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## Borough of Aylesbury

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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# ANNUAL REPORT

on the Health of the Borough  
for the Year 1942

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## HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. S. Mackrill (Chairman).  
Councillor Mrs. Paterson (The Mayor).  
Alderman J. J. Evett (Deputy Mayor).  
„ P. R. Eaton.  
Councillor Mrs. Coventon, M.B.E.  
„ J. Fryer.  
„ T. Goodchild.  
„ F. B. Howard.  
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## STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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### Clerical Staff.

Dennis W. Rixon (till 11th July, 1942, joined  
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Mrs. C. Burge (from 24th August, 1942).  
Miss B. Janes (from 31st August, 1942).



# Borough of Aylesbury

Public Health Department,  
Town Hall,  
AYLESBURY.

**To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Aylesbury.**

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I have the honour to present the annual report on the health of the Borough, together with the vital statistics for the year 1942.

Despite another year of war, the general health of the inhabitants has maintained a high standard.

No severe epidemic of infectious disease occurred during the year, and Isolation Hospital treatment was provided chiefly for scarlet fever and measles cases in which housing conditions did not permit of adequate nursing care, or isolation. There were fifteen cases of measles so treated and seven cases of measles complicated with pneumonia; one child, aged six months, succumbed. Of the six cases of diphtheria treated in hospital, one, a boy of school age, had been previously immunised. He proved to be a chronic carrier, and this condition was cured by tonsillectomy. The three cases of cerebro spinal meningitis treated at the Isolation Hospital made a complete recovery.

Facilities for diphtheria immunisation have been increased by the provision of an additional clinic in the town, a scheme for free treatment by general practitioners, and regular advertisement in the local press.

There are signs that the public is becoming more "milk conscious," and it is encouraging to note the increasing amount of milk supplies which are "pasteurised" and consumed in the town. Samples are submitted each month to the Ministry of Health laboratory by your Public Health Staff, to ensure that a safe and nutritious food is being supplied to the inhabitants, and not a raw infected product.

The facilities for the treatment of venereal disease have been set out in the body of the report, and detailed information can be given on application to the County Medical Officer, or the Borough Public Health Department.

Contagious skin diseases continue to be treated at the Ministry of Health hostels in the district.

I wish to record my thanks to you ladies and gentlemen for your help and encouragement to myself and the staff during the year, also to the Borough Surveyor, who has again kindly provided the meteorological report in this report.

I am,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. T. C. SIMS-ROBERTS,

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Medical Officer of Health



## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area .....	3,288 acres
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1942 according to Rate Books) .....	4,835
Rateable Value .....	£133,488
Sum represented by a penny rate .....	£548

### Unemployment.

At December 31st, 1942:—	At December 31st, 1941:—
— women	1 woman
— men	3 men
— Total	4 Total

### Vital Statistics.

	Total	M.	F.
Live Births—Legitimate .....	279	145	134
Illegitimate .....	16	9	7
Still Births—Legitimate .....	11	6	5
Illegitimate .....	0	0	0
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population mid-1942.....			14.81
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births .....			15.36

	Total	M.	F.
Deaths .....	185	88	97
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated average population .....			9.29

Deaths from Puerperal causes:—

	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births.
Puerperal sepsis .....	0	0
Other puerperal causes .....	0	0

	Total	M.	F.
Deaths of infants under one year of age:—			
Legitimate .....	8	4	4
Illegitimate .....	1	0	1
Totals .....	9	4	5

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:—

All infants per 1,000 live births .....	33.89
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births .....	32.26
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births.....	62.50

	Total	M.	F.
Deaths from Cancer (all ages) .....	32	17	15
Deaths from Measles (all ages) .....	1	0	1
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) .....	0	0	0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) .....	1	1	0
Analysis of Deaths:—			
Tuberculosis Respiratory .....			7
"    Non-Respiratory .....			0
Cancer .....			32
Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions .....			20
Heart Disease .....			40
Other Diseases of the Circulatory System .....			24
Bronchitis .....			5
Other Respiratory Diseases .....			26
Appendicitis .....			4
Nephritis .....			7
Premature Birth .....			1
Suicide .....			1
Other Violent Causes .....			2
Death from all other Causes .....			15
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum .....			1

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

### Pathological Specimens.

Pathological Specimens are examined at:—

1. The Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service, South Parks Road, Oxford.
2. The Stoke Mandeville Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Aylesbury.

