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BOROUGH OF ALDERSHOT



Annual Report

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1960



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HEALTH COMMITTEE

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(*ex officio Member of the Committee*)

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Ambulance Brigade), MRS. M. M. PAGE (representing the Aldershot
Town Maternal and Child Welfare Voluntary Committee), MRS. P.
RICHARDSON (representing the British Red Cross Society), MRS. B.
RUNDLE (representing the Women's Voluntary Service for Civil Defence).

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT 31st DECEMBER, 1960

Medical Officer of Health:

Divisional School Medical Officer:

Physician Superintendent, Northfield Hospital:

J. CRAIG LINDSAY, T.D., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector:

Meat and Food Inspector:

Shops Act Inspector:

W. E. ROBERTS, M.A.P.H.I.

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W. H. M. EDWARDS, M.A.P.H.I.

B. BERRY

(appointed 1st July, 1960)

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THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE BOROUGH OF ALDERSHOT

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I wish to present this Annual Report on the health of the Borough for the year 1960 for your consideration and acceptance. It is prepared in accordance with the draft lay-out issued by the Ministry of Health, to whom it requires to be submitted.

My remarks in this introduction are meant to draw attention to the items of interest for the busy reader who might otherwise feel disinclined to plough through the statistical tables which are an important part of the Report and are particularly valuable for reference in later years.

Dealing with the vital statistics of the Borough, we are presented with a very unusual picture indicative of the fact that the area is, in this respect, a very artificial one. A population of 38,180 producing 826 babies in a year, with an infant mortality of 13 infants under 1 year of age, gives us a birth rate well above the National figure and an infant mortality rate of less than three-quarters of the National rate. As we claim no secrets in the Borough in producing children, nor indeed in preserving them, which are not known to other areas, we can only assume that the figures are the result of the artificiality of the Local Government boundary and the fact that in social structure this town is not a balanced entity. It is to be hoped that this state of affairs will receive careful consideration by the Local Government Boundary Commission.

One other abnormal feature of this Borough is the fact that we are constructing and letting houses outside the Borough and it is generally found that the best elements in our young population are being given those houses. Our problem families, therefore, tend to increase in proportion to the others and the vital force of the young people is lost in supporting, maintaining and caring for the elderly, the proportion of which tends to increase as the years go by.

No major epidemiological problems presented themselves during the year. A glance at the table showing the list of Infectious Diseases in the Borough would indicate that it has never been so low. The absence of any cases of poliomyelitis and diphtheria is always a matter for congratulation. Emphasis is continuing to be made on the importance of protection of our children against these two diseases and the absence of any cases undoubtedly makes the necessity for whipping up popular interest by artificial means more important. The rigid control exercised by this Department over any reported cases of infectious disease is maintained and in this respect we are ready for action at a moment's notice.

Everyone is deeply conscious of the increasing incidence of venereal disease throughout the country. Aldershot has always played its part in maintaining an efficient and up to date Special Clinic for early diagnosis and treatment and, what is more important, early reassurance for those requiring it. This Clinic is, of course, now part of the Services of the Regional Hospital Board and has recently been moved from Northfield Hospital to the Aldershot General Hospital in order to make it more accessible to the termini of the bus routes. The fact that Aldershot is the centre of the bus network makes it the most strategic situation for this clinic as the majority of our patients are from elsewhere. The Health Committee recently installed notices throughout the Borough and in conjunction with neighbouring Authorities throughout the whole district, showing times and place of this Clinic.

Much interest was generated in the town in the major hospital development which is promised for this area, and it is gratifying to know that the site selected in the Borough is undoubtedly the best in the area both as regards facilities and also in amenities. The construction of a large general hospital in the town will undoubtedly fill a long felt want and contribute greatly to the early diagnosis of disease which is an almost integral part of prevention which is the primary role of the Local Authority.

The integration of the Borough Health Services and the County Health Services is still maintained albeit by a gentleman's agreement rather than by any statutory obligation. We have suffered greatly from a lack of health visitors in the Borough and in this respect I think we ought to acknowledge the help given by the Public Health Inspectorate for their work, particularly amongst the elderly whose home conditions are beginning to fall beneath that level at which health can be maintained. Much of the work which would be done by health visitors was carried out by the staff of the Health Department and they undoubtedly filled a very important gap. The recruitment of the health visitors, I am glad to say, is now very much better.

This Council has been a Food and Drugs Authority since April, 1959, and the statistical details will be found later in this Report. While we cannot measure our success in this work by referring only to the increased number of Court proceedings, we can claim that by the changeover from County to local supervision we are providing not only sufficient cover for the Borough in regard to inspection, but also that we are providing an advisory service which is just as important to the food traders and which we know is greatly appreciated.

I am,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

J. CRAIG LINDSAY,
Medical Officer of Health.

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1960

VITAL STATISTICS

Estimated population for mid-year 1960 (including non-civilian)	...	...	...	...	...	38,180
Comparability Factor—Births	...	...	...	...	...	1.08
Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	1.63

LIVE BIRTHS		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	...	393	392	785
Illegitimate	...	18	23	41
		—	—	—
Total		411	415	826
		—	—	—

Birth rate per 1,000 population (live births)	
(standardised)	23.1
Birth rate per 1,000 population (live births) (crude)	21.4
(National Rate per 1,000 population 17.1)	

STILL BIRTHS		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	...	4	8	12
Illegitimate	...	1	—	1
		—	—	—
Total		5	8	13
		—	—	—

Still birth rate per 1,000 total (live and still births)	15.5
(National Rate per 1,000 total 19.7)	

