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Gentlemen,

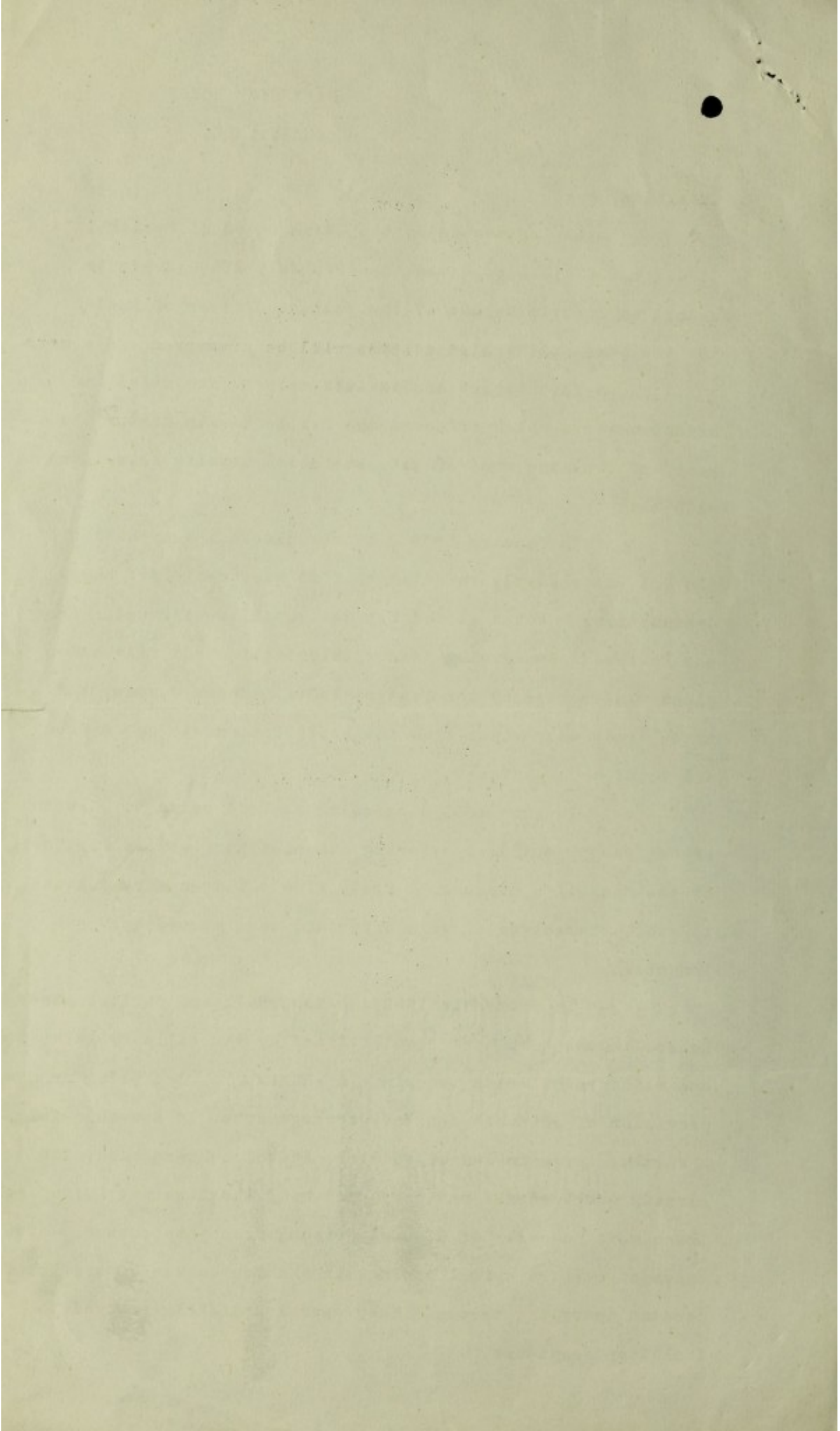
As instructed by the Welsh Board of Health in Circular 2067 (Wales) dated the 19th July 1940, I beg to submit an Interim Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ending 31st December 1939.

This Report is confined only to essential and urgent matters which affected the Public Health during the year and contains none of the statistics usually associated with that report.

In January 1939 a bacteriological examination of the Usk water supply revealed that it was unsafe for human consumption. For a period Usk was supplied with water from the Pontypool Reservoir. A new chlorination and filtration plant was erected by the Pontypool Gas & Water Company and, after treatment, water from the Pandy Spring was again used and found to be safe.

In June 1939 a circular was addressed to parents of Usk school children offering immunisation against diphtheria at the Council's expense. Sixty five children were allowed to avail themselves of this offer and were accordingly immunised.

In September 1939 the Town Hall and various other houses in the town were requisitioned by the Military Authorities and soldiers billeted therein. Arrangements were made for the provision of suitable sanitary arrangements. In November 1939 a further large influx of soldiers caused concern about the already overburdened sanitary system of the town but fortunately there were no cases of disease arising from this source. Two cases of cerebro spinal meningitis and four cases of scarlet fever occurred among the troops. They were immediately removed to Isolation Hospitals.



The incidence of notifiable infectious disease among permanent residents increased noticeably but was largely accounted for by the order making compulsory the notification of measles and whooping cough. There was an epidemic of mild degree in the last mentioned diseases.

Records and statistics will be preserved and a more detailed report issued at a later date.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J.C.H. Bird

