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OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH OF THE BOROUGH
OF BIRMINGHAM

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Council of Birmingham

In a letter dated July 17th 1930 from the Ministry of Health I have been instructed as follows :-

In view of the increased pressure of work in the public health department of local authorities and the need for a more efficient system of reporting the health of the community, reports only should be made for the year 1930. They may be type written if desired and should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected the public health during the year, especially any matters arising from the war, outbreaks of infectious diseases and any exceptional administrative measures taken or recommended by the Medical Officer of Health.

Statistics are to be preserved but not included in this interim report.

Since nothing of any great urgency affected the public health occurred during 1930 my report will be very brief indeed.

During the second half of the year the population of the town was greatly increased, first by the labour force employed on the construction of the Camp and later by billeted troops. There were felt that the health of the town might suffer from (1) overcrowding, (2) importation of infectious diseases and (3) strain on the sanitary services of the town such as the water supply and the sewerage works.

These fears were not realized. There were no indications that the public health was in any way affected. For a short time the sewerage disposal plant showed some signs of being overtaxed, but this condition was overcome.

Power infectious diseases than usual were notified during the year and there were no epidemics.

The Council's scheme for housing improvements have unfortunately had to be postponed during the war.

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