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS	416	423	839

DEATHS		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Deaths from all causes	...	172	118	290
Death rate per 1,000 population (crude)	...	...	...	7.6
Death rate per 1,000 population (standardised)	...	...	...	12.3
National rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	11.5
Deaths of Infants under one year of age		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	...	8	4	12
Illegitimate	...	1	—	1
		—	—	—
Total		9	4	13
		—	—	—

Death Rate of Infants under one year

All infants per 1,000 Live Births	...	...	15.7
(National Rate 21.7)			
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	...	...	15.3
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	...	...	24.4
<i>Deaths of Infants under four weeks</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	6	4	10
Illegitimate	1	—	1
	—	—	—
Total	7	4	11
	—	—	—

Death Rate of Infants under four weeks per 1,000

Live Births (National Rate 15.6)	...	...	13.3
<i>Deaths of Infants under one week</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	5	4	9
Illegitimate	—	—	—
	—	—	—
Total	5	4	9
	—	—	—

Death Rate of Infants under one week per 1,000

Live Births	...	...	10.9
Still Births and Deaths under one week combined per 1,000 Live and Still Births	...	...	26.2
Illegitimate Live Births percentage of total Live Births	...	...	= 4.96%
Maternal Deaths	...	...	nil
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births	...	...	nil
Number of domestic houses and flats at 31.3.61	...	...	7,138
Number of commercial premises	...	...	874
Number of licensed premises (excluding Off-licences)	...	...	53
Other premises	...	...	187
Total Rateable Value (31st March, 1961)	...	...	£566,629
Acreage: Civil—1,431. S. Camp—2,745. Total—4,176.			

CLASSIFICATION OF CAUSE OF DEATH ACCORDING TO DISEASE

<i>Cause of Death</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	—	1
2. Tuberculosis, other	—	—	—
3. Syphilitic disease	—	—	—
4. Diphtheria	—	—	—
5. Whooping Cough	—	—	—
6. Meningococcal infections	—	—	—
7. Acute poliomyelitis	—	—	—
8. Measles	—	—	—
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	2	—	2
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	8	2	10
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	15	2	17
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast ...	—	5	5
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus ...	—	1	1
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	10	12	22
15. Leukæmia, aleukæmia	2	—	2
16. Diabetes	—	3	3
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	14	19	33
18. Coronary disease, angina	26	14	40
19. Hypertension with heart disease ...	6	3	9
20. Other heart disease	22	19	41
21. Other circulatory disease	3	2	5
22. Influenza	1	—	1
23. Pneumonia	5	8	13
24. Bronchitis	15	1	16
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	—	1	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	7	2	9
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhœa ...	2	2	4
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	—	2	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	3	—	3
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	—	—	—
31. Congenital malformations	4	—	4
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	16	23
33. Motor vehicle accidents	6	1	7
34. All other accidents	7	2	9
35. Suicide	6	1	7
36. Homicide and operations of war ...	—	—	—
Totals	172	118	290

INCIDENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

	1957	1958	1959	1960
Measles	294	178	184	8
Whooping cough	34	28	1	8
Scarlet fever	8	30	49	23
Malaria (Camp)	1	1	—	—
Dysentery	2	4	8	14
Meningococcal infection	2	2	—	—
Puerperal pyrexia	4	11	6	8
Pneumonia	2	—	6	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid fever	—	—	—	—
Acute encephalitis—Infective	—	—	—	—
Post-infectious	—	—	—	—
Acute poliomyelitis—Paralytic	1	1	2	—
Non-paralytic	—	2	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	1	—	—
Food poisoning	2	1	—	1
Erysipelas	—	1	—	1
Pulmonary tuberculosis	19	18	15	18
Non-pulmonary tuberculosis	—	1	—	2

HOSPITAL SERVICES

CIVIL :

Aldershot Hospital:

General	29 beds
Maternity	16 beds
Children	13 beds

Outpatients' Department includes Surgical (including plastic and oral surgery), Medical, Gynæcological, Ante-natal, E.N.T., Pediatric, Ophthalmic, Dental, Special Treatment (V.D.) (opened on 2nd January, 1961), Psychiatric and Pathological facilities. Northfield Hospital (admits military personnel):

Acute Medical Ward	14 beds (7 male, 7 female)
Infectious Diseases	24 beds
(closed from 11th March, 1960, and re-opened on 16th September, 1960)	

Chronic Sick Ward	16 beds (female)
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Outpatients' Department includes Chest Clinic, Laundry and Disinfecting Station.

MILITARY (admits civilian personnel):

Cambridge Hospital	450 beds
Louise Margaret Hospital	66 beds

TUBERCULOSIS

The incidence of notified cases during the past four years is shown below. The slightly higher number of cases notified in 1960 was due to the visit of the Mobile X-ray Unit to the town in June, when a record of 2,653 members of the general public were X-rayed. At the same time visits were made to large industrial establishments in the area when a further 2,206 people were X-rayed. An extract from the Annual Report of the Medical Director of the Mass Radiography Service is set out below.

Extract from Annual Report of the Mass Radiography Service.

Local Authority Area	Male	Female	Total	Significant Pulmonary Tuberculosis		Primary lung cancer	
				Male	Female	Male	Female
Farnham U.D.	1,198	1,428	2,626	1	1		
Guildford B.	817	1,102	1,919	—	—		
Guildford R.	172	27	199	—	—		
Woking U.	228	261	489	—	—	1	
Aldershot B. (Hants)	2,762	2,732	5,494	3	1	3	1
Farnborough U.D.C. (Hants)	3,933	706	4,639	5	2	3	

A hard core of cases, some 20 to 30, continue to be diagnosed and notified each year. For 1960 some 18 new pulmonary cases were found as well as 2 non-pulmonary infections. This hard core appears to defeat every effort at prevention. It may be, however, that our facilities in the Borough for early diagnosis are so efficient and so readily available that this does tend to bring cases to notice earlier.

