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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF
RUISLIP - NORTHWOOD



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1949

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Medical Officer of Health.

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(as at 31st December, 1949)

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(as at 31st December, 1949)

Medical Officer of Health (part-time)

L. D. Bailey, C.B., M.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Senior Sanitary Inspector, Shops Inspector and Petroleum Inspector

E. H. Jenkins, M.R.SAN.I., M.S.I.A.

District Sanitary Inspectors

L. C. Gould, CERT.S.I.B., M.S.I.A.

H. C. Kelly, CERT.S.I.B., M.S.I.A.

Sanitary Inspector's Assistant

B. E. W. Gabb

Clerks

Miss J. M. Boot

Miss J. D. York

Rodent Officer

Miss B. H. Dixon

Rodent Operatives

G. Harley

J. Garner

Disinfector and Mortuary Attendant

J. Ferguson

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Council Offices, Oaklands Gate, Northwood.

Telephone: Northwood 1400 (6 lines).

Time of attendance of Medical Officer of Health and Sanitary Inspectors:

Medical Officer of Health—by appointment.

Sanitary Inspectors—9 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. or by appointment.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1949

Public Health Department,
Council Offices,
Northwood.
June, 1950.

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Ruislip-Northwood Urban District Council.*

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The year 1949 has passed without any serious epidemics in the area though there was a smallpox scare in June that started in a case which developed in a fireman in the s.s. "Mooltan." Six cases were reported subsequently in this country and I regret to say that they all died. The nearest case to us was in the Wembley area. Altogether there were eight contacts in this district who were kept under close supervision and none of them developed smallpox.

One case of tetanus occurred in March in a child aged 3 years due to a fall on a mound of earth in Hillcrest Gardens, South Ruislip. I am glad to say the child eventually recovered.

The Registrar-General's estimated population for mid-year 1949 again shows an increase of over a thousand, 64,270 to 66,010. The birth rate of 15·209 shows a decrease from the figure of 17·099 per 1,000 population for 1948. The death rate from all causes shows a slight decrease, namely 7·347 as compared with 7·686 per 1,000 population in 1948. Further particulars can be found in subsequent pages.

Action under the Housing Act—Ruislip Almshouses, which were found to be in a very bad state of repair, have been partly reconditioned and made habitable. A wooden structure named "Springtime," Priors Gardens, South Ruislip, has been demolished, and demolition orders were made in respect of "Asp" and Poplar Cottages in Joel Street but owing to re-housing difficulties and shortage of building materials, no further action has actually been taken.

A pamphlet entitled "Hints to Food Handlers" was distributed to all food retailers in the district and a Clean Food Guild was suggested but has not yet been instituted.

Various complaints regarding dirty milk bottles and foreign objects in milk and bread were investigated and in one case it was

found necessary to prosecute a firm with regard to a cigarette end in a loaf of bread, this being the second or third complaint of a like nature. The prosecution was successful.

In 1949 the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Middlesex County Council took over the control of the milk production at farms and dairies in the district.

In June, at the request of the Borough of Wembley, a conference of all authorities supplied by the Colne Valley Water Company was held to inquire into the alleged excessive hardness of the water supplied in their districts. This was a useful conference at which the Colne Valley Water Company were represented and many opinions were expressed as to the possible ill-effects of this hard water. After some discussion and the issue of a questionnaire to the Colne Valley Water Company it was decided that no useful purpose would be served in pursuing the matter any further at present. I hope, however, that this subject will be reconsidered again in the near future.

Constant watch has been kept on open air swimming baths in the district and in the main the bacteriological tests have been satisfactory. A further report with regard to Ruislip Lido appears later.

A large number of complaints were received with regard to wasps and hornets nests in the district and it was felt that the department would offer useful service by destroying these nests at a small charge. In all 169 nests were destroyed during the year.

Three student sanitary inspectors were trained during the year under the Post War Training Scheme for Sanitary Inspectors and thanks have been expressed by the training authorities for the facilities offered by this Council.

The increasing work of the department as well as the increase in population in the district led to a review of the staff in October and it was decided by the Council to augment the staff by one additional Sanitary Inspector and one Senior Clerk. It is hoped that the work of the department, some of which was necessarily not receiving sufficient attention, will thus be brought up-to-date and still further improved.

In conclusion I would like to stress the good work which has been undertaken by the sanitary, rodent and clerical personnel and to acknowledge once again my thanks to them for their continued conscientious application to their work.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

L. D. BAILEY,
Medical Officer of Health.

Statistics

ACREAGE OF THE DISTRICT

Northwood Ward	1,979 acres
Eastcote Ward	1,378 acres
Ruislip Ward	1,790 acres
South Ruislip Ward	1,437 acres
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Total area of district	6,584 acres

POPULATION

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population for the mid-year:—

1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
56,950	62,070	64,590	64,270	66,010

Number of Inhabited dwellings: 19,124.

