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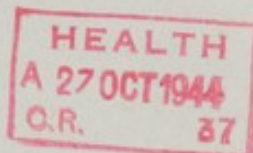
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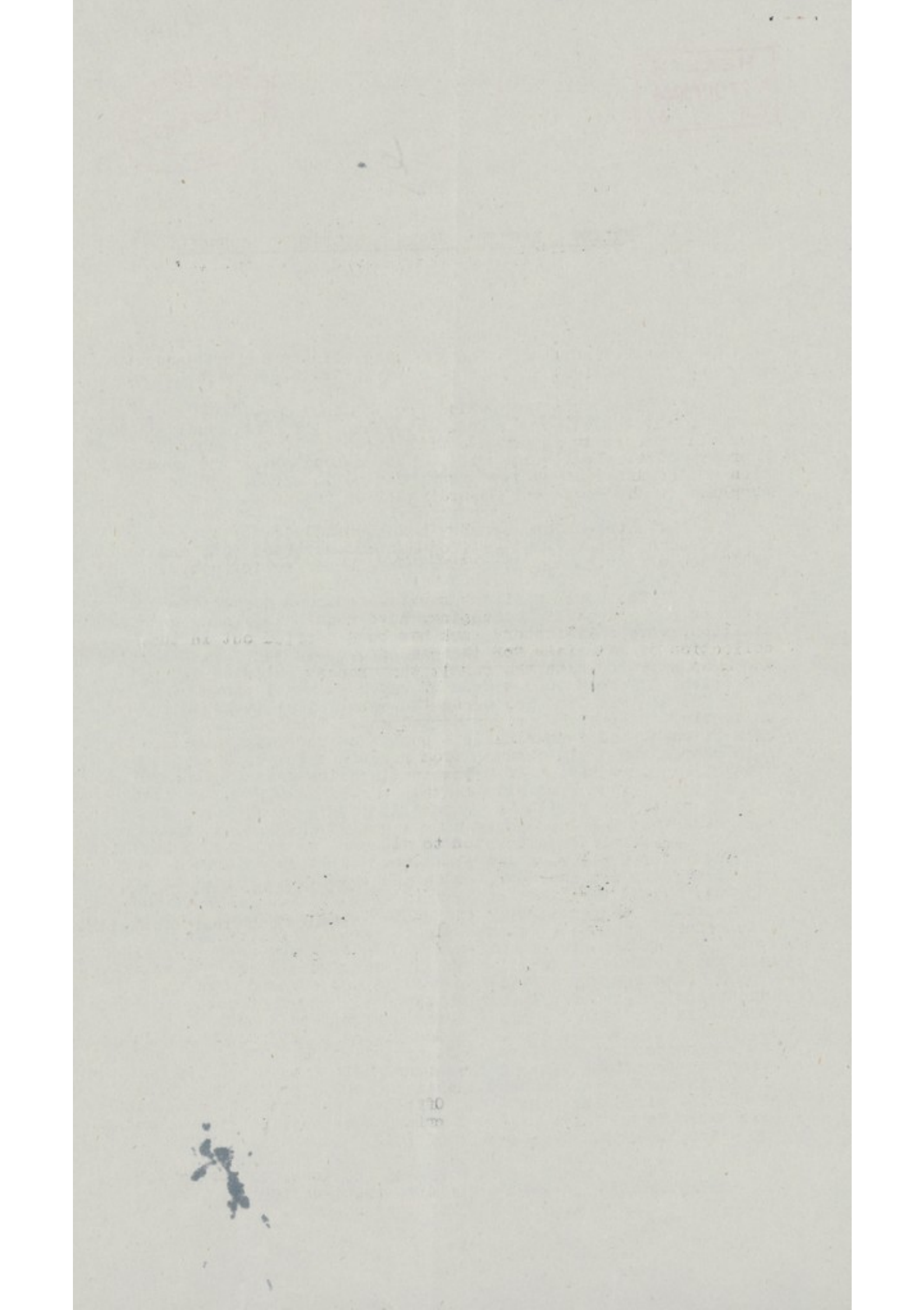
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FRIERN BARNET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A N N U A L
R E P O R T
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR
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W.W. Millen. M.B. Ch.B.

Medical Officer of Health.