The Mass Radiography Unit continues to make a weekly visit to the Car Park at the rear of the Church of England Institute, Victoria Road, Aldershot, every Monday from 11.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. and is available for cases from the surrounding area. The facilities are available free of charge to all who require them.

During the latter part of the year, Heaf testing of children of 13 years of age at schools in the Borough was commenced. Where there was no positive reaction, B.C.G. vaccination was given. The selection of this particular age group was to ensure some protection for these young people when they start work.

				Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
				Males	Females	Males	Females
1956	...	...	...	18	11	—	3
1957	...	...	...	14	5	—	—
1958	...	...	...	10	8	1	—
1959	...	...	...	12	3	—	—
1960	...	...	...	8	10	2	—

IMMUNIZATION AND VACCINATION PROCEDURES

Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/Tetanus Immunization.

The figures showing the amount of work done in each case are shown at Tables I and II. Children are dealt with by their own general practitioners or at a centralised clinic, depending on the parents' choice. The work is now so well known that procedures are more or less routine.

The number of injections given were undoubtedly affected by the large amount of work carried out in connection with the poliomyelitis vaccination scheme. Efforts will be made to improve the number of booster doses given during the coming year.

Towards the end of the year the notified cases of diphtheria from other parts of the country caused an increase in the number of enquiries from parents regarding diphtheria immunization, and the Ministry showed some concern at the failure by many parents to ensure that their children were immunized.

Arrangements were put in hand to fit in visits to infant schools as soon as possible to ensure that young children had all received a course of injections or the necessary booster dose on entering school.

Poliomyelitis Vaccination.

	Children born in the years 1943-1960	Adults born 1933-1942	All other groups
Number of records of completed third injections			
Up to 1959	4,685	1,553	888
During 1960	1,842	2 644	1,823
	6,527	4,197	2,711
Total number of third injections given	13,435		

The foregoing table shows the progress made with poliomyelitis vaccination during the year.

The number vaccinated is most satisfactory, comparing favourably with other districts and indicating the very hard work put in by all concerned with the campaign.

Regular clinics were again held throughout the year and special publicity carried out, particularly when the announcement was made by the Ministry early in the year that vaccination could be offered to all persons up to the age of 40 years.

Arrangements were made in July for the visit of a Mobile Vaccination Unit to the town on 29th and 30th July and from 15th to 20th August. This was a great success and over 2,000 injections were given by this means.

Smallpox Vaccination.

The County Medical Officer has enabled me to give the figures shown in the following table of the vaccinal state of the children in Aldershot and surrounding districts.

Babies vaccinated in Hampshire in 1959-60—under twelve months—expressed as a percentage of live births in respective years.

	1959 %	1960 %
URBAN		
Aldershot M.B.	61.1	53.6
Andover M.B.	58.4	65.8
Basingstoke M.B.	73.0	73.9
Farnborough U.D.	72.2	68.3
Fleet U.D.	64.4	53.1
Gosport M.B.	70.8	59.6
Winchester City	67.1	58.0
RURAL		
Alton R.D.	87.9	91.6
Basingstoke R.D.	60.4	76.1
Hartley Wintney R.D.	94.7	87.2
COUNTY	65.6	61.5

The fact that many countries require Certificates indicating that visitors have been vaccinated against smallpox has caused an increase in the number of adults being vaccinated. Before people leave for abroad Vaccination Certificates duly confirmed by the Local Authority have to be obtained.

TABLE I

IMMUNIZATION SCHEME

The following statistics show the work done during 1960:

Age at date of final primary injection (as regards col. 2) or of booster injection (as regards col. 3)			Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunization during the year 1960	Number of children who received a secondary (booster) injection during the year 1960
(1)			(2)	(3)
Diphtheria Immunization alone				
Under 1	...	...	—	—
1 to 4	...	...	5	5
5 to 14	...	...	56	172
Total	...	...	61	177
Combined Diphtheria/Whooping Cough Immunization				
Under 1	...	...	—	—
1 to 4	...	...	—	2
5 to 14	...	...	17	23
Total	...	...	17	25
Triple Immunization (Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/Tetanus)				
Under 1	...	...	152	—
1 to 4	...	...	103	4
5 to 14	...	...	10	46
Total	...	...	265	50
Whooping Cough Immunization alone				
Under 1	...	...	—	—
1 to 4	...	...	1	1
5 to 14	...	...	—	—
Total	...	...	1	1

TABLE II**IMMUNIZATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA IN RELATION
TO CHILD POPULATION**

Number of children in the district on 31st December, 1960, who have completed a course of diphtheria immunization at any time between 1st January, 1946, and 31st December, 1960:

Age on 31.12.60 (i.e. born in year)	Under 1 (1960)	1—4 (1956-59)	5—9 (1951-55)	10—14 (1946-50)	Under 15 Total
A. Number of children who have completed course (primary or booster) in the period 1956-60	355	1,567	1,777	382	4,081
B. Number of children who have completed course) primary or booster) in the period 1946-55	—	—	779	2 593	3,372

MORTUARY

The following statistics refer to the year under review:

Total number of subjects admitted to Mortuary	109
Cases admitted from the Borough of Aldershot	32
Cases admitted from outside Borough ...	77
Number of post mortems held ...	102

The installation of the refrigeration plant was completed before the hot weather started, and this greatly improved the hygienic conditions at the Mortuary.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS

<i>Description</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Where held</i>	<i>Times*</i>	<i>By whom held</i>
Child Welfare Centres	Child Welfare	Manor Park House	Mondays, 2 p.m.	Hampshire County Council
		St. Augustine's Church Hall	Thursdays, 2 p.m.	Hampshire County Council
		Stanhope Lines	Mondays, 2 p.m.	Hampshire County Council
		Wellington Lines	Thursdays, 2 p.m.	Hampshire County Council
Ante-Natal Clinics	Examination and supervision of expectant mothers	Manor Park House	Thursdays, 2 p.m. (Dr. Page)	Hampshire County Council
Immunization Clinic	Protection of children against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus, and also poliomyelitis vaccination	School Clinic	1st Wednesday in month, 2—3.30 p.m.	Hampshire County Council (Aldershot Borough Council acting as agent)
School Health Clinic	Treatment of minor ailments and medical inspections	School Clinic	*	Hampshire County Council (Local Education Authority)
Dental Clinic	Dental treatment of school-children	School Clinic	Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturday mornings	Hampshire County Council (Local Education Authority)
Ophthalmic Clinic	Examination of ophthalmic cases and prescription of spectacles	Aldershot Hospital	*Every Thursday — by appointment only	Regional Hospital Board
Audiometric Clinic	Hearing testing of school-children	School Clinic	*1st Thursday in month at 9.30 a.m.—by appointment only	Hampshire County Council (Local Education Authority)
Orthopaedic Clinic	Examination and supervision of muscle joint defects	School Clinic	*1st Tuesday in month—morning session	Regional Hospital Board
Remedial Exercises	Treatment of orthopaedic cases	School Clinic	*Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays—in afternoon	Regional Hospital Board

* Normally by appointment

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS—continued

<i>Description</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Where held</i>	<i>Times*</i>	<i>By whom held</i>
Child Guidance Clinic	Child guidance	Manor Park House	*Tuesdays, 2 p.m. All day Wednesday Fridays, 2 p.m.	Hampshire County Council (Local Education Authority)
Speech Therapy Clinic	Correction of speech defects	School Clinic	*Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays—all day	Hampshire County Council (Local Education Authority)
Chest Clinic	Examination of suspected cases of tuberculosis	Northfield Hospital	*Clinic:— Mondays, 9.15 a.m. Tuesdays, 1.30 p.m. Thursdays, 9.15 a.m. Thursdays, 3 p.m. New patients:— Mondays, 11 a.m. Emergencies:— Thursdays, 11.30 a.m. *Monthly— by appointment	Regional Hospital Board
Bronchitic Clinic	B.C.G. vaccination	Northfield Hospital	*2nd Monday in month— 2 p.m.	Regional Hospital Board
Special Clinic	Treatment of cases of bronchitis Treatment of venereal disease	Aldershot General Hospital	Males:— Wednesdays, 5–7 p.m. Females: Mondays, 10 a.m.– 12.30 p.m. Wednesdays, 2–4 p.m.	Regional Hospital Board
Family Planning Clinic	Birth control	Manor Park House	1st, 2nd and 3rd Fridays in month, 2–4 p.m. 4th Friday in month— 11 a.m.–4 p.m.	Women's Voluntary Organization

* Normally by appointment

SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

(a) **Water Supply.**

I am indebted to the Chief Engineer, Mid-Wessex Water Company, Frimley Green, for the following information which is submitted on the lines set out in the Ministry of Health circular 1/60.

- (i) Water is supplied by the Mid-Wessex Water Company and is obtained from wells at Boxalls Lane and Lasham. An adequate supply for all purposes without restriction was maintained throughout the year.
- (ii) Samples of water were taken regularly and frequently by the Company before and after treatment at the works, and in supply. They were examined chemically and bacteriologically by their resident chemists and bacteriologists and in addition samples were submitted to an independent specialist for report at regular intervals. The reports during the year on all samples of treated water at the works and in supply have shown a consistently high standard of organic and bacterial purity. Precautionary chlorination treatment is applied continuously at all sources.
- (iii) The water distributed in part of the Aldershot area is a normal chalk and lower greensand blended water, the remaining part being supplied by base-exchange softened chalk water, neither of which has any plumbo-solvent action.
- (iv) No action was necessary, so far as the Company was concerned, to deal with any form of contamination.
- (v) (a) There are 7,224 connections in the Borough of Aldershot, supplying an estimated population of about 40,000.
(b) We believe there are no premises supplied by standpipe.

(b) **Hardness of Water, 1960.**

Regular analyses have been carried out in order to chart the total hardness of water in the Borough. The following results have been obtained:

				<i>Parts per 100 000</i>	
				<i>1959</i>	<i>1960</i>
January	...	...	...	18.5	18.5
February	...	...	...	16.0	19.0
March	...	...	...	15.5	—
April	...	...	...	17.5	11.0
May	...	...	...	19.5	9.0
June	...	...	...	17.5	21.5
July	...	...	...	13.3	22.5
August	...	...	...	17.0	13.5
September	...	...	...	19.0	14.5
October	...	...	...	22.0	22.5 & 20.5
November	...	...	...	18.0	17.0
December	...	...	...	16.5	17.0

(c) Aldershot Swimming Pool.

Samples were taken from the Aldershot Swimming Pool regularly during the summer months.

A sample taken in July showed the presence of coliform bacilli Type I, but following treatment of the water future samples were found to be satisfactory.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

I am indebted to the Borough Surveyor for the following report on drainage and sewerage for this area:

"The Contract for the reconstruction of the Sewage Works has progressed throughout the year but, owing to labour difficulties in the area, the Borough Engineer and Surveyor informs me that the work is behind schedule. However, due to the efforts of the Sewage Works Manager it has been possible, with difficulty, to maintain the effluent standard from the existing Works to the requirements of the Thames Conservancy.

"It has not been possible to deal with the flooding problem which occurs in the Rowhill Avenue/Weybourne Road area during times of summer storms, as the remedial works required are to be sited outside the Borough and all the necessary clearances from the Authorities concerned have not, as yet, been obtained."

HOUSING

Houses, etc., completed during 1960.