### Voluntary Hospital.

The town is excellently served by the Royal Bucks Hospital (115 beds), which is centrally situated in the County and Borough. There is a commodious out-patients' department fitted with modern equipment attached to the hospital.

### Ambulance Services of the Borough.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade maintain three ambulances for dealing with accident and other cases. The ambulance services of the Borough are quite adequate.

### Maternity and Child Welfare.

The Infant Welfare Centre, situated in Church Row, is under the control of the Bucks County Council and is open as an Infant Welfare Clinic every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The premises are also used as a dental clinic for children of school age.



### **Diphtheria Immunisation.**

Diphtheria immunisation has continued to be carried out on a large scale during the year. Three hundred and sixty-six schoolchildren have been inoculated at their respective schools in the Borough; four hundred and fifty-nine children under the age of five have been immunised at the Infant Welfare Centre.

### **Government Sick Bays.**

The Sick Bay at No. 9, Bicester Road, admitted seventy-nine patients suffering from minor ailments occurring among evacuees, during the year, and seven were treated as out-patients.

One hundred and twenty-eight patients were admitted to the Rural District Sick Bay at Waddesdon Institute.

### **Treatment of Venereal Diseases.**

The County Council are participants in the London and Home Counties Joint Scheme operated by the London County Council, and the appended list gives full details of the hospitals within the scheme, at any one of which patients from this County can obtain treatment free of charge. Days and times for attendance are shown.

In the event of enquiries being received regarding the payment of travelling expenses in necessitous cases, applicants should be advised to apply to the Almoner at the hospital attended in London.

### **Local Facilities for Treatment.**

**Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury.** The days and times for attendances are as follows:—

Males .....	Monday evenings.
	Thursday „
Females .....	Monday evenings.
	Thursday „

In necessitous cases application for assistance towards payment of travelling expenses should be made to the Medical Officer at the Clinic.

## OTHER FACILITIES—LONDON.

Name and Address.	Dept.	Sessions of Clinics.		
		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Albert Dock Hospital ... Alnwick Road, E.16.	Male	Mon. to Sat.	Mon. to Fri.	Mon., Wed., Fri.
	Female	—	Wed.	—
Endell Street (L.C.C.) Clinic ... 30 & 32, Betterton Street, W.C.2.	Male	Mon. to Fri. (Merchant Seamen may attend any time).	Mon. to Sat.	Except Tues. and Sat.
Guy's Hospital ... St. Thomas Street, S.E.1.	Female Male Female and Children	Tues. & Fri. Mon. to Sat. Mon. to Sat. Wed.	Mon. to Sat.	Tues. & Thurs Mon. to Sat
King's College Hospital ... Denmark Hill, S.E.5	Male Female and Children	Mon. to Sat. Wed.	Mon. to Sat. Tues., Thurs. & Fri.	Mon. to Fri. Except Wed & Sat.
Metropolitan Hospital ... Kingsland Road, E.8.	Female and Children Male and Female	Wed.	Tues., Thurs. & Fri.	Except Thurs & Sat.
Miller General Hospital ... Greenwich S.E.10.	Male	Tues.	Mon., Tues. & Fri.	Mon. & Fri.
Royal Free Hospital ... Gray's Inn Road, W.C.1.	Female Female and Children	—	Wed. & Thurs.	Wed. & Thurs.
Royal Northern Hospital ... Holloway Road, N.7.	Male Female and Children	Mon. to Sat. —	Mon. to Sat. —	Mon. to Fri. Mon. to Fri.
St. George's Hospital, ... Hyde Park Corner, S.W.1.	Male, Female and Children	— Except Fri.	Mon. Tues. & Thurs.	Tues. to Fri. Mon., Wed. and Fri.



