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BARNSTAPLE AND BIDEFORD PORT HEALTH
AUTHORITY

REPORT OF PORT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR 1956.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to report :

SECTION 1 — STAFF

TABLE A

No change.

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

TABLE B

Ships from	No.	Tonnage	Number inspected		No. of ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			by M.O.H.	by San. Inspr.	
Foreign Ports	14	2,978	1	11	Nil
Coastwise	1,059	195,477	4	87	Nil
Total	1,073	198,455	5	98	Nil

SECTION III — 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 : Timber, Cattle Food, Slag,
Coal, Gravel, Flour, Cement.

Principal Exports : Clay, Grain, Sand.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive : Newport and Swansea.

SECTION IV — INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC.

Number and tonnage using the district and places served by
the traffic : Nil.

SECTION V — WATER SUPPLY.

No change.

SECTION VI — PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATION 1952.

No change.

SECTION VII — SMALLPOX.

(1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the district : Kingsley Hospital, Bideford.

(2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the Authority : Ambulance held by hospital ; vaccinal state 100%.

(3) Name(s) of smallpox consultant(s) available : Dr. C. Seward, Exeter.

(4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox : County Laboratory, Exeter.

SECTION VIII — VENEREAL DISEASE.

No change.

SECTION IX — CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASE ON SHIPS.

TABLE D

Category	Disease	No. of cases during the year		No. of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	—	—	—	—
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	—	—	—	—

A short account should be given of the measures taken on the arrival by ship of (a) any case of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus or relapsing fever included in Table D.

Case removed to Kingsley Hospital, Bideford, and ship moved to Appledore Pool until Sanitary measures prescribed by Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952 have been carried out.

(b) Any suspected case of any such disease.

As above.

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

None.

SECTION XI — MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED OF PLAGUE.

None.

SECTION XII — MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

(1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats : All ships boarded by Port Health Inspector.

(2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year : County Laboratory, Exeter ; Nil.

(3) Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor : Northam U.D.C.

(4) Progress in the rat-proofing of ships :

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year *in ships from foreign ports*

Category	No.
Black rats	Nil
Brown rats ...	Nil
Species not known ...	Nil
Sent for examination ...	Nil
Infected with plague ...	Nil

TABLE F

Deratting certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during year for ships from foreign ports : Nil.

Number of Deratting Certificates issued : 5.

SECTION XIII — INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.

TABLE G

Inspection and Notices

Nature and number of inspections	Notices served		Results of Serving Notices
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
98	Nil	Nil	—

SECTION XIV — PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS 1934 AND 1948.

No change.

SECTION XV — MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS (APPLICABLE ONLY TO PORTS APPROVED FOR THE LANDING OF ALIENS).

No change.

SECTION XVI — MISCELLANEOUS.

No change.