical application to the recommendations of the Ministry of Health under Circular 179/44 regarding the provision of Domestic Helps to the sick and infirm as apart from the Maternity Home Help Service. 32 Domestic Helps were engaged on part-time duties to assist in 38 urgent cases at a net cost to the Council of £643.17.9d.

HOSPITAL TREATMENT: The arrangements between the Council and the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital for the retention of one cot has continued throughout the year. Arrangements were made during the year for the admission of two children to Hospital under these arrangements. Other admissions during the year were made to Archway Hospital, Cromwell House and St. Barts Hospital.

PURPERAL FEVER AND PURPERAL PYREXIA: During 1947 there were 8 cases of puerperal pyrexia and 4 cases of puerperal fever notified in Finsbury, none of which proved fatal. This gives a rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births of 15.2 as compared with 7.16 for England and Wales, and 8.15 for the London Administrative County.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM: The number of cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum notified was two. One of these cases were treated at home and one in hospital. In neither case was there impairment of vision.

POST NATAL CLINIC: A post natal clinic was inaugurated at the Health Centre during 1946.

FOSTER PARENTS: At the end of 1947 there was one registered foster mother in the borough.



**CONVALESCENT TREATMENT:** The Noel Home, Letchworth closed on 30th January, 1947. The four children in those reserved cots completed their treatment on that day. The arrangement with Dedisham Convalescent Home for the retention of two cots was continued and six children were admitted during the year. An arrangement was commenced with St. Christopher's, Tunbridge Wells - 2 cots reserved - on the 5th March, 1947. Four admissions were made. The home closed and the agreement terminated on the 30th September, 1947. Commencing on the 1st July, 1947, four cots were reserved at Melbury Vale House, West Melbury, near Shaftesbury, Dorset. Eleven children were admitted to these cots. Four children were admitted, by arrangement commencing 13th February, 1947, to the Sydenham Invalid Babies' Nursery, Sydenham Hill, S.E. There were eleven children admitted to other Convalescent Homes by agreement with the Invalid Children's Aid Association. Ten mothers and ten children were sent for a fortnight's holiday through the Women's Holiday Fund.

**ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN:** The Council contribute an annual sum of £101 towards the improvement of the services of voluntary organisations for Moral Welfare in London, and is suitably represented on the Council of Moral Welfare. The Health Visitors pay frequent visits to illegitimate cases and work in collaboration with the Moral Welfare Worker of the Local Organisation at St. Faith's Home.

**BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE:** The Council continued to co-operate with the North London Blood Supply Depot by arranging blood donation sessions at the Health Centre.

SECTION "C" - SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

The following is a summary of work undertaken by the Sanitary Inspectors during 1947:-

Houses, damp, dirty or dilapidated, remedied ... ..	612
Doors, windows, floors, walls, ceilings, sashcords repaired ...	501
Overcrowding cases abated in other than Registered Houses ...	37
Illegal occupation of underground rooms ... ..	-
Water closet defects remedied ... ..	469
Water closets erected ... ..	126
Urinal defects remedied ... ..	8
Urinals erected ... ..	3
Soil pipe and ventilating shaft defects remedied ... ..	75
Soil pipe and ventilating shafts erected ... ..	40
Yard defects remedied ... ..	83
Waste pipe defects remedied ... ..	153
Waste pipes erected ... ..	59
Water cistern defects remedied ... ..	82
Accumulations of rubbish or manure removed ... ..	100
Dung or dust receptacles repaired or renewed ... ..	57
Drains relaid, amended or sealed ... ..	62
Drains cleared or tested ... ..	239
Rain water pipes cleared, repaired or renewed ... ..	102
Water supply to houses reinstated ... ..	32
Roofs and gutters repaired ... ..	319
Area defects remedied ... ..	20
Wash-house defects remedied ... ..	57
Animal nuisances abated ... ..	3
Infectious Disease Investigations ... ..	104
Stables cleansed or repaired ... ..	1
Smoke observations ... ..	70
Water supply laid on to upper storeys of house ... ..	14
Miscellaneous nuisances abated ... ..	233
Common Lodging Houses (visits) ... ..	28
Butchers Stalls, etc. (visits) ... ..	3928
Street Traders Storage (visits) ... ..	137
Old & Infirm Verminous Persons - No. of inspections ... ..	54
Shops - Inspections ... ..	286
Shops - No. of notices ... ..	12
Public Houses cleansed or repaired ... ..	17
Public Houses - No. of inspections ... ..	72
Public Conveniences - Inspections ... ..	430
First visits (complaints, casual visits) ... ..	8890
Re-visits ... ..	6085
Intimation Notices served ... ..	1517
Statutory Notices served ... ..	34
Canal Boats inspected ... ..	49
House inspections ... ..	1560
House to house inspections ... ..	36
Piggeries- No. of inspections ... ..	2
Complaints received ... ..	2003
Verminous premises cleansed by Borough Council - Council property.	37
Other property...	146

