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ANNUAL REPORT

1957





Bridgwater Port Health Authority

SECTION I - Staff

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other Appointments held
R.H. Watson	Medical Officer of Health	31.7.47	M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.	M.O.H. Bridgwater Borough & Rural District. M.O.H. Burnham- on-Sea U.D.C. Divisional School Medical Officer, Somerset County Council.
R.K. Lean	Port Health Inspector	1.4.43	R.S.I. Cert. as Sanitary Inspector. R.S.I. Cert. as Inspector of Meat and other Foods. F.P.H.I.A.	Chief Public Health Inspector, Borough of Bridgwater.

Address of Medical Officer of Health :- Health Department,
Albert Street,
Bridgwater,
Somerset.

Telephone number of Medical Officer of Health :- Office - Bridgwater 2689
Residence - Bridgwater 3028

Health Department Health Authority

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TABLE A

Name of Officer	Date of Appointment	Nature of Appointment	Any other Appointments Held
W. H. B. C. P., D. S. M. S. A. O., D. S. M. Chief of Health District S. O. H. Registrar on Sea U. S. A. Divisional School Medical Officer Somerset County Council	11.1.11	Medical Officer of Health	
Chief Public Health Inspector Borough of Bridgwater	1.1.11	Public Health Inspector	

Somerset County Council
 Health Department
 Albert Street,
 Bridgwater,
 Somerset.

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 Health Department
 Albert Street,
 Bridgwater,
 Somerset.

Albert Street,

Bridgwater.

March, 1958.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Bridgwater Port Health Authority.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my report for the year
ended 31st December, 1957.

The health of the Port has been satisfactory
throughout the year.

Treatment of venereal diseases is obtainable at the
Clinic in Bridgwater, and details of these arrangements
and also the facilities available at all Bristol Channel
ports, are displayed in prominent positions throughout
the area of the Port.

The Port Health Inspector's Report is appended,
together with statistics of the shipping using the Port.

R.H. WATSON,

Medical Officer of Health.

Albert G. ...

... ..

March, 1958

To the Chairman and Members of the
Bridgewater Port Health Authority

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honor to submit my report for the year
ended 31st December, 1957.

The health of the Port has been satisfactory
throughout the year.

Treatment of venereal diseases is obtainable at the
Clinic in Bridgewater, and details of these arrangements
and also the facilities available at all General District
Centres, are displayed in prominent positions throughout
the area of the Port.

The Port Health Inspector's Report is appended
together with statistics of the shipping using the Port.

Yours faithfully,

Medical Officer of Health

Town Hall,
Bridgwater.

March, 1958.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Bridgwater Port Health Authority.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year ended 31st
December, 1957.

The number of coastwise ships using the Port during
the year has increased by 21%, with a corresponding
increase in the total tonnage. This is mainly due to the
tankers using the new wharf at Walpole.

There have been six more ships from foreign ports
visiting the Port as compared with the previous year.

The inspections carried out have not revealed any
serious defects, whilst no rats were found on any vessel.

R.K. LEAN,

Port Health Inspector.

Town Hall,

Wilmington,

March, 1938.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Wilmington Port Health Authority.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year ended 31st
December, 1937.

The number of commercial ships using the Port during
the year has increased by 11% with a corresponding
increase in the total tonnage. This is mainly due to the
increase being the net result of repairs.

There have been six more ships from foreign ports
visiting the Port as compared with the previous year.

The health of the crew and passengers has
remained excellent, whilst no rats were found on any vessel.

E. K. Lamb,

Port Health Inspector.

SECTION II

Amount of shipping entering the district during the year 1957

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 Port Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	24	7,399	3	24	-
Coastwise	1,008	112,005	2	77	-
Total	1,032	119,404	5	101	-

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 Coal, Grain, Sand, Pulp, Timber, Dried Milk and Oil { Principal EXPORTS Bricks and Tiles
PRINCIPAL Ports from which ships arrive	{ Foreign - Hamburg and Baltic Ports { Coastwise - Cork and Bristol Channel Ports

SECTION IV

Inland barge traffic

There is no inland barge traffic.