BIRTH RATE

	1948				1949				Basis
	No. of Births			Birth Rate	No. of Births			Birth Rate	
	M.	F.	Total		M.	F.	Total		
Live Births—									
Legitimate	535	508	1,043	16·228	484	470	954	14·452	Per 1,000 Registrar-General's Estimated Resident Population.
Illegitimate	19	18	37	0·575	17	14	31	0·469	
Total ..	554	526	1,080	16·804	501	484	985	14·921	
Still Births—									
Legitimate	12	8	20	18·198	11	8	19	18·924	Per 1,000 total (i.e. Live and Still Births)
Illegitimate	1	—	1	0·909	—	—	—	—	
Total ..	13	8	21	15·108	11	8	19	18·924	
Total Births Registered—									
Legitimate	535	526	1,061	16·508	495	478	973	14·740	Per 1,000 Registrar-General's Estimated Resident Population.
Illegitimate	20	18	38	0·59	17	14	31	0·469	
Total ..	1,099		17·099		1,004		15·209		

The birth rate of 15·209 shows a decrease from the figure of 17·099 for 1948.

DEATH RATE

	Total Deaths (All causes)		Death Rate (per 1,000 Registrar- General's estimated resident population)	
	1948	1949	1948	1949
Male	260	238		
Female.....	234	247	7·686	7·347
Total	494	485		

The Death rate of 7·347 shows a slight decrease from the figure of 7·686 for 1948.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age

	Males	Females	Total	Death Rate (per 1,000 Live births)
In total live births	12	4	16	
In legitimate live births	11	4	15	
In illegitimate live births	1	—	1	1949—16·243

The infantile mortality rate of 16·243 shows a decrease from the figure of 24·074 for 1948.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

	Ruislip- Northwood	England and Wales	126 C.B.'s and great towns incl. London	148 smaller towns (pop. 25,000 to 50,000)	London Admin. County
<i>Birth Rate</i> (per 1,000 popula- tion) Live	14·921	16·7	18·7	18·0	18·5
Still	0·287	0·39	0·47	0·40	0·37
<i>Death Rate</i> —					
All causes	7·347	11·7	12·5	11·6	12·2
Deaths under 1 year of age (per 1,000 live births)	16·243	32	37	30	29

CAUSES OF DEATH

The following table shows causes of death in this District as given in the Registrar-General's statistics:—

Cause of Death	Number of Deaths					
	1948			1949		
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	12	7	19	8	3	11
Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	—	—	1	2	3
Syphilitic Diseases	2	—	2	2	1	3
Influenza	—	—	—	4	—	4
Measles	1	1	2	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polio- encephalitis	2	—	2	—	—	—
Acute Infective Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cancer of Buccal Cavity and Oesophagus (<i>m</i>)	1	—	1	1	—	1
Cancer of Uterus (<i>f</i>)	—	4	4	—	4	4
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	10	3	13	5	6	11
Cancer of Breast	—	10	10	—	5	5
Cancer of all other sites	30	30	60	29	32	61
Diabetes	—	—	—	3	5	8
Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions	27	31	58	24	25	49
Heart Disease	60	62	122	68	75	143
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	10	14	24	10	24	34
Bronchitis	10	5	15	16	5	21
Pneumonia	14	5	19	21	24	45
Other Respiratory Diseases	5	2	7	4	—	4
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	4	3	7	4	2	6
Diarrhoea under 2 years	—	—	—	—	—	—
Appendicitis	—	—	—	1	—	1
Other Digestive Diseases	4	8	12	2	6	8
Nephritis	6	5	11	6	5	11
Puerperal and Post Abortion Sepsis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Maternal Causes	—	2	2	—	2	2
Premature Birth	2	2	4	—	1	1
Congenital Malformation, Birth Injuries, Infantile Diseases	11	10	21	9	2	11
Suicide	5	4	9	1	1	2
Road Traffic Accidents	—	1	1	2	2	4
Other Violent Causes	30	10	40	2	3	5
All other causes	14	15	29	15	12	27
All Causes	260	234	494	238	247	485

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	Total No. of cases notified	
	1948	1949
Scarlet Fever	63	193
Paratyphoid	—	1
Anterior Poliomyelitis	4	6
Polio-encephalitis	1	2
Dysentery	4	4
Erysipelas	20	11
Pneumonia	93	84
Puerperal Pyrexia	5	3
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	64	64
Tuberculosis Non-Pulmonary	3	7
Malaria	—	3
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	—	1
Food Poisoning	1	8
Meningococcal Meningitis	1	—
Tuberculous Meningitis	—	—
Acute Enteritis	1	—
Measles	614	738
Whooping Cough	300	145
Totals	1,174	1,270

TUBERCULOSIS

According to statistics obtained from the Chest Clinic, Uxbridge, the number of new pulmonary cases notified in this district was 64. The number of non-pulmonary cases notified was seven, four more than last year. On the other hand, the inward transfers have risen from 30 up to 50, and the outward transfers total 44. The total number of cases in the district is 488, a percentage of .739 of population, which does not appear excessive.

General Provisions of Health Services in the District

INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL

St. John's Isolation Hospital is situated at Kingston Lane, Uxbridge. *Telephone*: Uxbridge 5120-1.

SMALLPOX AND TYPHUS

Any suspicious case should be reported to the Medical Officer of Health who will arrange for a smallpox or typhus consultant to confirm diagnosis and will also find accommodation at the appropriate hospital.

TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIA

Patients resident in the Urban District of Ruislip-Northwood will attend the Chest Clinic at Uxbridge. The address is: The Chest Clinic, Local County Offices, High Street, Uxbridge. *Telephone*: Uxbridge 2093.

Physician to the Chest Clinic: J. T. Nicol Roe, M.D., CH.B., D.P.H.

All cases are seen by appointment.

VENEREAL DISEASES

Treatment of cases can be obtained at London Hospitals and at Hillingdon Hospital, Uxbridge. Times for attendance at the Hillingdon Hospital are as follows:—

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday ...	8.30 a.m.—6.30 p.m.
Tuesday	8.30 a.m.—7.00 p.m.
Saturday	8.00 a.m.—12 noon

HOSPITALS

Hillingdon Hospital, Hillingdon, Uxbridge. General and Maternity. For admission applications should be made to the Medical Director. *Telephone*: Uxbridge 1782.

Northwood, Pinner and District Hospital, Pinner Road, Northwood. *Telephone*: Northwood 567.

Mount Vernon Hospital, Rickmansworth Road, Northwood.
Telephone: Northwood 1234.

St. Vincent's Orthopaedic Hospital, Eastcote. *Telephone*:
Pinner 50. For admission application should be made by the
doctor in attendance.

REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Mr. G. Hardcastle, Middlesex County Council.

Attends at Northwood: Council Offices.

Monday, 2.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m.

Attends at Ruislip: Methodist Church Room, Torrington Rd.

Friday, 10 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

The Head Office of the Registrar of Births and Deaths is 266,
Field End Road, Eastcote. *Telephone*: Field End 9222.

Hours of attendance:

Monday 9.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

Tuesday 2.00 p.m.— 4.30 p.m.
5.00 p.m.— 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday ... 10.00 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

Thursday ... 10.00 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

Friday 2.30 p.m.— 4.30 p.m.

Saturday 9.00 a.m.—11.00 a.m.

Births and stillbirths are required to be registered within 42
days by the father or mother personally, and deaths within five
days by the nearest relative.

The foregoing is for the registration of births and deaths only,
the registration of marriages can only be effected at the office of
the Superintendent Registrar at 7, Lyon Road, Harrow.
Telephone: Harrow 0141.

LUNACY AND MENTAL TREATMENT

Mental cases are dealt with by the Public Health Department,
Middlesex County Council. Authorised Officers under Lunacy and
Mental Treatment Act, 1890-1930, as as follows:—

Authorised Officer No. 1: Mr. A. G. Ash.

Authorised Officer No. 2: Mr. L. R. Bradbury.

Local County Offices, High Street, Uxbridge.

Telephone: Uxbridge 2093.

Urgent Night Calls

If an Authorised Officer is urgently required to deal with a case at night-time, the nearest Ambulance Station should be contacted (by dialling 999 or "O" and asking for "Ambulance"), and asked to send an Ambulance for the Authorised Officer on call. The Ambulance Service will know which Authorised Officer will be on call for the night.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE BOARD

Under the National Assistance Act, 1948, the National Assistance Board are responsible for granting cash assistance to persons in need.

The Board's Office for this district is as follows:—

Congregational Church Hall, The Lynch, Uxbridge.
Telephone: Uxbridge 2111.

SCHOOLS

All the Schools in the Urban District controlled by the Ministry of Education are under the management of the Middlesex County Council.

Private Schools have been regularly supervised by this Department with regard to public health regulations.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

Calls by telephone for hire of ambulance should be made at all times to Northwood 1110 or 1220 and Ruislip 2223, or by using the 999 or "O" facilities and asking operator for the Ambulance Service.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Bacteriological examinations are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, Colindale, London, N.W.9. *Telephone:* Colindale 6041 or 4081.

Medical Practitioners can leave swabs and specimens in receiving boxes provided at the following places in the Urban District. These specimens will be collected daily by the Laboratory Messenger. The laboratory request that all specimens be left for collection, and *not* forwarded by post.

<i>Address</i>	<i>Position of Receiving Box</i>
Northwood: Public Health-Office, Oaklands Gate.	Inside general office on counter.
Eastcote: Eastcote House, High Road (back entrance).	In vestibule, inside back entrance.
Ruislip: Fire Station, Eastcote Road.	In main vehicle shed, on wall left-hand side of doors.

DIPHTHERIA ANTITOXIN

Diphtheria Antitoxin for private purposes may be obtained from the following chemists:—

Northwood	...	Mr. H. B. Sharman, 31, Green Lane.
Eastcote	...	Mr. T. T. Johnson, 172, Field End Road.
Ruislip	...	Jones the Chemist (Ruislip) Ltd., 64, High Street.
Ruislip Manor	.	Mr. A. C. Dungworth, 54, Victoria Road.

Under the National Health Service Act, 1946, Diphtheria Prophylactic may be obtained from this office on application.