RECEPTION HOUSE: 6 persons used the Reception House during 1947 for the special purpose for which it was provided. The arrangement was kept in force whereby Holborn residents were to use the Reception House if the need arose.

VERMINOUS PREMISES: During the year 183 premises were found to be verminous and disinfection measures were carried out. In addition the treatment of the accommodation and furniture of new entrants to the Council's dwellings was systematically performed.

CLEANSING OF VERMINOUS PERSONS: The London County Council continued to utilize the Cleansing Station for the treatment of school-children during mornings only, the afternoons being reserved for dealing with Finsbury adults and pre-school children. 2,414 treatments were given during the year to L.C.C. school-children and 825 treatments to adults and pre-school children. Home visiting of scabies cases and contacts was continued and the Nurse-in-charge of the Cleansing Station made 121 home visits during the year.

SHOPS: The number of inspections made under the Shops Act, 1934 during 1947 was 286. 12 notices were served for contraventions.

RAG FLOCK: The number of samples of Rag Flock taken during the year was 5, all of which proved satisfactory.

CANAL BOATS: The total number of canal boats inspected during the year was 49, none of which carried any offensive cargo. Contravention of statutory requirements had taken place in 6 instances. There was no discovery or notification of infectious disease. The number of children on the boats, all of whom appeared to be well cared for, was 60, of whom 45 were of school age. 17 visits in addition were paid by the Health Visitors.

AGED AND INFIRM PERSONS: No application for compulsory removal to hospital was made during the year. Aged persons known to the Department to be living alone are visited periodically to ensure that institutional treatment or care is obtained if necessary. It was arranged for one of the Council's nurses to spend a portion of her time in visiting Aged and Infirm persons.

STREET TRADERS: At the end of 1947, 290 persons were licensed to engage in Street Trading of Foodstuffs within the Borough. 137 visits were made to the places of storage where foodstuffs were sold.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES: There is one Common Lodging House in the Borough, licensed for 348 beds, situate at No.88 Old Street, and the number of visits made by the Sanitary Inspector was 28.

HOUSES LET IN LODGINGS: At the end of the year there were 488 houses on the Register. These were regularly inspected and cleansing notices were served in accordance with the bye-laws but rigid enforcement was impossible owing to the difficulties prevailing in obtaining labour and materials.

RAG & BONE DEALERS: There are 10 premises within the Borough in which the business of Rag and Bone Dealer is carried on. 25 visits were made to these premises.

SMOKE EMISSION: 28 complaints were received during the year regarding excessive smoke emission. 76 smoke observations were made.

MORTUARY: 5 Bodies were received at the mortuary attached to the Health Centre premises.

DISINFECTIOIN: The following table gives particulars of the disinfection work carried out during 1947.

Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	14
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	269
Vermin and Scabies	...	...	...	...	...	434
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	80
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	26
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	61
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	83
By request	...	...	...	...	...	105

A total number of 15,337 articles were disinfected, being chiefly pillows, mattresses, bolsters, sheets, blankets and wearing apparel. In addition 691,843 articles were disinfected prior to Export and fees charge for this work amounted to £771.

OFFENSIVE TRADES: The following are licenced offensive trade premises:

- (a) Messrs. Henson, 187 Whitecross Street, E.C.1.
- (b) Messrs. F. & W. Warman, Ltd., 5, Eagle Court, E.C.1.
- (c) Messrs. T. Kendon & Sons, Charterhouse Mews, E.C.1.
- (d) Messrs. Raubens, Ltd., 71/73 St. John Street, E.C.1.