				Houses		Flats		Adaptations
				Private	Council	Private	Council	by private
				Enterprise		Enterprise		Enterprise
January	...	...	...	1	—	—	6	—
February	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	2
March	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	2
April	...	...	...	2	—	—	—	—
May	...	...	...	8	—	—	6	—
June	...	...	...	4	—	—	—	—
July	...	...	...	1	—	—	—	—
August	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—
September	...	...	...	—	—	—	6	—
October	...	...	...	2	—	—	—	—
November	...	...	...	1	—	—	4	—
December	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—
				19	—	—	22	4

ANALYSIS OF APPLICATIONS FOR HOUSING ACCOMMODATION—APPENDIX III

CIVILIAN CASES	FAMILY GROUP														TOTAL
	S	M.C.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A.C.	W		
In Rooms in Borough Working in Borough..	20	63	48	33	10	4	1	2	—	—	—	5	31	217	
In Rooms in Borough Working outside Borough ..	4	34	39	27	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	117	
In Rooms outside Borough Working in Borough..	2	13	15	3	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	37	
In Rooms outside Borough Working outside Borough ..	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	
Tenant in Borough Working in Borough..	4	40	34	24	7	8	5	1	1	—	—	29	39	192	
Tenant in Borough Working outside Borough ..	1	5	12	7	5	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	34	
Tenant outside Borough Working in Borough..	2	4	3	9	3	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	27	
Tenant outside Borough Working outside Borough ..	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	4	
Living in Military Quarters ..	1	7	2	5	2	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	22	
Husband & wife living apart due to hsg.posn.	—	—	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	
Naval Personnel ..	—	2	5	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	
TOTAL:	34	171	164	111	37	23	10	3	1	—	1	38	78	671	
SERVICE CASES:	—	17	27	40	14	7	3	1	2	—	1	—	—	112	

SUMMARY OF HOUSING APPLICATIONS

YEAR	FAMILY GROUP													
	Married				Aged									
	Single	Couples	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Couples	W'ds.	TOTAL
CIVILIAN	1944/50	2	9	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	14
	1951	—	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
	1952	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	7
	1953	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5
	1954	—	4	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	11
	1955	1	6	2	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	18
	1956	—	7	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	4	7	24
	1957	6	28	13	10	8	3	1	—	—	—	7	22	100
	1958	2	18	27	21	5	5	1	—	—	—	11	11	101
	1959	7	29	39	31	5	5	1	—	—	—	6	11	139
	1960	13	62	79	42	14	8	—	1	—	1	7	18	247
	TOTAL	34	171	164	111	37	23	10	3	1	1	38	78	671
DEFERRED CASES: TOTAL		2	16	25	29	10	3	2	—	—	—	—	2	89
SERVICE CASES	1944/50	—	1	1	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	7
	1951	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2
	1952	—	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
	1953	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
	1954	—	—	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
	1955	—	—	4	2	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	9
	1956	—	1	1	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
	1957	—	2	3	3	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	10
	1958	—	1	4	4	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	14
	1959	—	2	5	6	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17
	1960	—	9	8	9	4	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	33
	TOTAL	—	17	27	40	14	7	3	1	2	1	—	—	112

SECTION PREPARED BY THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

INTRODUCTION

It is my pleasure to prepare this part of the Annual Report for 1960, dealing with the work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors.

All matters pertaining to public health were dealt with as expeditiously as possible.

The appointment of an Additional Inspector during the year enabled a hundred per cent. inspection of all food animals slaughtered in the Camp and Town to be maintained.

Our Slum Clearance programme has been somewhat delayed owing to the difficulties being experienced in obtaining new housing accommodation, but the prospect for 1961 appears much brighter with the Heron Wood Development.

I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Council, members of the Health Committee, the Medical Officer of Health and both the technical and clerical staff of the Department for their continued loyalty and co-operation.

W. E. ROBERTS,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Regular inspection of the area was maintained and the following is a summary of the visits made during the year.

HOUSING ACTS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89
PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	570
Drainage and Drain Testing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	182
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Verminous Premises (All Types)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	177
Water Supply and Sampling	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	88
Vacant Lands and Dumps	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Watercourses and Ditches, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Keeping of Animals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Theatres and Cinemas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Swimming Pool	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
SHOPS ACT	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53
FACTORY ACT	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60
PET ANIMALS ACT	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	721
Rats and Mice	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,912
Works in Progress	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	128
Interviews with Owners, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	143
Council Houses prior to vacation and Prospective Tenants for Council	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	296
Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Common Lodging House	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Houses let-in-lodgings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Certificates of Disrepair	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Chicken Factory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	407
General Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

Nuisances and Other Matters dealt with.

Defective cisterns, pipes and taps	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Choked and defective drains	...	...	...	...	...	...	108
Rooms treated for vermin	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Wasps Nests	...	...	...	...	...	...	165

Drainage.

The drains in connection with five houses were found to be defective and subject to partial reconstruction in each instance.

Housing.

The second five year programme was commenced, although it could not proceed as anticipated owing to the difficulty experienced in providing alternative accommodation. The Corporation are now building a variety of types of houses on the Heron Wood Estate so that this should, in 1961, alleviate to some extent our rehousing problem.

The Park Mansion which has been used by the Council for a number of years and accommodated some twelve families, was closed. It is the intention of the Corporation to demolish this building and erect old folks' dwellings on the site.

One Clearance Area comprising of four houses accommodating five families was subject to Official Representation and was confirmed by the Minister.

Four Individual Houses which included the Common Lodging House were demolished during the year.

At the end of the year there were still 872 families on the Council's waiting list, an increase of 78 on the previous year.

The following is a summary of progress made towards the provision of new houses.