INSULIN

Under the National Health Service Act, 1946, those patients who are taken on medical practitioners' lists can now obtain insulin free of charge on application to their own doctor.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, SECTION 47

There was no official action taken by the Council under the above Section of the National Assistance Act in respect of the removal to institutions of persons in need of care and attention. A number of persons, however, were accommodated by voluntary arrangement and with the co-operation of the County Welfare Officer.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

The Middlesex County Council as the Local Health Authority is responsible for all services concerned with the care of Mothers and Children and the other services set out in Part 3 of the Act. For this purpose the County has been divided into ten administrative areas.

The Urban District of Ruislip-Northwood, together with the Urban Districts of Uxbridge, Hayes and Harlington, and Yiewsley and West Drayton, forms Local Area No. 8. Dr. O. C. Dobson, M.D., D.P.H., D.P.A., Barrister-at-Law, is the Area Medical Officer and all services mentioned below are now administered from the Area Health Office at the County Buildings, Uxbridge.

Particulars regarding any of these services can be obtained on enquiry at that office or at any one of the Clinics listed below.

CLINICS AND SCHOOL TREATMENT CENTRES

Sessions are held at the following premises for the regular supervision of the health of infants and children up to 5 years of age.

NORTHWOOD	...	Ryefield Court, Ryefield Crescent. Monday 1.30 p.m. Tuesday 1.30 p.m.
EASTCOTE	... ..	Eastcote House, High Road. Monday 1.30 p.m. Wednesday 9.30 a.m. Thursday 9.30 a.m.
RUISLIP	... ..	Manor Farm. Thursday 9.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.
RUISLIP MANOR	...	The Welfare Centre, Lady Bankes School, Dawlish Drive. Wednesday 1.30 p.m. Friday 1.30 p.m.
SOUTH RUISLIP	...	St. Mary's Hall, The Fairway. Tuesday 10.15 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CLINICS

Any expectant mother may obtain advice and medical supervision of pregnancy at the following Centres. In addition, Relaxation Exercise Classes are held at Northwood and Ruislip Manor Clinics for cases specially recommended. An appointment for post-natal examination can be obtained on request at any of these Clinics.

NORTHWOOD	...	Ryefield Court, Ryefield Crescent. Wednesdays 1.30 p.m.
EASTCOTE	... ..	Eastcote House, High Road. 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday in month at 1.30 p.m. 2nd and 4th Wednesday in month at 1.30 p.m., Midwives session.

- RUISLIP MANOR ... The Welfare Centre, Lady Bankes School, Dawlish Drive.
Tuesday 1.30 p.m.
- SOUTH RUISLIP ... St. Mary's Hall, The Fairway.
Monday 1.30 p.m.
1st and 3rd Wednesday in month
at 2 p.m., Midwives session.

SCHOOL CLINICS

Sessions are held as under, exclusively for school children:—

- NORTHWOOD ... Ryefield Court, Ryefield Crescent
Tuesdays, 9.30 a.m.
- RUISLIP MANOR ... The Clinic, Lady Bankes School,
Dawlish Drive.
Fridays 9.30 a.m.

DENTAL CLINICS

Dental treatment is available for school children, expectant and nursing mothers and children under 5 years. Appointments are made only through the School Medical or Infant Welfare Services.

HEALTH VISITING

This service makes available practical advice on all matters relating to the health of the family. Qualified Health Visitors (who are also the School Nurses) are in attendance at clinic sessions and also visit homes where there are babies and young children.

DOMICILIARY MIDWIVES

The following midwives are employed by the County Council to attend mothers throughout pregnancy and confinement. Under the terms of the National Health Service Act, this service is now provided without charge.

- Miss M. E. Ball, s.R.N., s.C.M.,
47, Chester Road, Northwood. *Telephone*: Northwood 56.
- Miss A. M. Shepherd, s.R.N., s.C.M.,
118, Shenley Avenue, Ruislip. *Telephone*: Ruislip 4673.
- Miss G. G. Burnard, s.R.N., s.C.M.,
2, Whitebutts Road, South Ruislip. *Telephone*: Ruislip 6125.

Mrs. Hutchinson, S.R.N., S.C.M.,
287, Victoria Road, Ruislip Manor. *Telephone*: Ruislip
5151.

Miss J. E. Martin, S.R.N., S.C.M.,
72, Pavilion Way, Eastcote. *Telephone*: Field End 9737.

HOME NURSING

The District Nursing Associations no longer function and under the Health Services Act, their work has been taken over by the County Council.

The following Home Nursing Sisters cover the Ruislip-Northwood district:—

Miss E. M. Pool, S.R.N., S.C.M.,
6, Cheyne Court, High Street, Ruislip. *Telephone*:
Ruislip 3480.

Miss E. Bright, S.R.N.,
Flat 4, Sunnyside, Joel Street, Eastcote. *Telephone*:
Pinner 2274.

Miss E. Davies, S.R.N.,
35, Meadow Way, Eastcote. *Telephone*: Pinner 3407.

Miss M. Prior, S.R.N., S.C.M.,
7, Hawthorne Court, Northwood Hills. *Telephone*:
Northwood 1544.

PRIVATE MIDWIVES AND PRIVATE MATERNITY NURSING HOMES

The names and addresses of private midwives and private maternity nursing homes can be supplied on application to this office.