Regular visits were made in respect of these premises during the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937: The number of factories on the register at the end of 1947 was 2,200 comprising 1,350 power factories and 850 non-power factories. 145 firms were added to and 103 removed from the register during the year. The following is a summary of defects found:

	NUMBER OF DEFECTS		
	FACTORIES (POWER)	FACTORIES (NON-POWER)	TOTAL
Refuse accumulation or absence of dustbin	6	1	7
Roof leaky	17	3	20
Dampness and dilapidations	37	27	64
Sanitary Conveniences-defective	15	7	22
" " -dirty	21	6	27
" " -not separated for sexes or insufficient	5	0	5
" " -with no artificial light or unlabelled	22	8	30
" " -absence of intervening ventilated space	13	2	15
" " -unsuitable and insuffi- cient ventilation	24	4	28
Water fittings or waste pipes defective	3	1	4
Thermometer absent	-	-	-



SECTION "D" - HOUSING

INSPECTIONS: Hereunder will be found particulars of inspections carried out and action taken during the year:-

(A)	(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	3703
		(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ..	4073
	(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... ..	36
		(b)	No. of inspections made for the purpose ... ..	54
	(3)		Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ..	5
	(4)		Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... ..	1317
(B)			Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... ..	73
(C)			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 ... ..	0
		(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices ... ..	0
		(a)	By Owners ... ..	0
		(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners ... ..	0
	(b)		Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-	
		(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ..	1351
		(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice -	
		(a)	By Owners ... ..	1350
		(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners ... ..	1
	(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 ... ..	0
		(2)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders ... ..	0
	(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 ... ..	0
		(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... ..	0

RE-HOUSING: 220 families consisting of 840 persons were rehoused by the Council in premises requisitioned for the purpose. 6 families, consisting of 13 persons were accommodated in the Council's flats and 42 families consisting of 159 persons were rehoused by the London County Council.

SECTION "E" - INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD AND DRUGS

ANALYSIS OF MILK: During the year 167 samples of milk were submitted to the Public Analyst. 10 samples were found to be adulterated.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK: 308 samples of Designated Milk and 72 samples of Ordinary Milk were submitted for bacteriological examination.

MILK SHOPS AND DAIRIES:

Number of applications for registration approved	...	...	...	3
Number of purveyors on the register at the end of 1947	...	...	...	114
Number of purveyors removed from the Register during the year	...	...	...	1
Number of purveyors on the register at the end of 1946	...	...	...	115
Number of visits of inspection carried out	...	...	...	55

MILK (Special Designations) REGULATIONS 1936-1944

Number of applications for licences received -				
(a) Tuberculin Tested Milk - Dealers	...	...	...	18
(b) Pasteurised Milk - Dealers	...	...	...	34
(c) Pasteurisers	...	...	...	1
(d) Supplementary Licences	...	...	...	8
(e) Number of samples taken for examination	...	...	...	308

To encourage the small trader to deal in Special Designated Milks, the Council decided to continue to waive the payment of licence fees. Of the samples taken, 9 proved unsatisfactory and appropriate action was taken with satisfactory results.

MILK IN SCHOOLS: 25 samples of milk delivered to the Schools were taken during the year and submitted for bacteriological examination. All the samples proved satisfactory.

FOOD POISONING: During the year there was 1 isolated case of Food Poisoning notified under the Food and Drugs, Act, 1938, amongst Finsbury Residents.

BAKEHOUSES: There were 23 bakehouses in use in the Borough at the end of the year, of which 17 were basement premises. In all the bakehouses machinery is used. 76 visits of inspection were made during the year.

ADULTERATION OF FOOD: The total number of samples taken in 1947 under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, was 750 of which 14 were formal samples and 736 informal. 9 informal and 1 formal sample were found to be adulterated. In one case legal proceedings were instituted.

PHARMACY AND POISONS ACT, 1933: 41 applicants were approved during the year by the Council as Listed Sellers of Poisons and 23 visits were made.

SALVAGE DIVISION (MINISTRY OF FOOD): Examination of foodstuffs have again been carried out in co-operation with the Minister of Food's Salvage Officers. The examinations were necessitated as the result of damage and from loss of labels, etc, to packages during transport.

ICE-CREAM: During 1947 there were 87 registrations for the manufacture, sale or storage of Ice-cream. 72 visits of inspection were made and 70 samples of ice-cream were submitted for bacteriological examination with the following results - Very satisfactory - 25; Satisfactory - 13; Unsatisfactory - 32.