1. Permanent houses and flats provided by the Council during the year 22
2. Houses erected by private enterprise during the year ... 19

Housing defects are usually dealt with by means of informal notices and the response by property owners continues to be fairly good. One hundred and seventeen notices were served during the year.

Housing Repairs.

Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
Eavesgutters repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Rain-water pipes repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Walls and ceiling plasterwork renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
Floors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Skirting Boards repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Fascia Boards provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Firegrates repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Ranges repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Windows repaired and made to open	...	...	...	...	...	...	49

Window sills repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Doors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Weatherboards repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Doorsteps repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Stairs retreaded	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Damp walls remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
New air bricks provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Water Closets repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Wastepipes repaired or provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Yard Paving repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Brickwork repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Cisterns, pipes and taps repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Ventshafts renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
New sinks provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Drain Inspection Chamber Covers provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Coppers renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ventilated foodstores provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Rooms redecorated	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

Rent Act, 1957.

Certificates of Disrepair.

1. Number of Applicants for Certificates	...	...	...	...	...	6
2. Number of decisions not to issue Certificates	...	...	...	...	...	0
3. Number of decisions to issue Certificates	...	...	...	...	...	6
(a) in respect of some but not all defects	...	...	...	...	...	4
(b) in respect of all defects	...	...	...	...	...	2
4. Number of undertakings given by Landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	...	...	...	...	...	5
5. Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	...	...	...	...	...	0
6. Number of Certificates issued	...	...	...	...	...	1

A Sub-Committee of the Health Committee deals with applications for Certificates of Disrepair. The surfeit of applications which was first anticipated when this Act was introduced has certainly not materialised in this Borough.

Moveable Dwellings.

The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, came into effect on 29th August, 1960, and conferred upon the Local Authorities effective powers for controlling caravan sites, and strengthening the powers of planning authorities. It introduced a new licensing system to be administered by County Borough and County District Councils. The aim of the Act is to secure that all caravan sites, whether residential or holiday, are properly equipped and run and that sites are not allowed in the wrong places.

Caravans do not present a major problem in this Borough and one Licence was granted to station a Caravan during the year.

Common Lodging House.

1960 saw the last registered Common Lodging House disappear in this district. These particular premises had been in existence for well over half a century and did not measure up to modern

standards. The premises, together with the two adjoining properties, were made the subject of demolition orders and were demolished during the latter part of the year.

Shops Act, 1950.

During the year 53 visits were made under this Act. It was again necessary to warn small shopkeepers regarding the infringements being committed in respect to Weekly Half-Day Closing and also with regard to Sunday Trading.

It is hoped that within the foreseeable future a new Act will rectify some of the anomalies already existing, especially in regard to Mobile Shops and Sunday Trading.

Rodent and Insect Control.

One man is employed for Rodent Control work and he also assists with insect pest control work. Details of the work carried out during the year are summarised as follows:

	Type of Property				Total
	L. Auth.	Dwell.	H. Bus. & Ind.	Agri.	
1. No of premises inspected	7	434	106	—	547
2. No. of premises found to be infested by rats	1	40	1	—	42
3. No. of premises found to be infested by mice	1	114	2	—	117
4. No. of inspected premises treated by L. Authority	2	154	3	—	159
5. No. of visits (Treatments and Inspections, etc.)—	1,912				

Total Quantity of Material used:—

4 cwt. Pinhead Oatmeal.	28 lbs. Lard.
4 cwt. Cut Wheat.	36 lbs. Castor Sugar.
150 lbs. Stale Bread.	5 Gallons Linseed Oil.
1,000 Paper Bags (used in Sewer Treatment)	

Total Quantity of Poison used:—

84 lbs. Warfarin No. 5.	84 lbs. Cymag.
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Zinc Phosphide.	1 lb. Paranitrophenol.

The Council's properties, including the Sewage Works and Refuse Tip, were kept under regular supervision and control during the year.

No charges are made for work carried out at private dwelling-houses. The two Hospitals and a few business premises have a twelve month contract for rodent eradication, other business premises are treated and a charge is made on the actual cost of the work.

The service and assistance now given is generally appreciated by the public, and owners and occupiers have been most co-operative in carrying out proofing work where found necessary.

Co-operation is maintained with the Army Authorities, who are responsible for Rodent Control work on War Department property.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

No formal action was necessary under this Act, all work being done by informal action. Thirty Informal Notices were served.

Rodent Treatment of Sewers.

Two Maintenance Treatments of Sewers were carried out during the year in accordance with the Ministry's requirements.

It has been found by experience that rats in some areas were inhabiting the house drains in preference to the sewers, so it was decided to treat Inspection Chambers in these areas in addition to the manholes.

In one instance 130 Inspection Chambers were baited; of these 34 showed takes on one or both days, proving that better results are thus obtained by extension of the baiting area.

North Hants Rodent Control Committee.

The Council is a constituent member of the above Committee which comprises of the Boroughs of Aldershot and Basingstoke, the Farnborough and Fleet Urban District Councils, and the Alton, Basingstoke and Hartley Wintney Rural District Councils. The representatives on this Committee comprise of one member of the Local Authority together with the Chief Public Health Inspector of the district. The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Aldershot Military District also send representatives. During the latter part of the year, Alton Urban District Council joined this Committee.

Meetings of the Committee are still held quarterly, and serve a very useful purpose of co-operation between Authorities and much information is obtained from the Ministry's Technical Officers.

Insect Pests.

The public still call on the Department to deal with all kinds of pests, and these have included Fleas, Cockroaches, Ants, Flies, Foxes, Squirrels, Rabbits and Moles.

The Local Authority give a free service for the eradication of Wasps and 165 nests were destroyed during the year.

Disinfestation of Premises.