FRIERN BARNET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
TOWN HALL,
N.11.

19th. October 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Friern Barnet Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

This report is considerably delayed this year, owing to reduced war-time staff, and the long illness and subsequent death of your Medical Officer of Health, Dr. G. Pennant Evans.

It covers the period from January 1st. 1943, to December 31st. 1943, inclusive, and will follow the usual abbreviated form in accordance with Circular 10/44 issued in February 1944. No figures will be given from which the population of the district or its wards, can be inferred, and no data supplied by the Registrar General will be included.

Although the country has been at war for over four years, the health of the district has not deteriorated, and the incidence of notifiable disease has been very satisfactory.

The usual sanitary services such as sewage disposal, water supply and public cleansing, have been maintained, and in addition, very satisfactory work has been carried out in the collection of materials for the war effort, in the form generally known as salvage, with the result that vacant building sites, and privately owned open spaces of unfenced small plots of land, are at this time free from the "junk" that looks so unsightly, and encourages insect and other like pests. In this connection we had a considerable number of complaints in the late summer and early autumn, from residents in the Crescent area, of an infestation of crickets migrating from the controlled tip on the Central Ward allotments. Mr. Harman, your sanitary inspector, together with Mr. Marshall, your surveyor, investigated and found that the fermenting refuse generated so much heat, that the insects were attracted to and bred on the tip, especially beneath the sleeper road and platform. All herbage both on and around the tip was cut down, dried and burnt. The sides of the tip were opened to allow the heat to disperse and bring it down to manageable proportions. The whole tip was sprayed heavily with creosote and oil, and the sleeper roads gassed under tarpaulin, with a mixture of powdered calcium and sodium cyanides, with the result that the tip was cleared of crickets in less than a week, subsequently the top of the tip was covered with a substantial layer of clay, above the daily cover of soil, and eventually the clay was again covered with garden soil before the plots were handed over. We found that this procedure reduced the temperature of the first foot of soil from 88° Fah. to 59° Fah. which was practically air temperature. Since then the tip has had additional spraying, and additional cover provided to the previously tipped area, and the Officers concerned are satisfied that there is no infestation of crickets on that portion of the tip, made since the late summer of 1942.

The Council has now become the local authority for the administration of the Rats & Mice (Destruction) Act, and Infestation orders made by the Ministry of Food.

The artificial immunisation against Diphtheria has been continued, but the number of immunisations has not reached the standard desired, although every effort has been made by the School Medical Service and the Maternity and Child Welfare authority, to place the advantages of immunisation before parents and guardians. The number of children immunised at the clinic during the year has been 276, and I have to express my best thanks to Dr. Stephen, the School Medical Officer, for her good work and assistance in this connection.

The small clinic and cleansing station established in 1942 for the treatment of scabies, has done good work, having dealt with 180 new cases, and given 376 treatments. The cost of running this clinic, has been merely nominal, the only outgoings being for medicaments, fuel and light, and keeping the premises (requisitioned for civil defence purposes) clean. The actual work of treatment has been done voluntarily by members of the local Red Cross organisation, working under the direction of Mrs. King, an industrial welfare nurse, and their good work has been much appreciated. Since the commencement, the clinic has treated 320 cases in all, to a successful conclusion, and as this ailment tends to be one of the causes of absence from work and school, it has made a substantial contribution to the war effort, especially where those cases of sepsis would ordinarily have kept the patient away from work or school for a long period.

The ambulance service has now been severed from the Fire Service, and is run by civil defence workers, and satisfactory arrangements have been made for mutual assistance with adjoining authorities, should the ambulances of either not be immediately available for work within the district.

The Womens Voluntary Service, by way of the car pool, has also been made use of for the conveyance to hospital of the patients of private medical practitioners, on the certificate of the Medical Officer of Health.

I attach the usual tables of statistics, which show that the essential public health work has been performed well by a reduced war-time staff, working under difficult and handicapping conditions.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W.W. Millen. M.B.Ch.B.

Medical Officer of Health.

No. OF DWELLING HOUSES INSPECTED (separate primary inspections only).