# OTHER FACILITIES—LONDON.

Name and Address.	Dept.	Morning	Afternoon Sessions of Clinics.	Evening
St. John's (Lewisham) Hospital Morden Hill, Lewisham, S.E.13.	Male Female and Children	Thurs.	—	Tues.
St. Mary's Hospital Norfolk Place, Paddington, W.2.	Male and Female	—	Mon. Thurs. & Sat.	Thurs. Mon. to Fri.
St. Thomas's Hospital Westminster Bridge Road, S.E.1.	Male, Female and Children	Mon., Wed. & Sat. Mon. to Sat.	Mon. to Sat.	Mon. to Sat.
Seamen's Hospital Greenwich, S.E.10.	Male	Sat.	Sat.	Except Thurs. & Sat.
Merchant seamen unable to attend at these times may attend any other time.				
South London Hospital for Women South Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.	Female and Children	Wed.	Tues. & Fri.	Tues. & Fri.
University College Hospital Gower Street, W.C.1.	Male	—	Sat.	Mon., Wed., Fri.
West London Hospital Hammersmith Road, W.6	Female Male, Female and Children	—	—	Mon., Thurs., Fri. Mon. to Sat
Westminster Hospital St. John's Gardens, S.W.1.	Male Female and Children	Mon. Mon.	Mon. Mon. & Thurs.	Mon. to Fri. Except Thurs. & Sat.
Whitechapel (L.C.C.) Clinic Turner Street, Mile End.	Male, Female and Children	Mon. to Sat.	Mon. to Sat.	Mon. to Sat.

Urgent cases can be seen and intermediate treatment may be obtained all day on any week-day at most of the above-mentioned clinics.

Note. — Applications for outfits for taking samples of blood, etc., and specimens for examination should be addressed to the Pathologists at the Hospitals.

Applications for approved arsenical drugs should be addressed to the Secretary of the Hospital.

**Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.**—The days and times for attendance are as follows:—

Males .....	Wednesday evenings. Saturday afternoons.
Females .....	Monday evenings. Wednesday afternoons.

In necessitous cases application for assistance towards payment of travelling expenses should be made to the Almoner at this Hospital.

**Northampton General Hospital.**—The days and times for attendance are as follows:—

Males .....	Wednesday afternoons. Friday evenings.
Females .....	Monday evenings. Friday noon.

### **Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.**

Although the County Council have no direct arrangement with this Hospital, treatment can be obtained. Assistance is given towards payment of travelling expenses in necessitous cases, and application should be made to the Almoner at the Hospital.

The days and times for attendance are as follows:—

Males .....	Wednesday afternoons Saturday afternoons.
Females .....	Wednesday afternoons. Saturday afternoons.

## **SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.**

### **Water Supply.**

The Borough comes wholly within the area served by the Chiltern Hills Spring Water Company.

Samples of water for analysis are taken from different areas in the Borough each month and submitted to the Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service, Oxford, for



examination, the result being reported to the Health Committee. All samples were found to be of a high degree of bacterial and organic purity, and suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

The gathering ground, well isolated from habitations, and situated on the Chiltern Hills, continues to produce an excellent supply.

#### **Closet Accommodation.**

No closets on the conservancy system exist in the town, all existing closets are water flushed.

#### **Drainage and Sewerage.**

The drainage and sewerage of the Borough is satisfactory, and is on the partially separate system, surface water from streets and buildings being discharged to water-courses at various points. Owing to the differences in level, four localities are provided with pumping stations to lift the sewage into the main sewers. These are situated at Mandeville Road, Buckingham Road, California and Tring Road.

#### **Sewage Disposal.**

The Sewage Disposal Works, situated near the boundary of the town, continues to function satisfactorily.

#### **Public Conveniences.**

The supervision of these conveniences is under the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

The town is well served by the conveniences for both sexes under the island in Kingsbury Square, used as a centre for omnibus services, and also at the Vale Ground, High Street; there is a Gentlemen's Convenience adjoining the Cattle Market and temporary urinals in Upper Hundreds and Walton Road.

#### **Public Cleansing.**

This has proceeded in a satisfactory manner.

#### **Sanitary Inspection of the Area.**

Inspections made under the Public Health Acts were as follows:—

Slaughterhouses .....	1,024
Butcher's Shops .....	276
Food Shops .....	1,242
Dairies and Cowsheds .....	140
Bakehouses .....	83
Infected House Visits .....	49
Smoke Observations .....	7



### **Open Air Swimming Pool, Park Street.**

The purification of the water in the open air swimming Pool continues to be satisfactory.

### **Indoor Swimming Bath, Bourbon Street.**

These premises have only been used for slipper baths during the year.

### **Eradication of Bed Bugs.**

One hundred and one rooms have been disinfested against bed bugs; "Cimex" and "Thermatox" gas blocks and "Zaldecide" insecticide being used successfully.

### **Schools.**

The general sanitary condition of the Elementary Schools in the Borough is good, and the water supply is sufficient.

