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COUNTY BOROUGH OF BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, 1960.

Section I - STAFF

Table A.



Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment.	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held.
Dr. I.D.M. Nelson	Port Medical Officer	1/3/57	M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health.
Dr. D.G. Stewart	Deputy Port Medical Officer	5/10/48	M.B., Ch.B.	Deputy Medical Officer of Health.
John Shanks	Port Health Officer	1/4/42	Cert. R.S.I. & S.I. Joint Board, etc..	Chief Public Health Inspector.
Ronald J. Morse	Port Health Officer	7/7/58 until August, 1960	Cert. R.S.I. & S.I. Joint Board, etc..	Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector.
James W. McGarry	Port Health Officer	1/9/60	Cert. R.S.I. & S.I. Joint Board, etc..	Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector.

Address of the Port Medical Officer - Town Hall,
Barrow-in-Furness. Telephone No: Barrow 600.

SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING
THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE B.

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Public Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	149	284,672	10	132	Nil
Coastwise	196	88,256	2	10	Nil
TOTAL:	345	372,928	12	142	Nil

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND
TRADE DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE C.

Passenger Traffic	{ Number of passengers INWARDS - 9 Number of passengers OUTWARDS - 5
Cargo Traffic	{ Principal IMPORTS - Iron Ore, Wood Pulp, Pig Iron, Grain. Principal EXPORTS - Coke, Pig Iron and Ingot Moulds

PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive - Bona, Melilla, Almeria, Algiers, Pepel, Setubal, Hornillo, Helsingborg, Oxelosund, Ystad, Stockholm, Rouen, Hamburg, Lulea, Gefle, Kirkcubbin, Ayr, Haysham, Liverpool, Belfast and the Republic of Ireland.

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC.

There is no inland barge traffic within the district.

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY.

- (1) Source of supply for (a) the district - upland surface and deep borehole.
(b) the town's water supply is available at the dock side and is used for shipping.
- (2) Reports of tests for contamination - Nil.
- (3) Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes - Hydrants and hosepipes are protected and stored in a water shed when not in actual use.
- (4) There are no water boats in use at the Port.

SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952.

- (1) List of Infected Areas (Regulation 6).
A list of infected areas is prepared and amended by the Medical Officer of Health from the official list of Infected Areas. A typewritten list of Infected Areas is prepared from the official list of Infected Areas and is delivered by hand to H.M. Customs and Excise Officers.
- (2) Radio Messages.
Arrangements have been made with Seaforth Radio Station and the Post Office Telephones to send and receive messages from ships entering the Port.
- (3) Notifications Otherwise than By Radio. (Regulation 14(1) (b)).
Telephonic Communication from Shipping Agents.
- (4) Mooring Stations. (Regulations 22 to 30).
Within Docks: An inner mooring station near Buccleuch Bridge within the Ramsden Dock has been established as a mooring station for all unhealthy ships arriving at Barrow. On arrival of an infected ship or a suspect ship, the vessel is taken to the designated mooring station.
- (5) Arrangements for -
 - (a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases (other than smallpox).
Arrangements have been made to receive seamen suffering from infectious disease to be admitted to Devonshire Road Isolation Hospital.
 - (b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts.
The surveillance and follow up of contacts is carried out by the Medical Officer of Health and the Public Health Inspectors.
 - (c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles.
In cases of necessity the arrangements for the cleansing and disinfection of ships is carried out under the supervision of the Port Health Officers, and cases requiring isolation would be found accommodation at the Devonshire Road Isolation Hospital.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX.

- (1) Names of Isolation Hospitals to which smallpox cases are sent from the district
Elswick Leys Smallpox Hospital, Blackpool.
Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital, Bury.
- (2) Arrangements have been made to remove all such cases by Corporation ambulances to the hospital. Members of the ambulance crews have been vaccinated recently.
- (3) Names of smallpox consultants available:
Dr. D.C. Liddle, Monsall Isolation Hospital, Newton Heath, Manchester 10.
Dr. E.R. Peirce, Port Health Offices, Pier Head, Liverpool, 3.
Prof. A.B. Semple, Public Health Department, Gordon House,
Belmont Grove, Liverpool, 6.
Dr. C. Metcalfe-Brown, Town Hall, Manchester, 2.
- (4) Public Health Laboratory - Liverpool, Manchester and Preston.

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE.

A local centre exists at Devonshire Road Isolation Hospital for the diagnosis and treatment of Venereal Disease. Information as to the location, days and hours of the available facilities is supplied by notice to the Master or other responsible officer on a vessel's arrival. The times of the clinic are as follows: Monday 7.0 p.m., Tuesday 10.30 a.m., Mondays - Fridays 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturdays 9 a.m. - 12 a.m. Emergencies at other times North Lonsdale Hospital Casualty Department.

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER
INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS.

TABLE D.

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA
IN SHIPS.

No Malaria occurred during the year.

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH
OR SUSPECTED FOR, PLAGUE.

No vessels arrived at the port either plague infected or plague suspected.
No vessels from plague infected ports arrived during the year.

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN
SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

All vessels from foreign ports entering the port are, where necessary, systematically inspected by the Port Health Officers to ascertain the degree of rodent infestation on board.

A macroscopic examination of rats caught is carried out whenever possible by the Medical Officer and Port Health Officers. There were no rats sent for bacteriological examination during the year.