IMMUNISATION

Provision for immunisation is made under the Health Services Act and is the responsibility of the County Council. Existing arrangements have continued, however, and I have held regular sessions at Northwood, Ruislip Manor and Eastcote House Clinics.

During the year the following immunisations were undertaken:—

<i>Under 5 years</i>	<i>5-14 years</i>
304	21

In addition 76 children received a "boost" injection.

VACCINATION

The Vaccination Acts have been repealed. Vaccination against smallpox is performed on request, without charge, by doctors who have signified their willingness to take part in this section of the Health Service. In addition, in certain cases, vaccination can be carried out at the County Council's clinics. The vaccination of all healthy infants between 4-6 months of age is recommended.

HOME HELP SERVICE

Help can be provided in all cases where an emergency arises in the home, and in cases of confinement taking place at home.

Payment for this service is assessed according to income. Further details of this service may be obtained from the Area Health Office, County Buildings, Uxbridge.

DAY NURSERIES

The main function of the County Council's Day Nurseries remains that of enabling mothers to assist the national effort by taking up employment outside the home. Forms of application for admission can be obtained from the Nurseries or from the Area Health Office; but at present each nursery is full to capacity and large waiting lists exist.

Report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector

1. SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1949.

The following is a summary of the inspections and visits made by the Sanitary Inspectors during the year 1949, when a total of 6,221 visits were made:—

Public Health Act

Houses inspected for nuisances	904
Office premises	1
Verminous premises	55
Other insects	78
Ponds, ditches, watercourses	23
Tents, vans, sheds, caravans	141
Yards, passages, car parks	87
Animals, pigs, poultry	92
Dustbins	1014
Accumulations of refuse	96
Drains, tested and inspected	690
Other nuisances	27

Infectious Disease

Enquiries	333
Hospital discharges	6

Food and Drugs Act

Restaurants, Cafes and Canteens	113
Butchers' shops	111
Fish shops	65
Fried fish shops	14
Greengrocers	33
Grocers	111
Bakehouses	34
Cowsheds and dairies	36
Slaughtering and meat inspections	7
Ice cream shops, premises and vehicles	169
Cooked meat shops	5
Other food premises	27
Unsound food	241

Sampling

Ice cream samples	103
Milk samples	14
Water samples	36
Other foods	2

Total carried forward 4668

Total brought forward	4668
Housing Acts	
Inspections for repairs and overcrowding ...	97
Inspections for measuring	140
Factory Acts	
Inspections and enquiries (mechanical power)	68
Inspections and enquiries (non-mechanical power)	5
Outworkers premises	168
Smoke Abatement	
Observations and visits	5
Petroleum Acts	
Inspections and enquiries	19
Shops Acts	
Inspections and enquiries	65
Miscellaneous	
Schools	15
Camps	7
Public Conveniences	7
Mortuary	—
Disinfecting station	5
Rodent Control	49
Requisitioned property	15
Council houses	11
Visits to owners or builders	205
Bathing establishments	17
M.C.C. entertainments licences	20
Sports pavilions	10
Searches (Land Registry)	12
Visits regarding building licences	5
Housing enquiries	52
Hairdressers	1
Licensed premises	4
Exhumation	1
Miscellaneous visits	95
Ineffectual visits	455
	6,221

Number of inspections made by Rodent Control
 Staff 9321

Informal notices served	591
Statutory Notices served	97
Nuisances abated	540

2. COMPLAINTS

1,704 Complaints were received from the public in 1949 regarding the following matters:—

Defective drains and sanitary fittings	266
Defective water fittings and pipes	38
Defective or dirty walls and ceilings	18
Defective roofs and gutters	14
Defective fireplaces and flues	14
Defective doors and windows	12
Defective sinks, baths and wash basins	12
Defective floors	9
Defective dustbins	11
Dampness	24
Other housing defects	29
Infestation by vermin (bed bugs and fleas)	23
Infestation by insects (including ants, mosquitoes, flies, wasps, etc.)	204
Infestation by rats and mice	593
Accumulation of refuse and manure	27
Animals kept in such a state as to be a nuisance	21
Gipsy encampments	9
Insanitary conditions of farmyards	6
Insanitary conditions of ponds and ditches	6
Unsatisfactory housing conditions and overcrowding	39
Aged or infirmed persons and dirty tenants	14
Obstruction of light to dwellings	5
Obnoxious smells	39
Nuisance caused by excessive noise	8
Unsound food	180
Insanitary state of yards and gardens	16
Requests for disinfection of rooms and bedding	21
Miscellaneous nuisances	46

Total number of complaints received ... 1704

The number of complaints received in 1949 compared with 916 received in 1948 show the growing tendency of the public to make use of the facilities provided by the Public Health Department.