(1). On Complaint.....	419.
(2). On notification of infectious disease.....	106.
(3). Re Tuberculosis.....	1.
Visits to foodshops.....	51.
" " dairies and milkshops.....	14.
" re Shops Act.....	6.
" to Factories and Workshops.....	6.
" re Petroleum Act.....	7.
" for Disinfection.....	110.
" re Housing Act.....	1.
" re Disinfestation and to verminous premises....	20.
" re Rat infestation.....	59.
Appointments and Special Visits.....	348.
Re-inspections and visits to works in progress.....	475.
Attendance at Court (Petty Sessions & County Court....	2.
	<u>1625.</u>
Total visits and inspections for 1942.....	1431.
" " " " " 1941.....	1684.
" " " " " 1940.....	2726.
" " " " " 1939.....	2344.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year:-

1. (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts..... 286.
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose..... 320.
2. Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation..... 145.

2. Remedy of defects without service of formal notice:-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers..... 136.

3. Action under Statutory Powers:-

A. Proceedings under sections 9, 10 & 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.. 7.
- (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:-
 - (a) By owners..... 7.
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners... 0.

The following is a summary of the sanitary improvements and defects remedied during the year:-

<u>Water.</u>	
Store cisterns provided, repaired, cleansed or covers provided.....	2
Fittings and services repaired.....	12
<u>Drainage.</u>	
Drains cleared or repaired.....	28
Inspection chambers cleansed, repaired etc...	1
Soil and vent pipes repaired.....	2
New sink waste pipes provided.....	3
Sink wastes repaired.....	6
<u>W.C.</u>	
W.C. pans and traps fixed.....	6
W.C. pans and traps repaired.....	2
W.C. seats, doors, windows, floors, renewed or repaired.....	1
Walls cleansed and distempered.....	--
Ceilings cleansed and distempered.....	1
Flushing cisterns provided.....	--
Flushing cisterns repaired or regulated.....	6
<u>Floors.</u>	
Floors repaired.....	8
<u>Roofs.</u>	
Stripped and renewed.....	1
Repaired.....	34
Gutters and downspouts renewed or repaired...	4
<u>Cleansing</u>	
Walls repaired, cleansed, distempered or papered.....	10
Ceilings repaired or renewed.....	10
New ceilings.....	--
<u>Windows</u>	
Sashes and frames repaired or renewed.....	4
Cills repaired or renewed.....	2
Sashcords provided (number of houses)	3
<u>Brickwork.</u>	
Damp-proof courses provided.....	2
Brickwork repaired.....	1
Chimney stacks rebuilt or repaired.....	2
Dampness in walls remedied.....	3
Walls repointed or rendered.....	--
<u>Refuse</u>	
Dustbins provided.....	109
Accumulation of refuse removed.....	--
<u>General.</u>	
New ranges and grates provided.....	3
Ranges and grates repaired.....	2
Other defects (unclassified).....	4
Vermineous rooms cleansed.....	2
	<u>274</u>

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk. The following licences were issued under the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936:-

Pasteurised.....	9
Accredited.....	1
Grade A (Tuberculin Tested).....	6
Pasteuriser's.....	1

Meat and other foods.

The following foodstuffs were surrendered as unfit for human consumption:-

113 lbs.	Boneless American Beef.
17 lbs.	Boned Sirloin Beef.
25½ lb.	Tinned Pork Sausage Meat
4	Tins Stewed Steak.
8	lbs. Bacon.
72	Tins Evaporated Milk.
11	Tins Sardines.
20	Tins Pilchards.
4	Tins Mackerel.
2	Tins Herrings.
20	lbs. Dried Peas.
5	Tins Soup.
14	Tins Diced Carrots.
5	Tins Peas.
3	Tins Haricot Beans.
2	Tins Fish Cakes.
3	Tins Peaches.
3	Tins Plums.
1	Tin Loganberries.
2	Tins Grapefruit.
2	Tins Pineapple.
1	Tin Apples.
4	Packets Dried Eggs.
3½	lbs. Sultanas.
4	lb. Cheese.
2	Tins Jam.
16	Tins Marmalade.
4	Stone Cod Fillets.
5	Stone Dried Haddock.

TABLE 1.

ANALYSIS OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR ENDING
31st. DECEMBER 1943.