REGISTERED FOOD PREMISES: The following is a summary of Registered Food Premises in the Borough at the end of 1947 -

Manufacture of Ice-cream ... ..	37
Storage and Sale of Ice-cream ... ..	50
Fried Fish Shops ... ..	12
Butchers Shops and Stalls ... ..	51
Other premises ... ..	28
Total	<u>178</u>

221 visits were made to these premises during the year.

UN SOUND FOOD: The work of meat inspection in the area of the Smithfield Meat Market continues, since the secondment of Mr. Penman to the Ministry of Food, to be carried out by Mr. R.S.Barber. Regular inspections of the meat and offal consigned to the various wholesale butchers and offal shops and to the depot of the London Wholesale Meat Supply Association were carried out and were also made of the various bacon factories, wholesale bacon and provision warehouses and Public Cold Air Stores. Visits and inspections of the retail butchers shops in the borough were also carried out.

Summary of Foodstuffs seized by or surrendered to the Meat Inspector during 1947

Diseased or unsound meat ... ..	67,667 lbs.
Diseased or unsound offal and other foodstuffs ... ..	<u>40,291 lbs.</u>
Total ... ..	<u>107,958 lbs.</u>

The number of carcasses of Mutton and Lamb found to be affected with Caseous Lymphadenitis was 408, and 18,026 lbs. of pieces of mutton and lamb.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES: The slaughterhouse owned by Mr. J.A.Mobbs, 14 Penton Street was closed down on the outbreak of the war. No animals were slaughtered there during 1947.



## SECTION "F" - INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Notification of Infectious Disease: The following table shows the notifiable cases of Infectious Disease during 1947, in various age groups and indicates the total number of cases removed to Hospital:

	All ages.	Under 1 yr.	1- 5 yrs.	5- 15 yrs.	15- 25 yrs.	25- 45 yrs.	45- 65 yrs.	65 +	Total Remvls. to Hosp.
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Primary Pneumonia	27	1	7	1	2	2	8	6	-
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria (Inc.Mem.Croup)	6	-	2	3	-	1	-	-	6
Dysentery	4	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	2
Erysipelas	7	-	-	-	-	3	3	1	3
Para-typhoid	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Measles	270	33	158	68	6	5	-	-	57
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Puerperal Fever	4	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	8	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	2
Scarlet Fever	83	1	24	53	3	2	-	-	35
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	83	-	7	3	20	25	19	9	n/a
Other forms of Tuberculosis	4	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	110	26	63	21	-	-	-	-	36
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Poliomyelitis	10	-	1	5	2	2	-	-	10
Scabies	123	3	34	52	18	10	4	2	-
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals ... ..	745	67	299	209	60	58	34	18	158

Notification Rates (Comparative Table) per 1,000 population.

	Finsbury	England and Wales	126 C.B's & great towns including London	148 smaller towns, Res. population 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 census.	London Adm. County.
Typhoid Fever	.00	.01	.01	.00	.01
Paratyphoid Fever	.03	.01	.01	.01	.01
Cerebro-spinal Fever	.06	.05	.06	.05	.05
Scarlet Fever	2.50	1.37	1.54	1.37	1.31
Whooping Cough	2.28	2.22	2.41	2.02	2.80
Diphtheria	.17	.13	.15	.14	.14
Erysipelas	.19	.19	.21	.18	.22
Smallpox	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Measles	7.69	9.41	9.13	9.58	5.29
Pneumonia	.76	.79	.89	.68	.64

Smallpox and Vaccination: As from the 1st January, 1947 the Medical Officer of Health was appointed Vaccination Officer, the clerical work being undertaken by the Senior Clerical Assistant. These changes were necessitated by the resignation of Mr. P.E.Capps, part-time Vaccination Officer on the 31st December, 1946. Dr. R.Sacks resigned his appointment as Public Vaccinator (No.2 District) and the resulting vacancy was filled by Dr.E.F.Rossdale.

The following is a summary of proceedings under the Vaccination Acts, 1867 to 1898.

Number of Finsbury birth notifications received from Registrar	... ..	408
Number of certificates of Primary Vaccination received	... ..	180
Postponements by medical certificate	... ..	1
Number of Finsbury babies not vaccinated within period of four months	... ..	307
Certificates of exemption granted after declaration	... ..	69

There were no cases of Smallpox.

Scarlet Fever: The number of cases of scarlet fever notified during 1947 was 83, of which 35 were removed to Hospital. There were no deaths from this disease. Routine visits to patients following discharge were continued.