An inspection is made of the accommodation and of furniture and bedding of all families allocated Council houses. Any vermin infestation thus discovered is dealt with before removal.

The treatment consists of spraying with liquid insecticide containing DDT and removal of bedding to Northfield Hospital for steam disinfestation.

The disinfestation of verminous premises and articles carried out by the Health Department during the year were:

Houses inspected for vermin	...	...	...	...	210
Houses found to be verminous	...	...	...	...	7
Rooms sprayed for vermin	...	...	...	...	20

Disinfections.

No. of rooms disinfected after infectious, contagious and other diseases	...	...	...	...	...	7
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Bedding was subjected to steam disinfection and disinfestation comprising:—

Mattresses	...	...	...	...	...	4
Pillows	...	...	...	...	...	13
Bolsters	...	...	...	...	...	2
Blankets	...	...	...	...	...	44
Sheets	...	...	...	...	...	6
Eiderdowns	...	...	...	...	...	3
Bed cover	...	...	...	...	...	1

Smoke Abatement

The Council have made Bye-laws under the provisions of the Clean Air Act but no Smoke Control Areas were made during the year. This area is not highly industrial, and the main source of air pollution is the domestic chimney. Householders are advised to instal modern solid fuel burning appliances which, if properly used, not only reduce the smoke emitted, but are more economical in operation.

Rag Flock Act, 1951.

There are no premises registered under the Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act.

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

Five applications were received for the renewal of Licences, and in each instance were granted subject to the observance of certain conditions. Your Public Health Inspectors are appointed authorised officers for the administration of the Act.

SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES

Inspection of Meat.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food continued their training scheme for graders at the R.A.S.C. Abattoir. The meat inspectors maintained the necessary 100% inspection at this Abattoir and also at the one private Slaughterhouse in the Borough.

**TABLE SHOWING ANIMALS INSPECTED AND MEAT
CONDEMNED AT SLAUGHTERHOUSES**

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	2209	366	167	2397	1842
Number Inspected	2209	366	167	2397	1842
All Diseases except T.B. and Cysticerci					
Whole Carcases Condemned	1	1	3	8	4
Parts	1065	193	4	172	230
Percentage	48.3%	53%	4.2%	7.5%	12.7%
T.B. Only					
Whole Carcases Condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Parts	5	5	—	—	58
Percentage	0.2%	1.4%	—	—	3.1%
Cysticercosis					
Parts	10	1	—	—	—
Carcases treated by Refrigeration	10	1	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—

INSPECTION OF OTHER FOOD

The following quantities of other food were condemned after inspection at Food Shops and Food Preparing Premises:

(a) **Meat and Meat Products.**

109 lbs. K dney	13 lbs. Cooked Ham
439 lbs. Beef	1 P.g's Head (10 lbs.)
1 Gammon (8 lb. 12 oz.)	24 lbs. Pork
26½ lbs. Liver.	4 lbs. Chopped Pork Veal.
14 Chickens	

(b) **Groceries, Fruit, etc.**

6 Pk.s. Cake Mix	21 cwt. Nuts
26 Cornish Pasties	121 lbs. Flour
60 lbs. Prunes	6 lbs. Apples
70 Pies	20 Pineapples

(c) **Canned Goods, etc.**

4 tins Ham	12 oz. tin Minced Meat Loaf
7 bottles Gherkins	6 lb. tin Shoulder Ham
5 jars Gherkins	1 lb. tin Irish Stew
12 6-lb. tins Corned Beef	8 jars Miscellaneous Foodstuffs
4 6-lb. tins Jellied Veal	357 tins Miscellaneous Foodstuffs

(d) **Fish.**

42 lbs. Cod Liver.

	<i>lbs.</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>cwts.</i>	<i>qtrs.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>
Total of Other Food Condemned ...	4,147	or 1	17	—	3

These foods are collected and disposed of at the controlled tip under supervision.

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FOOD, INCLUDING DISEASED MEAT, ETC., CONDEMNED DURING THE YEAR:—

<i>lbs.</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>cwts.</i>	<i>qtrs.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>
26,510	or 11	16	2	22

The Meat (Staining and Sterilisation) Regulations, 1960, came into force on the 1st November, 1960. We now have a set of Regulations to control the disposal of meat unfit for human consumption as well as meat which originates in a Knacker's Yard. The new Regulations may not perhaps be as stringent as many public health inspectors would have liked, but at least they do make a reasonable measure of control possible.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958.

The number of slaughtermen on the Register at the 31st December, 1960, was 9.

Ice Cream.

Periodical inspections are made of the storage depots in the area and of vehicles entering the Borough from other districts.

There now remains only one small manufacturer of ice cream in the Borough, all other ice cream being supplied to the various shops by the big manufacturers.

Some 11 samples were taken during the summer months and the results were as follows:

Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
5	4	1	1

Milk Supply.

There are no producers of milk in the Borough. Two hundred and sixteen samples of milk, including school milk, were submitted for examination and all proved satisfactory.

The following licences were issued during the year:

Number of Dairies on Register	...	...	...	3
Dealers Licenced to use the Designation Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...	...	4
Dealers Licenced to use the Designation Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	4
Supplementary Licences issued for Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...	...	1
Supplementary Licences issued for Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	1
Supplementary Licences issued for Sterilised Milk	...	...	...	2
Dealer's (Pasteuriser's) Licence	...	...	...	1

During the year the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960, replaced the Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949 to 1954, and the Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949 to 1953.

The principle changes will be:

1. All Dealers' Licences to be issued by the Food and Drugs Authority.
2. Dealers' Licences no longer restricts sales to the area of the Licensing Authority.
3. Discontinuation of Supplementary Licences.
4. New form of Dealer's Licence.
5. Licences valid for 5 years and Prescribed Tests specified.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955

Food Hygiene will always present problems to Public Health Inspectors and to many of these problems there is no complete answer. Good food hygiene is very largely dependent upon personal behaviour and there can never be any guarantee that any individual will always behave as he should. The safety of our food is (literally and metaphorically) in the hands of the employees.