### **Local Rainfall.**

JANUARY .....	2.76 inches	JULY .....	1.92 "
FEBRUARY .....	1.05 "	AUGUST .....	1.94 "
MARCH .....	1.55 "	SEPTEMBER .....	1.09 "
APRIL .....	1.46 "	OCTOBER .....	2.62 "
MAY .....	2.86 "	NOVEMBER .....	1.44 "
JUNE .....	.24 "	DECEMBER .....	2.62 "

Total rainfall for the year = 21.55 inches.

(Figures supplied by Mr. J. D. Dugdale, Borough Surveyor).

## **INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.**

### **(a) Milk Supply.**

Pasteurisation is carried out on a large scale at Messrs. Nestle's and the Aylesbury Co-operative Society's premises. Numerous samples were taken during the year to ensure that the plants were working satisfactorily.

The following milk retailers are licensed to sell "Tuberculin Tested" and "Pasteurised" milk in the Borough:—

#### **"Tuberculin Tested."**

1. Mr. R. Lanchbury, Hadley Herd Dairies, Hartwell.
2. Messrs. J. Lisley & Son, Tring Road, Aylesbury.
3. Mr. F. J. Davis (Junior), "Homefield," Bierton.
4. Mr. R. S. Pearce, Marsh Road, Stoke Mandeville.

#### **"Pasteurised."**

1. Aylesbury Co-operative Society.



(b) **Meat and Other Foods.****Carcases Inspected and Condemned.**

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed .....	2,146	693	2,788	12,262	180
Number inspected .....	2,146	693	2,788	12,262	180
<b>All diseases except Tuberculosis.</b>					
Whole carcasses condemned .	7	26	11	91	4
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	424	225	13	633	10
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than tuberculosis ...	20.08%	36.22%	0.86%	5.91%	7.78%
<b>Tuberculosis only.</b>					
Whole carcasses condemned .	5	46	2	0	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	273	163	0	0	8
Percentage of the number inspected with tuberculosis	12.95%	30.16%	0.072%	—	5.56%

The total weight of meat and other foods condemned during the year was 61 tons, 1 Quarter, 13 lbs.

### **PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.**

Details are given below of the infectious disease notified during the year.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Measles .....	201	10	1
Whooping Cough .....	7	4	0
Scarlet Fever .....	53	44	0
Pneumonia .....	19	14	12
Puerperal Pyrexia .....	7	0	0
Erysipelas .....	1	1	0
Diphtheria .....	5	6	0
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	3	4	1
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis	0	0	0
Dysentery .....	5	0	0
Para-typhoid .....	1	0	0
Typhoid .....	0	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	0	0

### Incidence of Notifiable Diseases during the year, with Analysis under Age Groups.

	0—1 yr.	1—2 yrs.	2—3 yrs.	3—4 yrs.	4—5 yrs.	5—10 yrs.	10—15 yrs.	15—20 yrs.	20—35 yrs.	35—45 yrs.	45—65 yrs.	Over 65 yrs.	TOTALS.
Measles .....	11	12	28	21	27	83	10	3	6	0	0	0	201
Whooping Cough ...	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Scarlet Fever .....	1	1	5	0	5	27	7	4	3	0	0	1	54
Pneumonia .....	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	6	1	3	3	19
Puerperal Pyrexia...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	0	0	7
Erysipelas .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Diphtheria .....	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	5
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3*	0	0	0	3
Dysentery .....	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Para-typhoid .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Typhoid .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

\*Includes two cases of Meningococcal Meningitis.

Forty-one visits were made to infected premises.

### TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 — .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 — .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 — .....	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
15 — .....	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 — .....	5	1	0	1	0	2	0	0
35 — .....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
45 — .....	2	0	0	1	2	2	0	0
55 — .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 and upwards	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS ...	11	6	1	2	3	4	0	0

### FACTORIES AND WORKPLACES.

Under the provisions of the Factories Act, 1937, and the Public Health Act, 1936, visits have been made to mechanical and non-mechanical factories and workplaces, and informal action taken where necessary to remedy contraventions of the requirements of these Acts.



**ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937.**

## 1. Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health.

PREMISES.	Number of		
	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories with mechanical power...	134	5	Nil.
Factories without mechanical power			

## 2. Defects found.

PARTICULARS.	Number of Defects.			
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	In respect of which prosecutions were instituted.
Want of Cleanliness (Sec. 1)	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding (Sec. 2) .....	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature (Sec. 3) .....	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation (Sec. 4) .....	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (Sec. 6) .....	0	0	0	0
<b>Sanitary Conveniences:—</b>				
(Sec. 7).				
Insufficient .....	1	1	0	0
Unsuitable or defective .....	1	1	0	0
Not separate for sexes .....	0	0	0	0
Other offences .....	3	3	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Outwork in Unwholesome Premises.**

It was not found necessary to take any action in respect of outworkers' premises.



**Borough of Aylesbury**

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# ANNUAL REPORT

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Borough Sanitary Inspector

For the Year 1942.



## Borough of Aylesbury

Public Health Department,  
Town Hall,  
AYLESBURY.  
January, 1943.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

This, the Thirty-fourth of the series, is my Annual Report on the principal activities of the Public Health Department during the year 1942.

### NUISANCES, CONTRAVENTIONS OF BYELAWS, ETC.

Complaints received and investigated .....	24
Nuisances, etc., found without complaint .....	69
Nuisances, etc., abated .....	93
Statutory Notices served under the Public Health Acts	Nil.
Informal Notices served under the Public Health Acts	92
Prosecutions .....	Nil.

### HOUSES AND PREMISES INSPECTED.

The total number of inspections under the Public Health Acts was as follows:—

Dairies and Cowsheds .....	140
Bakehouses .....	83
Butchers' Shops .....	276
Slaughterhouses .....	1,024
Food Shops .....	1,242
Visits under the Tuberculosis Order .....	14
Infected House Visits (excluding Tuberculosis cases)...	49
Marine Stores .....	20
Smoke Observations .....	7
Miscellaneous Visits .....	356
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	3,211
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In addition to the above, other visits include those under the Housing Act, Factories Act, Canal Boats Act, Shops Act, Public Conveniences, Rats and Mice Destruction Act, Petroleum Act, Disinfestation of Vermin Infested Properties, and Inspection of Billets. These are all shown under their respective headings in this Report.

## HOUSING ACT, 1936.

Although active work under the above-mentioned Act is practically at a standstill, 123 inspections have been carried out and 91 re-inspections.

With one exception, all requirements were satisfactorily complied with and for this, a Statutory Notice was necessary and effective.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Three hundred and twenty notifications of infectious disease were received during the year, as follows:—

Measles .....	201
Whooping Cough .....	7
Scarlet Fever .....	54
Pneumonia .....	19
Tuberculosis .....	16
Puerperal Pyrexia .....	7
Erysipelas .....	1
Diphtheria .....	5
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis .....	3
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis.....	Nil.
Typhoid .....	Nil.
Dysentery .....	5
Para-typhoid .....	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .....	2
Encephalitis Lethargica .....	Nil.
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	321
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Rooms disinfected .....	25
Visits to infected premises .....	49

## FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Mechanical Factories on the register requiring visiting...	53
Non-mechanical Factories on the register requiring visiting .....	81
Visits paid to factories .....	208

## PREMISES ON THE REGISTER REQUIRING VISITING.

Bakehouses .....	12
Dairies .....	15
Cowsheds .....	12
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The number of carcasses examined was as follows:—

	Killed.	Examined.	Percentage
Bulls .....	77	77	100%
Steers .....	1,280	1,280	100%
Heifers .....	789	789	100%
Cows .....	693	693	100%
Calves .....	2,788	2,788	100%
Sheep .....	12,262	12,262	100%
Pigs .....	180	180	100%
Goats .....	1	1	100%
Total .....	18,060	18,060	100%

The following unsound food was surrendered during 1942:—

Cow Beef .....	26,837 lbs.
Cow Offals .....	14,369 „
Other Beef .....	5,550 „
Other Bovine Offals .....	12,607½ „
Pork .....	907 „
Pork Offals .....	176 „
Mutton .....	3,950 „
Mutton Offals .....	2,236¼ „
Veal .....	1,095 „
Miscellaneous .....	46,553¼ „
	<u>114,281</u>

Total:—51 Tons, 1 Quarter, 13 lbs.

#### CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding			Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
	Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed .....	2,146	693	2,788	12,262	180
Number inspected .....	2,146	693	2,788	12,262	180
<b>All diseases except Tuberculosis.</b>					
Whole carcasses condemned .	7	26	11	91	4
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	424	225	13	633	10
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than tuberculosis ...	20.08%	36.22%	0.86%	5.91%	7.78%
<b>Tuberculosis only.</b>					
Whole carcasses condemned .	5	46	2	0	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	273	163	0	0	8
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis .....	12.95%	30.16%	0.072%	—	5.56%



Centralised slaughter of animals is carried out under Government control.

For the time being all slaughterhouse licences except those premises under Government control have been suspended. The annual licences for slaughtermen, of course, continue.

#### PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928.

Licences issued for the storage of petroleum spirit.....	63
Licences issued for the storage of Carbide of Calcium .....	6
Total fees received for the above licences .....	£48 10s. 0d.
Quantity licensed to be kept:—	
Petroleum spirit .....	128,704 gallons.
Carbide of Calcium.....	1,784 lbs.
Inspections of Petrol and Carbide Stores .....	24

The reason for the reduction in the number of licences is due to War conditions, consequently the storage quantity and fees are less in proportion.

#### CANAL BOATS ACTS AND REGULATIONS.

Boats Inspected .....	14
Notices Served .....	4

#### SHOPS ACTS.

Strict supervision under the above-mentioned Acts is not so necessary as in times of peace, closing hours being now far below those allowed by the Acts. Opportunity has, however, been taken to check the register and bring it right up to date.

20 visits were made during the year.

#### PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

All Public Conveniences with the exception of those attached to the Vale Pavilion are now under the control of the Health Department. On account of the continuous wilful damage at all the premises, committed by persons whose mentality must be of a very low order, much time and expense has been incurred to keep them in a clean and efficient condition. Efforts to bring the culprits to book have not been successful.

352 visits were made during the year.

#### RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT, 1919.

We are fortunate in having an employee of the Council whose hobby during his off-duty time is the destruction of rats and mice.



Apart from the advice we are able to give to owners of infested property they have been glad to avail themselves of his services, and many premises have been cleared by him.

The cost of this work is borne by the owners of infested property, and paid to him direct.

50 visits have been made during the year.

#### WATER SUPPLY.

Five samples have been submitted to the Analyst during the year and all were found to be fit for drinking and domestic purposes.

#### BILLETS.

All possible assistance has been given to the Billeting Officer and the W.V.S. to ensure that proposed billets are clean and suitable for the purpose. This procedure also provides the opportunity when claims for damage to billets occur, to form a clear judgment upon the responsibility for such. The number of billets inspected was 426 and this necessitated 495 visits.

#### DISINFESTATION.

Disinfestation of premises against vermin has been carried out by gassing and spraying, whilst the gassing chamber at the rear of Church House has been used for the treatment of bedding and clothing, and in all cases where bedding has been used in billets this has been done before sending same to the laundry.

The gassing chamber mentioned above was in use on 23 occasions.

101 rooms were treated against vermin.

#### FOOD DECONTAMINATION

The organisation and control of this important work has been in the capable hands of Mr. Ruse, who has dealt with it in his usual wholehearted manner. He and the squads he has trained work in close co-operation with those of the Aylesbury Rural District Council, and in the event of air attack will go to each other's assistance.

The Borough Squads number 2, composed of 12 men.

Two Demonstrations have been given during the year and instructional classes are held at intervals of 2 to 3 weeks, and demonstrations in other parts of the County have been attended for the purpose of gaining experience in methods used elsewhere.



It has been difficult to obtain sufficient and suitable men for this work, and also to fill vacancies when members are called up for the Services or other essential War work.

#### GENERAL.

The foregoing sets out briefly the main work of the Department during the year. The two junior members of the staff, Dennis Rixon and Douglas Keen, were called up, the former entering the R.A.M.C., and the latter the R.A.F. No further news has been received of Douglas Andrew, who was reported missing in the early part of the year. Mrs. Burge, shorthand typist, with three years' experience in a Public Health Department, was appointed, and commenced duty on August 24th, and her work is very satisfactory. Betty Janes was appointed as a junior on August 31st, and her work shows good promise. In my previous report I mentioned the capabilities and wholehearted support given by my Assistant, Mr. W. E. Ruse, and another year's work has simply confirmed my previous good opinion of him.

I am,

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

Your obedient Servant,

ALFRED LEE, F.S.I.A., A.R.San.I.,

Borough Sanitary Inspector.