Diphtheria: 6 cases of diphtheria were notified there being one death. All the cases were removed to Hospital. Of these, none had been immunised. The following table shows the cases notified during the last ten years and the number of deaths.

Year	No. of cases notified	No of deaths
1938	101	3
1939	58	2
1940	27	2
1941	35	-
1942	19	1
1943	24	2
1944	10	-
1945	13	-
1946	6	-
1947	6	1

Efforts were continued during the year to secure a greater degree of immunisation in the child population by means of further propaganda and intensive visits by the Health Visitors and Sanitary Inspectors. It was estimated that by the end of 1947, approximately 65% of the child population under five years of age had been immunised against Diphtheria. The number of children of this age group immunised during the year was 438.

Whooping Cough. Notifications of whooping cough numbered 110, and there was 1 death. Prophylactic treatment has been continued in conjunction with diphtheria prophylaxis.

Measles: There were two deaths directly attributable to measles during the year. Of the 270 cases which occurred 57 were removed to hospital, partly on medical and partly on social grounds. Special visits were paid to all cases nursed at home.

Para-typhoid: There was one notification during the year.

Provision of Insulin: By virtue of Section 227 of the Public Health (London) Act, 1936, the borough continued to bear the cost of treatment of diabetos in the case of necessitous persons. 8 persons received assistance during the year at a cost to the Council of £44.1.4d.

Tuberculosis: The total number of new cases of tuberculosis, both pulmonary and non-pulmonary, entered in the Register in 1947 was 87. The age period details were as follows:

	0-	1-	5-	10-	15-	20-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	Total all ages
Males Pulmonary	-	4	1	1	3	6	9	8	5	8	7	52
Females Pulmonary	-	3	1	-	2	9	5	3	4	2	2	31
Males Non-pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Females Non-pulmonary	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
Total ... ..	-	7	3	2	5	16	15	11	9	10	9	87

The number of cases removed from the Register during the year was 127 and those remaining on the Register of Notifications at the 31st December, 1947 were as follows:

	Males	Females	Total
Pulmonary	220	145	365
Non-pulmonary	41	40	81
	261	185	446

The following is a summary of the Tuberculosis Dispensary work in 1947:-

Number of cases on Dispensary Register -

Pulmonary ... ..	310
Non-pulmonary ... ..	52
Total	<u>362</u>
Sputum Positive Cases ... ..	176
Sputum Negative Cases ... ..	134
Cases notified from services ... ..	3

New Cases examined (other than contacts).

	Pulmonary	Non-pul- monary	Total
(a) Definitely Tuberculous	56	3	59
(b) Diagnosis not completed	20	-	20
(c) Non-Tuberculous	288	-	288
			<u>367</u>

Contacts:

(a) Definitely Tuberculous	5	-	5
(b) Diagnosis not completed	56	-	56
(c) Non-tuberculous	98	-	98
			<u>159</u>

Cases Written Off:

(a) Recovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
(b) Diagnosis not confirmed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>2</u>
									<u>30</u>
Number of attendances at Dispensary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2252
Home visits by Tuberculosis Officer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Visits made by Tuberculosis Visitor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	672
Specimens of sputum examined	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	353
Number of patients attending for artificial pneumothorax refills	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
Number of refills given	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	412