Disease.	Number of Cases notified.								Cases in each Ward.				No. removed to Hosp
	All.	Unl.	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-45	45-65	65 & O.	North.	South.	Central.	Friern Hosp.	
Scarlet Fever	95	-	19	61	7	8	1	-	34	39	23	-	64
Diphtheria	10	-	1	6	2	-	1	-	5	3	2	-	10
Pneumonia	45	2	4	4	3	8	14	10	18	7	8	12	-
Measles.	245	5	110	125	4	1	-	-	95	133	27	-	4
Whooping Cough	41	4	20	17	-	-	-	-	11	21	9	-	1
Erysipelas	7	-	-	-	1	-	5	1	3	3	1	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	4	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	1	2	1	-	4
Cerebro-spinal fever	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Typhoid	3	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Pulmonary Tuberculo- sis	34	-	-	2	9	16	8	-	11	9	15	-	-
Other Tuberculosis	5	-	-	1	1	3	-	-	3	1	1	-	-
TOTALS.	493	13	154	216	29	41	30	11	173	217	87	16	86

TABLE 2.

ANALYSIS OF THE CAUSES OF AND AGES AT DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1943. FOR THE WHOLE DISTRICT.

Causes of Death.	No. Regd.	At-----Ages.								Wards.				Out Tran.	In Tran.	M.	F.	Nett deaths
		0-1	1-2	2-5	5-15	15-25	25-45	45-65	65&0.	N.	S.	C.	A.					
Accident	7	-	-	1	-	1	1	3	9	7	3	1	4	4	8	8	7	11
Arterio-sclerosis	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	26	5	8	9	14	14	12	17	19	22
Bronchitis	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	1	2	4	5	5	3	7	5	7
Cancer	87	-	-	-	-	-	15	41	46	11	16	11	64	63	15	68	54	39
Cerebral-hæmorrhage	15	-	-	-	-	-	2	7	14	9	2	6	6	6	8	6	17	17
Congenital debility	3	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	5	-	1	7	8	2	9
Diabetes.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	3	1	2	3
Diarrhoea	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-
Enteric Fever.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
Epilepsy	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	2	2	1	2	1	1
General Paralysis	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	4	-	-
Heart Disease.	90	-	-	-	-	2	8	32	68	24	24	18	44	44	30	57	53	66
Ill-defined causes	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	2	1	-
Influenza	9	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	6	2	3	4	4	4	4	5	8	9
Meningitis	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	1	2	2	1	1	2	1
Nephritis	15	-	-	-	-	1	2	6	7	1	-	3	12	12	8	8	8	4
Other defined diseases	29	2	-	1	-	6	8	15	10	4	7	5	26	26	13	30	12	16
Other Tubercular diseases.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
Peritonitis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
Pneumonia	51	5	2	1	-	1	9	27	25	9	7	11	43	44	19	42	28	26
Senility	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	3	4	4	2	2	8	6	7	11
Syphilis	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	3	3	-	1	2	-
Suicide	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tuberculosis of Resp.System.	26	-	-	-	-	2	15	14	2	4	4	4	21	20	7	24	9	13
TOTALS.	379	18	2	3	-	16	69	173	239	83	87	87	263	264	141	300	220	256

TABLE 3.

ANALYSIS OF CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFIED DURING 1943, AND THE MORTALITY FROM THE SAME DISEASE
OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

AGES.	NEW CASES				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
10-15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-25	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-35	6	2	1	-	-	1	-	-
35-45	6	3	1	-	-	1	-	-
45-55	3	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
55-65	2	1	-	-	2	-	-	-
65 & Over	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
TOTALS.	21	11	2	1	5	3	-	-

TABLE 4.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

NETT DEATHS FROM STATED CAUSES AT VARIOUS AGES UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE 1943.

	Under 1 week.	1 - 2 weeks.	2 - 3 weeks.	3 - 4 weeks.	Total under 4 weeks.	4 weeks and under 3 months	3 months and under 6 months	6 months and under 9 months	9 months and under 12 months	Total under 1 year.
All causes:-										
Certified.	6	4	-	-	10	4	2	1	-	17
Un-certified.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Atelectasis	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Accident of parturition.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Gastro-enteritis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Marasmus	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Other defined diseases	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Pneumonia	-	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	3
Prematurity	2	1	-	-	3	-	2	-	-	3