Arrangements have been made, when necessary, for the deratting of ships by means of Hydrogen Cyanide to be carried out by a commercial contractor, Messrs. Hivley Fumigation Co., Ltd., 15 Cheapside, Liverpool.

It has not been found necessary to carry out any rat-proofing of ships during the year.

TABLE E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports. - NIL.

TABLE F.

DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION
CERTIFICATES ISSUED DURING THE YEAR FOR SHIPS FROM
FOREIGN PORTS.

No. of Deratting Certificates Issued					Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates Issued	Total Certificates Issued.
HCN	After fumigation with Other fumigant	After trapping	After poisoning	Total		
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	22	22

10 of the above-mentioned Deratting Exemption Certificates were issued following examination of vessels at the Port of Heysham.

TABLE D.

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships "examined"
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been diagnosed of before arrival.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS.

No malaria occurred during the year.

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST MALARIA WITHIN SHIPS.

No vessels arrived at the port either malarial infected or malarial suspected. No vessels from malarial infected ports arrived during the year.

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST MALARIA WITHIN SHIPS.

All vessels from foreign ports entering the port are, where necessary, quarantined by the Port Health Officer to ascertain the degree of malarial infection on board. A bacteriological examination of rats caught in traps set out whenever possible by the Medical Officer and Port Health Officer. There were no rats sent for bacteriological examination during the year. Arrangements have been made, when necessary, for the disinfecting of ships by means of hydrogen cyanide to be carried out by a commercial contractor, Messrs. Henry Park & Co., Ltd., 15, Oldham Street, Liverpool. It has not been found necessary to carry out any rat-proofing of ships during the year.

TABLE E.

Ships destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports. - Nil.

TABLE F.

SECTION XIII - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST MALARIA WITHIN SHIPS.

No. of Destroying Certificate issued	After investigation with other treatment	After treatment	After poisoning	Total	Number of ships the Destroying Certificate issued	Number of ships destroyed
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	22	22

Of the above-mentioned Destroying Certificate issued during the year the following number of vessels at the Port of Liverpool.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTIONS OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.

TABLE G.

Inspections and Notices.

Nature and Number of Inspections	Notices served		Result of Serving Notices
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
Routine Inspections and Re-Inspection	149 Nil	7 verbal notices to Master or Chief Officer	All the nuisances have so far as practicable been abated, prior to the vessels leaving the port.
Total	149 Nil	7	

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS, 1934 and 1948.

The gathering of Cockles and Mussels from Walney Channel is prohibited by an Order made in 1918, and the gathering of Periwinkles is prohibited by an Order made in 1946.

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS.

There are no special arrangements for the internment of dead arriving by sea. The body is first examined by the Medical Officer of Health.

Prevention of Damage by Pests (Application to Shipping) Order, 1951.

No Rodent Control Certificates were issued under the provisions of the above-mentioned Order during the year.

Food Inspection.

No foodstuffs arrived at the Port during the year, therefore no action was taken under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937 and 1948, The Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations, 1926, and the Public Health (Preservatives, etc., in Food) Regulations, 1925 - 1940.

Arrangements for Dealing with Maritime Declarations of Health.

A blank Maritime Declaration of Health form is handed to the Master of every ship approaching the Port as soon as the Pilot boards. On arrival at the Port the completed form is inspected by the Customs Officer or Port Health Officer, whoever is first aboard.

Boarding of Vessels on Arrival.

Vessels arriving from infected or suspected ports are always boarded by a Customs Officer and Port Health Officer together. Other vessels are usually boarded by a Customs Officer in the first instance.

Restrictions on Boarding or Leaving Ships.

Instructions have been given to the Harbour Authorities, tradespeople and other persons in the habit of visiting ships at the Port to keep clear until the ship is free from control.

TABLE 3.

Inspection and Notices.

Notice and Number of Inspections	Notice given		Result of Sailing
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
Statutory Inspections and No-Inspections	Nil	7 verbal notices to Master or Chief Officer prior to the vessel leaving the port.	All the notices have been complied with as far as practicable has been done.
Total	Nil	7	

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPPING) REGULATIONS.

1937 and 1938.

The entering of Cochin and Malacca from India Channel is prohibited by an Order made in 1918, and the entering of Penang is prohibited by an Order made in 1926.

SECTION XV - MISCELLANEOUS.

There are no special arrangements for the treatment of dead arriving by sea. The body is first examined by the Medical Officer of Health.

Prevention of Disease by Ports (Application to Shipping) Order, 1931.

No Boarding Control Certificate was issued under the provisions of the above-mentioned Order during the year.

Food Inspection.

No foodstuffs arrived at the port during the year, therefore no action was taken under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937 and 1938, the Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations, 1936, and the Public Health (Preservatives, etc.) in Food Regulations, 1937 - 1940.

Examination for Public Health Regulations of Health.

A blank Health Declaration of Health form is handed to the Master of every ship approaching the port as soon as the ship boards. On arrival at the port the completed form is inspected by the Customs Officer or Port Health Officer, whichever is first aboard.

Boarding of Vessels on Arrival.

Vessels arriving from infected or suspected ports are always boarded by a Customs Officer and Port Health Officer together. Other vessels are usually boarded by a Customs Officer in the first instance.

Restrictions on Boarding or Landing Ships.

Restrictions have been given to the landing of passengers, baggage and other persons in the light of existing ships at the port to keep clear until the ship is free from control.