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SECTION I - STAT

TABLE A



BRIDGWATER PORT HEALTH

AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT

1959

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

Telephone number of Medical Officer of Health :-
Office - Bridgwater 2569
Residence - Bridgwater 3047

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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

Bridgeport Port Health Authority

SECTION I - Staff

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R. M. Wilson, Medical Officer of Health		1917	R. M. Wilson, M.D., D.P.H., Director, Division of Health, Somerset County, California.
A. E. Dean, Inspector	Port Health	1918	R. E. Dean, M.D., D.P.H., as Inspector of Health and other work, W.P.A.A.

Address of Medical Officer of Health - Health Department,
 Third Street,
 Bridgeport,
 California.

Telephone number of Medical Officer of Health -
 3663 - Bridgeport
 3045 - Bridgeport



Albert Street,

Bridgwater.

March, 1960.

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, 1959.

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.

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I beg to submit my report for the year ended
31st December, 1959.

The number of coastwise ships using the Port during
the year has decreased by 28, but the total tonnage has
increased by 8,000 tons.

There have been more than double the number of foreign
ships 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.

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SECTION II

Amount of shipping entering the Port during the year 1959

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	64	15,315	8	64	-
Coastwise	1,173	156,773	-	80	-
Total	1,237	172,088	8	144	-

SECTION III

Character of shipping and trade during the year

TABLE C

PASSENGER TRAFFIC	{	(Number of passengers INWARDS	Nil
		(Number of passengers OUTWARDS	One
CARGO TRAFFIC	{	(Principal IMPORTS	Coal, Grain, Sand, Woodpulp, Timber, Feeding Stuffs, Fertilizers and Oil
		(Principal EXPORTS	Bricks and Tiles
PRINCIPAL Ports from which ships arrive	{	Foreign	- Finland, Sweden, Holland and Germany
		Coastwise	- Glasgow and Bristol Channel Ports

SECTION IV

Inland barge traffic

There is no inland barge traffic.

SECTION II

Amount of shipping entering the Port during the year 1932

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 Health Officer	By the Port Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	64,152.215	8	8	-
Domestic	1,173,156.773	-	80	-
Total	1,237,308.988	8	144	-

SECTION III

Character of shipping and trade during the year

TABLE C

PASSENGER TRAFFIC		(Number of passengers landed. One (Number of passengers departed. One	
CARGO TRAFFIC	Principal Imports	(Principal Exports	
	Cash, Grain, Beans, Wood, Lumber, Petroleum, Fertilizers and Oil	Cotton, Wool, Hides, and Rice	
PRINCIPAL PORTS FROM WHICH SHIPS ARRIVE		Norway - Finland, Sweden, Holland, Germany, and Denmark	
		Constantinople - Black Sea and Bosphorus	

SECTION IV

Island ports traffic

There is no island ports 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

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SECTION VI

Public Health (Ship) Regulations, 1922

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(2) & (3) Health and Other Diseases

Bridgewater is not a major shipping port, but passengers can be received by radio telephone via the Ship Agents, Messrs. Hunt & Co.

(4) Movable Stations

(a) The Maritime Department of Health are required 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 time of arrival of all vessels from foreign ports.

(2) Movable stations designated under Articles 21-25

- (1) The Northside of the Bridgewater Dock.
- (2) The vessels will be moored off the quay with gangways etc. at the place of mooring.

(3) Standard regulations issued to:-

- (1) Vessels controlled 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) The Smallpox Consultant available is 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 Ham Green Hospital, Bristol.

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

(1) Vessels otherwise clean which have arrived from a listed port in an infectious stage.

(2) (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, Trench Isolation Hospital.

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

(c) Cleaning 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) The Smallpox Consultant available is Dr. Roberts, Ham Green Isolation Hospital, Bristol.

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

SECTION VIII

Vaccinal Diseases

Clinics are held each Thursday as follows:-

Measles	2.00 - 3.00 p.m.
Polio	3.30 - 5.00 p.m.

In-patient treatment is available at Ham Green Hospital, Bristol.

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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 typhoid and other infectious diseases on ships

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No action.

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Measures against rats in ships from foreign ports

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(2) No rats were seen for bacteriological or pathological examination.

(3) Any ships found to be infected with rats would be treated by one of the Corporation Ratsmen Operators.

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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 74	-	2	2
Foreign 70	-	-	-
Total 144	-	2	2

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

Investigation of ships for nuisances

TABLE 9

Investigations and Notices

Nature and Number of Investigations	Notices Served		Result of Served Notices
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
British	14	2	2
Foreign	70	-	-
Total	84	2	2

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Public Health (Shell-Fish) Regulations, 1934 and 1945

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

SECTION XV

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Miscellaneous

Arrangements for the disposal of persons who have died on board ships.

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