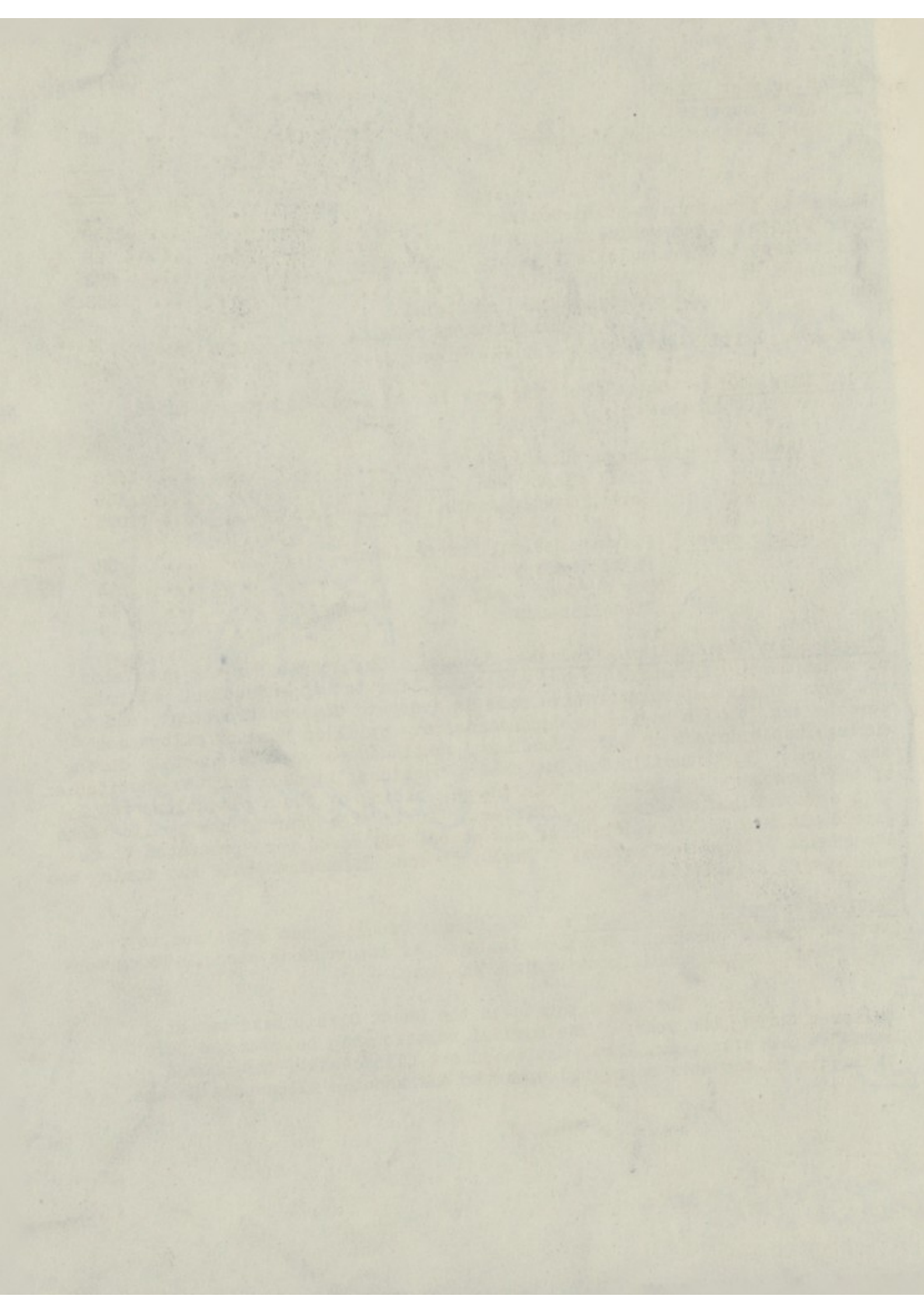
X-RAY DEPARTMENT: Details of the work in the X-ray department during 1947 are as follows:-

<u>Chest cases:</u>	Large films used	...	...	...	...	...	1005
	Small films used	...	...	...	...	...	135
	Screen examinations	...	...	...	...	...	1095
<u>Other cases:</u>	Private Medical Practitioners	...	...	...	...	...	22
	Physiotherapy Dept.	...	...	...	...	...	41
	Day Nursery Staff	...	...	...	...	...	44
	Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	9

Tuberculosis Maintenance Allowances Scheme: The scheme for the provision of maintenance allowances in certain cases, for the dependants of patients who have to give up remunerative work in order to undergo treatment, and to persons who, though having no dependants, are still in need of allowances during institutional or home treatment, continued to operate smoothly during the year. The Council's T.B. Dispensary machinery is used for the institution of the necessary enquiries and for the presenting of the applications weekly to the Tuberculosis Assessment Officer. During the year 28 new applications were dealt with. In addition to new cases, 264 cases were presented to the Assessment Officer for review. The total cash allowances paid out during the year was £2,111.11s.6d.

PROVISION OF EXTRA NOURISHMENT: The Borough Council has continued to provide extra nourishment for certain types of tuberculous cases. 73 persons were granted extra nourishment during the year.

The arrangements in the Chest Clinic have remained unaltered during the year. The cordial relationship between the Care Committee Secretary, Mr. Ward, and the Chest Clinic staff has proved invaluable in the work connected with the Maintenance Allowances Scheme.







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