The importance of cleanly practices is continually being stressed to all food traders and others handling food.

Number and Type of Food Trades and Premises in the District.

Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Ice Cream Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Bakers' Confectionery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Butchers registered for Manufacture of Sausages, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Chicken Factory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Fish Fryers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	94
Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Public Houses and Hotels	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
Off Licences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Restaurants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Clubs, places of entertainment	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Wholesalers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Factory Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
School Kitchens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Hospitals, Nurseries, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

When infringements of the Regulations are found on inspection an informal notice is served, detailing the infringements and specifying the work necessary to rectify them.

Food Premises.

A number of the food shops have introduced new equipment and more and more use is being made of wrappings to protect food when handled and more attention is being paid to the protection of unwrapped food on retail sale.

The food handler must be educated so that he realises his responsibilities and the support and assistance of the public is most important in any clean food campaign.

Visits to Food Premises.

Slaughterhouse Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	721
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	84
Fishmongers and Poulterers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	82
Grocers and Other Food Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	139
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Ice Cream Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Restaurants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	102
Food Stalls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Other Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
Vehicles and Stalls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Inspection of Unsound Food	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

During the year 112 samples were taken for analysis and reported upon as follows:

Formal

Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Milk (Channel Islands)	...	...	...	...	...	...	16

Informal

Pork Sausages	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Beef Sausages	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Steak Pie	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Pork Pie	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Steak and Kidney Pie	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Meat Pie	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Apple Pie	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cheese Spreads	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Croquettes	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Soups	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Sweets (various)	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Miscellaneous Samples	...	...	...	...	...	...	42

The following Prosecutions were taken under the above Act:

1. Blood-stained bandage in loaf of bread.
Firm fined £10 with 3 guineas costs.
2. Fruit malt loaf containing nail.
Firm fined £10 with 3 guineas costs.
3. Bread containing pieces of mortar.
Firm fined £20 with costs.
4. Marshmallow kup-cake containing cockroach.
Firm fined £10 with 5 guineas costs.
5. Wrapped loaf of bread containing piece of cloth and wrapping paper.
Firm fined £10 with 2 guineas costs.
6. Wrapped sliced loaf containing pieces of wire.
Firm fined £10 with 2 guineas costs.

The following complaints were received but, after due consideration of all material facts, proceedings were not instituted but warnings sent to the traders concerned.

- (a) Mouldy pork pie.
- (b) Carton of ground almonds containing live maggots.
- (c) $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. packet of margarine—gnawed by mice.

A sample of meat pie was found to be of inferior quality and not of the nature of a steak pie. A reasonable minimum meat content for either a meat or steak pie should be at least 20%. A warning letter was sent to the manufacturer concerned.

Factories Act, 1937 to 1959.

There are 132 factories on the register and the following is a list of trades carried on therein.

Battery Manufacturers	Bakers
Beer Fining	Briar Pipe Maker
Boot Repairers	Coffin Maker
Cardboard Cartons	Concrete Products
Cycle Repairers	Dressmaker
Dairy	Electric Blanket Makers
Electrical Engineering	Light Engineering
Firewood Merchants	French Polisher
Glass Cutter	Hatter
Joinery and Timber Products	Knitwear
Laundries	Laundrettes
Mineral Water Manufacturer	Medal Maker
Motor Repairs	Musical Instrument Maker
Manufacturing Chemist	Marine Store
Opticians	Plumbers
Printing	Polo Stick Manufacturer
Photographers	Radio and T.V. Repai ers
Sausage Makers	Sculptor (Monumental)
Slaughterhouse	Sewing Machine R.pairs
Sign Makers	Saddlers
Tailors	Typewriter Repairers
Tent Makers	Upholsterers
Weighing Machine Repairs	Waste Food By-products

INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE (FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948)

The following details are shown:—

1—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities†	11	5	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	120	60	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority‡ (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	5	—	—
TOTAL	134	70	—	—

2—Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases".)

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. By H.M. Insp. Insp. (4) (5)		
Want of cleanliness (S. 1) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S. 2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S. 3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S. 4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7):					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	—	1	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ..	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	2	2	—	1	—

† To prevent any differences between the lists kept respectively by the Local Authorities and H.M. Inspectors of Factories of the numbers of factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of the Factories Act, 1937 are enforced by Local Authorities, it is requested that Local Authorities should compare their lists of factories with the lists kept by H.M. Inspectors of Factories.

‡ i.e. Electrical Stations (Section 103(1)), Institutions (Section 104) and sites of Buildings Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 and 108).

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of work (1)	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing apparel—						
Making, etc.	5	—	—	—	—	—
Cleaning & washing	—	—	—	—	—	—
Household linen	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lace, lace curtains & nets ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Curtains and furniture hangings ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Furniture & upholstery	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electro-plate	—	—	—	—	—	—
File making	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brass and brass articles ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fur pulling ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iron and steel cables and chains ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iron and steel anchors & grapnels ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cart gear ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Locks, latches and keys ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Umbrellas, etc. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Artificial flowers ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nets, other than wire nets ..	—	—	—	—	—	—

OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111)—continued.

Nature of work (1)	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Tents ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sacks ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Racquet and tennis balls	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paper bags ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brush making	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pea picking	—	—	—	—	—	—
Feather sorting ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carding, etc. of buttons, etc. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stuffed toys	—	—	—	—	—	—
Basket making ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chocolates & Sweetmeats	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cosaques, Christmas stockings, etc. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Textile weaving ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lampshades	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	5	—	—	—	—	—



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