SECTION II

Amount of shipping entering the district during the year 1937

TABLE B

Ships from	Number of ships reported as having or having had during the year 1937	Number Inspected	
		By the Port Health Inspector	By the Health Officer of Health
Foreign Ports	25	25	7,399
Coastwise	1,008	2	122,005
Total	1,033	27	129,404

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PRINCIPAL PORTS FROM WHICH SHIPS ARRIVE	CARGO TRAFFIC	PASSENGER TRAFFIC
(Foreign - Hamburg and Baltic Ports) (Coastwise - Cork and Bristol Channel Ports)	(Principal Imports - Coal, Grain, Wool, Paper, Timber, Dried Milk and Oil) (Principal Exports - Bricks and Tiles)	(Number of passengers) (Number of passengers)

SECTION IV

Inland Water Traffic

SECTION V

Water Supply

- (1) Source of supply for the district and shipping is the Bridgwater Corporation supply obtained from streams in the Quantock Hills.
- (2) Samples are taken monthly for bacteriological examination and all have given excellent results.
- (3) Hydrants and hosepipes are inspected.
- (4) There are no water boats in the Port.

SECTION VI

Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952

(1) List of Infected Areas

A weekly epidemiological record is received from the World Health Organization, and is available at the Health Department.

(2) & (3) Radio and Other Messages

Bridgwater is not a radio transmitting port, but messages can be received by radio telephone via the Ships Agents, Messrs. Hunt & Co..

(4) Mooring Stations

(a) The Maritime Declarations of Health are handed to the Captain on arrival, completed and returned to the Port Health Inspector.

(b) All vessels from foreign ports are boarded by the Port Health Inspector immediately on arrival.

(c) The Customs Officer notifies the Port Medical Officer, or Port Health Inspector of the times of arrival of all vessels from foreign ports.

(d) Mooring stations designated under Articles 22-30

(i) The Northside of the Bridgwater Dock.

(ii) The vessels will be breasted off the quay, with gangways off, at the place of mooring.

(e) Standard exemptions issued to :-

(i) Vessels unhealthy by reason of minor infectious diseases on board, e.g., measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, tuberculosis and pneumonia.

SECTION V

Water Supply

- (1) Source of supply for the district and shipping is the Bridgewater Corporation supply obtained from streams in the Gantock Hills.
- (2) Samples are taken monthly for bacteriological examination and all have given excellent results.
- (3) Hydrants and hoses are inspected.
- (4) There are no water boats in the Port.

SECTION VI

Public Health (H.M.S.) Regulations, 1922

(1) List of Infected Areas

A weekly epidemiological record is received from the local Health Organization, and is available at the Health Department.

(2) & (3) Radio and Other Messages

Messages are not a radio transmitting post, but messages can be received by radio telephony via the Ship Agents, Messrs. Hunt & Co.

(4) Mailing Station

(a) The Maritime Department of Health are notified by the Captain on arrival, completed and returned to the Port Health Inspector.

(b) All vessels from foreign ports are notified by the Port Health Inspector immediately on arrival.

(c) The Customs Officer notifies the Port Health Officer, or Port Health Inspector of the time of arrival of all vessels from foreign ports.

(5) Mailing station designated under Article 22-30

- (i) The hands of the Bridgewater Dock.
- (ii) The vessels will be disinfected off the quay with carbolic acid, at the place of mooring.

(6) Standard exemptions issued to:-

- (1) Vessels exempted by reason of minor infectious diseases on board, e.g., measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, tuberculosis and pneumonia.

- (ii) Vessels otherwise clean which have arrived from a listed port in an infectious area.
- (5) (a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases other than smallpox is as follows :-

Cases of Plague, Cholera and Yellow Fever by arrangement with the South West Regional Hospital Board. Cases of other infectious diseases, Taunton Isolation Hospital.

- (b) Surveillance and following up of contacts carried out by the Port Medical Officer.
- (c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons clothing and other articles carried out under the supervision of the Port Health Inspector.

SECTION VII

Smallpox

- (1) Cases of Smallpox are sent to Ham Green Isolation Hospital, Bristol.
- (2) The transport of such cases to hospital would be by an ambulance attached to the Hospital.
- (3) Smallpox consultants available are Dr. J. Coates, Bridgwater, and Dr. Macrae, Ham Green Isolation Hospital, Bristol.
- (4) Laboratory investigations on suspected cases of Smallpox are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service.

