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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
RELATING TO PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY DUTIES FOR

YEAR ENDED.

1962.

AMBLE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Section 1 - Staff.

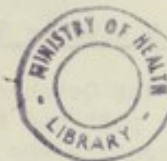


TABLE A.

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment.	Date of Appointment	Qualifications.	Any other Appointments Held.
John McCormack	Medical Officer of Health	November 1960	M.B., B.S., D.P.H.	Area Executive Medical Officer.
J.A. Rodgett	Public Health Inspector.	April, 1962	Cert. Royal Sanitary Assoc. of Scotland. M.A.P.H.I.	Surveyor.

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Section 11 - Amount of shipping entering district during the year.

TABLE B.

Ships from	Number	Number of Inspections		Number of ships reported as having during the voyage infectious diseases on board.
		By M.O.H.	By P.H.I.	
Foreign	8	-	3	-
Coastwise	276	-	55	-
Total	284	-	58	-

Section 111 - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

TABLE C.

Passenger Traffic		(Number of passengers inwards	-	Nil
		(Number of passengers outwards	-	Nil
Cargo Traffic		(Principal imports	--	Nil
		(Principal exports	--	Coal
Principal Ports from which ships arrive :-	Aberdeen (81) London (21)	Inverness (12) Frasburgh (17)	and mainly British Ports.	

#### Section IV - Inland Barge Traffic.

There is no inland barge traffic.

#### Section V - Water Supply.

As from 1st October, 1962, the Newcastle & Gateshead Water Company, supply both the port and shipping from town mains. The water is sold to the Harbour Commissioner's who are responsible for supplying the ships. Supply is carried out by means of hydrants and hosepipes. The hosepipes are kept in the stores belonging to the Harbour Commissioners and flushed before being used. There are no water boats.

#### Section VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations.

##### 1. List of infected areas.

The weekly Epidemiological Report of the World Health Organisation is received by this Authority and copy forwarded to the Customs Officer who receives the declarations of health coming from ports other than excepted Ports. These are then forwarded to the Council Offices.

##### 2. Radio Messages.

Link-up radio telephone through radio station Cullercoats to ship.

##### 3. Notification otherwise than by radio.

Signals received by Coast Guard Station and communicated by telephone to Harbour Master's Office.

##### 4. Mooring Stations.

Should any infectious disease exist on board, the ship is moored to the west jetty and quarantined until the proper steps are taken.

##### 5. Arrangements for :-

###### (a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases.

Isolation for infectious diseases would be provided in Walker Gate Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

###### (b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts.

Surveillance and follow up of contacts is carried out by the Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspector.

###### (c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles.

Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles are carried out when required under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector.

#### Section VII - Smallpox.

(1) Smallpox cases would be sent by Ambulance to Langley Park Hospital, County Durham. Telephone : Langley Park 214.

(2) Transport would be by ambulance from the Northumberland County Council Ambulance Service.

##### (3) Smallpox Consultants available.

Dr. W. Minns, Deputy County Medical Officer, County Hall, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Dr. J. Grant, Medical Officer of Health, Greenfield House, Gateshead.

Dr. H. Pearson, Dunston Hill Hospital, Gateshead.



Section V111 - Venereal Disease.

Available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment for venereal diseases at :-

General Hospital	-	Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
Preston Hospital	-	North Shields.
22, Stanley Street	-	Blyth.

Notices are exhibited in the Public Conveniences in the Town.

Section 1X - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases.

TABLE D.

No cases of infectious diseases were reported as having occurred on vessels during the voyage.

Section X - Observations on occurrence of malaria.

No cases of malaria have been reported.

Section X1 - Measures against ships suspected of infection with plague.

No cases of suspected plague have been reported.

Section X11 - Measures against rodents.

Vessels inspected showed little or no sign of rodent infestation.

Arrangements available for deratting are traps or poisoning.

TABLE E.

No rats were destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports, there being no evidence of rat infestation on any ships entering Amble Harbour.

TABLE F.

As Amble is not a designated approved Port, this section regarding de-ratting certificates does not apply.

Section X111 - Inspection of ships.

No nuisances were found in vessels inspected.

Section X1V - Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations 1934-1948

An area of the mouth of the River Coquet has been prescribed as a prohibited area for the laying of shell-fish beds or collection therefrom, in accordance with the above regulations. The prohibition has been in force since 19th November, 1946.

Section XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens.

The port is not approved for the landing of aliens.

Section XV1 - Miscellaneous.

The Council own a mortuary which is utilised in making arrangements for the interment of the dead.

JOHN MCCORMACK

Medical Officer of Health.

Section VII - General Remarks  
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