3. SUMMARY OF SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS CARRIED OUT

Roofs repaired	27
Gutters and rain-water pipes repaired	11
Damp wells remedied	42

Wall and ceiling plaster repaired	84
Water waste preventers repaired or renewed ...	10
W.C. pans renewed	6
Water tanks, pipes and fittings renewed or repaired	18
Rooms cleansed or decorated	74
Floors repaired	13
Fresh air inlet repaired	1
Brickwork repointed and repaired	8
Dry rot removed and remedied	2
Doors Repaired	9
Windows repaired	20
Sinks, baths and basins repaired or provided ...	2
Gullies repaired	2
Waste pipes cleared or repaired	9
Firegrates renewed or repaired	12
Chimney flues repaired	2
Manhole covers renewed	5
Soil pipes renewed or repaired	2
Yard paving relaid or repaired	2
Dustbins provided	308
New (house) drains laid	3
Drains cleared	244
Drains sealed off	1
Miscellaneous repairs	19
Infestations of rats and mice abated	692

4. FACTORIES

The following tables show the number of inspections made, defects found and the result of action taken:—

(a) Inspections

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	28	5	—	—
2. Factories not included in 1 to which Section 7 applies	99	68	2	—
(a) Subject to the Local Authority (Transfer of Enforcement) Order, 1938				
(b) Others				
3. Other premises under the Act (excluding outworkers premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	127	73	2	—

(b) Defects found in Factories

	Number of cases in which Defects were found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To. H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	—	1	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including offences relating to home work)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	5	5	—	1	—

5. OUTWORKERS

During 1949, 168 inspections were made to the homes of the 56 outworkers in this district, all of which were found to be in a satisfactory condition.

6. OFFENSIVE TRADES

There are no offensive trades established in this district.

7. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The district is drained by a separate soil and surface water system of drainage. The surface water sewers are discharged into the various natural streams and watercourses, whilst the soil sewers discharge into the main sewers of the West Middlesex Sewerage Scheme.

8. WATER SUPPLY

The water supply for the Ruislip-Northwood area is provided by the Colne Valley Water Company. All dwellings in the area are now served by a piped water supply and the supply during the year has been satisfactory both in quantity and quality.

Reports are received monthly from the Colne Valley Water Company as to the chemical and bacteriological examination of samples of water and these have proved satisfactory.

The water supplied in this area is not plumbo-solvent.

The average hardness of samples of water taken during the year is:—

Total hardness	...	...	20·8
Permanent hardness	...	...	2·6
Temporary hardness	...	...	18·2

All new and repaired mains are chlorinated before being restored to use and samples of water from them are tested bacteriologically to ensure the purity of the water.

9. SWIMMING POOLS

Ruislip Lido.

30 samples of water were obtained and submitted to the Central Health Laboratory and except for one or two unsatisfactory reports during a period of drought all the other samples were satisfactory.

Private Swimming Pools.

All private swimming pools in the district were regularly inspected and samples obtained, all of which were satisfactory.

10. MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are no slaughterhouses or wholesale meat depots in this district. Food shops, restaurants and premises where food is prepared, stored or sold have been frequently inspected and found to be generally satisfactory.

The following list of meat and food condemned were examined in retail shops as a result of complaints from the shopkeepers or the public. This food was destroyed or disposed of in accordance with the instructions of the Salvage Division of the Ministry of food:—

302½lbs. Meat	61lbs. Rabbit
537¾lbs. Tinned Meat	32¼lbs. Tinned Soup
18lbs. Whale Meat	35¾lbs. Pickles
184lbs. Sausages	11½lbs. Sauce
104lbs. Poultry	323lbs. Tinned Vegetables
4¾lbs. Meat Paste	257 Eggs
3,006lbs. Fish	5lbs. Dried Eggs
29lbs. Tinned Fish	54lbs. Flour

114 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. Cereals
27 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. Cheese
605 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Milk (tinned)
6lbs. Cooking Fat
448lbs. Vegetables
146lbs. Tinned Fruit

70lbs. Tinned Jam
47 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Cake, Biscuits
and Pies
98 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. Ice Cream
23 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. Chocolate & Sweets
10 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. Tea

11. MILK SUPPLY

There are in this district:—

17 Retail Distributors
4 Dairies

Producers Licensed by the Middlesex County Council for:—

Accredited Milk—2
Tuberculin Tested Milk—1
Pasteurised Milk—1

From October 1949 the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Middlesex County Council took over the control of milk production in farms and dairies in the district, whilst the Local Authority retained their responsibility for licensing Distributors and Dealers.

11 Dealers' Licences and 9 Supplementary Licences were granted under the Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations 1949 and the Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949.

14 samples of milk were taken for examination by the Methylene Blue Test and the results were satisfactory. Samples were also taken by the Middlesex County Council who are the Food and Drugs Authority in this area.

12. ICE CREAM

There are eleven premises registered for the manufacture of ice cream in the district. Ten of these manufacturers produce ice cream by the hot-mix method involving the use of materials requiring heat treatment as laid down in the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1947, whilst one manufacturer produces ice cream from a complete cold-mix powder.

There are also 67 premises registered for the sale of ice cream in the district.

71 samples were taken during the year for examination by the Methylene Blue Test. These were placed in the following grades:

Grade I.	—	20
Grade II.	—	18
Grade III.	—	12
Grade IV.	—	21

Samples of ice cream for Chemical Analysis are taken by the sampling officers of the Middlesex County Council.