SECTION VIII

Venereal Diseases

Clinics are held each Thursday as follows:-

Males	5.00 - 6.00 p.m.
Females	4.30 - 5.00 p.m.

In-patient treatment is available at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol.

Particulars of treatment facilities in the Bristol Channel Ports are displayed at all wharves and docks.

(ii) Vesicular eruptions of skin which have arisen from a listed port in an infectious area.

(2) (a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases other than smallpox is as follows :-

Cases of Erythema, Cholera and Yellow Fever by arrangement with the South West Regional Hospital Board. Cases of other infectious diseases, Tarrant Isolation Hospital.

(b) Quarantines and following up of contacts carried out by the Port Medical Officer.

(c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles carried out under the supervision of the Port Health Inspector.

SECTION VII

Smallpox

(1) Cases of Smallpox are sent to Ham Green Isolation Hospital, Bristol.

(2) The transport of such cases to hospital would be by ambulance attached to the Hospital.

(3) Smallpox consultants available are Dr. J. Cooper, Bristol, and Dr. Macrose, Ham Green Isolation Hospital, Bristol.

(4) Laboratory investigations on suspected cases of Smallpox are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service.

SECTION VIII

Vesicular Diseases

Clinics are held each Thursday as follows:-

Measles 2.00 - 5.00 p.m.
Scarlet 4.30 - 5.00 p.m.

In-patient treatment is available at Princess Hospital, Bristol.

Particulars of treatment facilities in the Bristol General Hospital are displayed at all wharves and docks.

SECTION IX

Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships

TABLE D

There have been no cases of infectious disease dealt with during the year.

SECTION X

Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships

No action.

SECTION XI

Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague

No action.

SECTION XII

Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports

- (1) Ships arriving from foreign ports are inspected for the presence of rats and Certificates examined.
- (2) No rats were sent for bacteriological or pathological examination.
- (3) Any ships found to be infested with rats would be treated by one of the Corporation Rodent Operators.
- (4) No rat proofing of ships carried out.

TABLE E

No rats were found in ships from foreign ports.

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates are not issued. The Certificates are inspected when ships are boarded and if found to have expired, arrangements are made with the next Port to be visited by the ship for such Certificates to be renewed.

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Cases of Cholera and other infectious diseases on ships

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There have been no cases of infectious diseases dealt with during the year.

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Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships

No action.

SECTION XI

Measures taken against ships infested with or suspected for plague

No action.

SECTION XII

Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports

- (1) Ships arriving from foreign ports are inspected for the presence of rats and certified accordingly.
- (2) No rats were sent for bacteriological or pathological examination.
- (3) Any ships found to be infested with rats would be treated by one of the Corporation Ratsmen.
- (4) No rat proofing of ships carried out.

TABLE E

No rats were found in ships from foreign ports.

TABLE F

Bacterial Certification and Disinfection Examination Certificates are not issued. The Certificates are issued when ships are boarded and it found to have complied, arrangements are made with the next port to be visited by the ship and such Certificates to be returned.

SECTION XIII

Inspection of ships for nuisances

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and Number of Inspections	Notices Served		Result of Serving Notices
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	Nuisances abated
British 77	-	3	3
Foreign 29	-	-	-
Total 106	-	3	3

SECTION XIV

Public Health (Shell-Fish) Regulations, 1934 and 1948

There are no shell-fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Authority.

SECTION XV

Medical Inspection of Aliens

The Port is not approved for the landing of Aliens.

SECTION XVI

Miscellaneous

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease

Bodies would be removed to the Borough mortuary and, if necessary, burial would be undertaken by the appropriate Local Authority.

SECTION XIII

Inspection of ships for nuisances

TABLE 9

Inspection and Notices

Date and Number of Inspections	Notices Served		Result of Serving Notices
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
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Foreign 29	-	-	-
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Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious diseases would be removed to the hospital mortuary and, if necessary, burial would be arranged by the appropriate local authority.