13. FOOD POISONING

During 1949 there was an outbreak of food poisoning involving 6 persons. This outbreak was probably due to Salmonella Organisms contained in shell fish eaten from stalls during a visit to a seaside resort. Specimens of the shell fish were unobtainable for Laboratory examination. There were no deaths.

14. DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

177 premises were disinfected after cases of infectious disease.
72 loads of bedding were disinfected in the Council's steam disinfector.

28 verminous premises were disinfested.

8 loads of verminous bedding and articles were disinfested.

169 wasp nests were destroyed.

50 ant nests were destroyed.

Pools, ditches and stagnant water were treated to control the breeding of mosquitoes.

15. MORTUARY

During the year seven bodies were received in the public mortuary at Pinner Road Council Depot.

16. RODENT CONTROL

During the twelve months ended 31st December, 1949, the following work was carried out under the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919:—

Visits by Rodent Officer and Operatives ...	9321
Premises disinfested for rats and mice ...	692
Complaints received	593
Estimated kill for year	1661

The Council's sewers have been treated by means of a test bait but no trace of rats in the manholes has been found.

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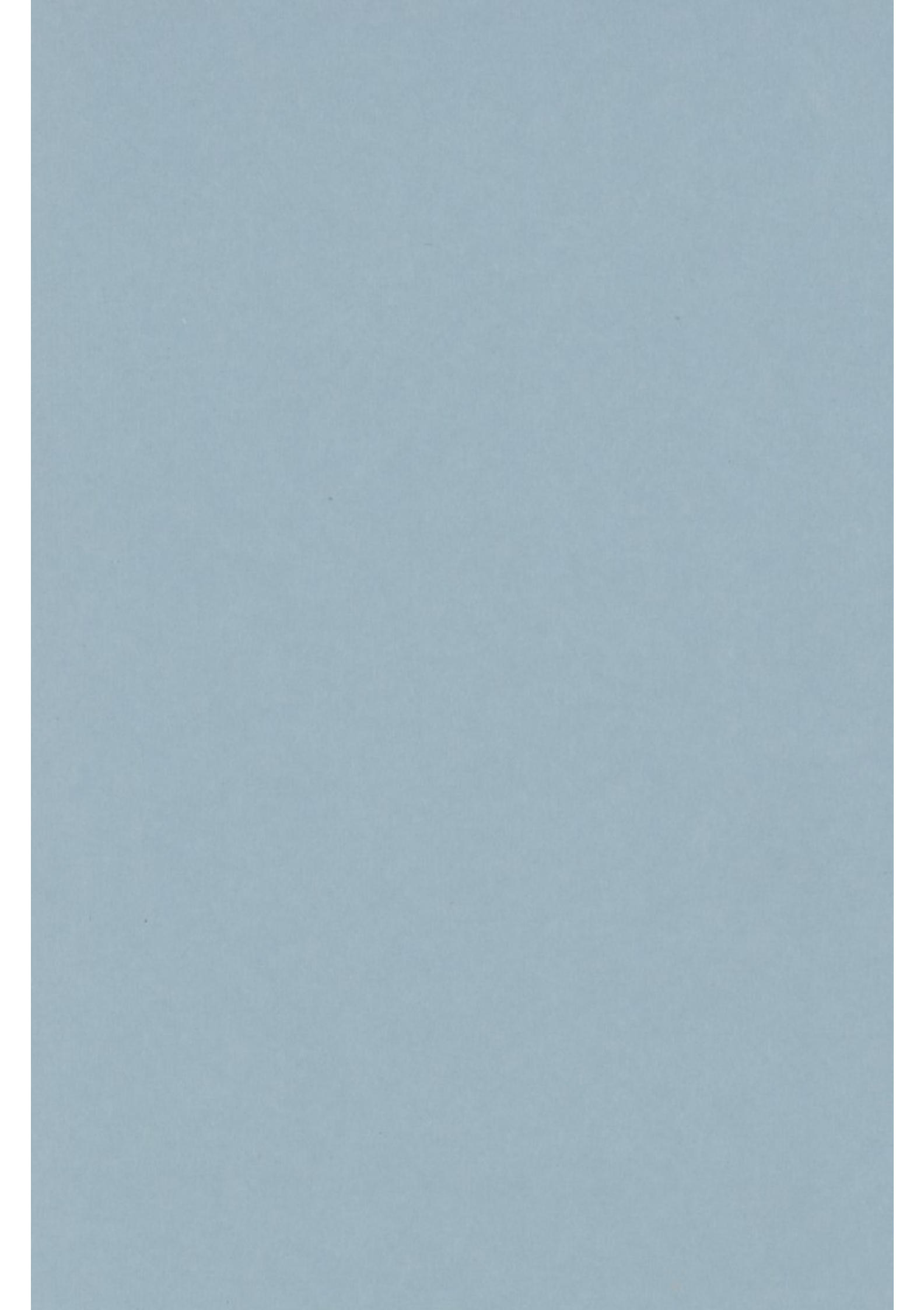
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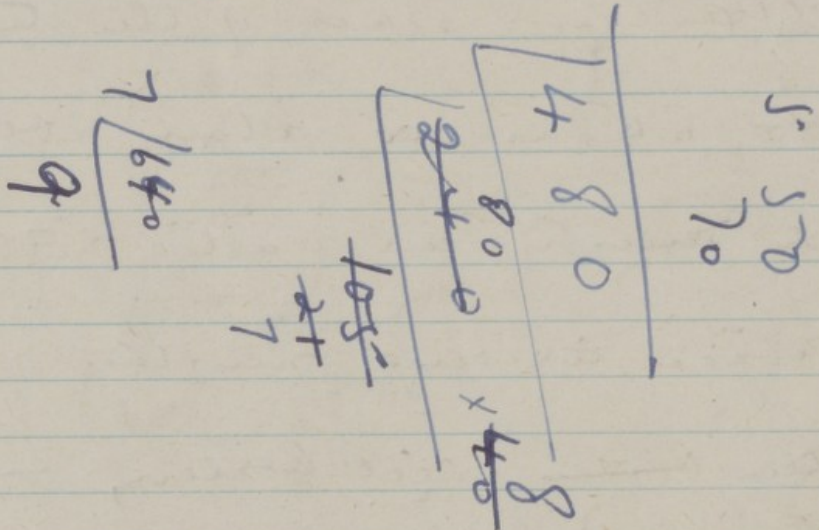
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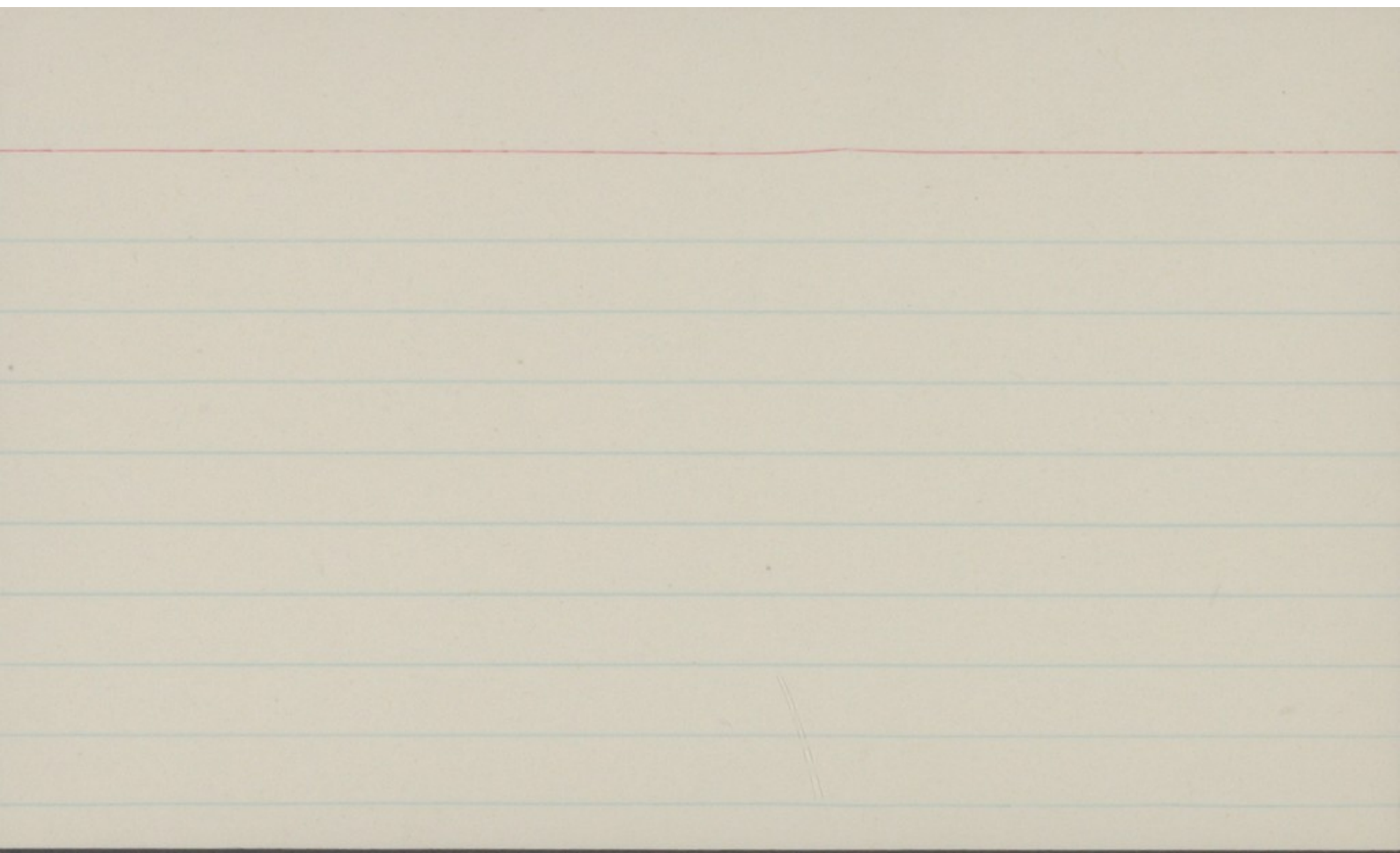


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