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BRIDPORT PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

PORT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1955.





BRIDPORT PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

Section 1 - Staff.

TABLE A.

Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications and other appointments held.
Adam Armit.	Port Medical Officer of Health.	1937.	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. M.O.H. Boroughs of Bridport & Lyme Regis & Rural Districts of Bridport & Beaminster. Assistant County M.O. Dorset C.C., Port Medical Officer, Lyme Regis.
R.N. Armstrong.	Port Health Inspector.	1925. Retd. 3/7/55	Sanitary Inspector's Certificate. M.I. Min.E. Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor, Bridport Borough.
K.F. Overy.	Port Health Inspector.	1/4/55	San. Insp. Cert. R.H.I., Inspector of Meat and other Foods. Certificate.

Address and Telephone Number of the Medical Officer of Health.

Office - Council Offices, 32, South Street, Bridport.- Bridport 2301

Home - "Braeside" Burton Road, Bridport. - Bridport 2566

Section 11 - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

TABLE B.

Ships from.	Number.	Tonnage.	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the M.O.H.	By the S.I.	
Foreign Ports.	13	4109	6	7	Nil.
Coastwise.	20	5778	2	1	Nil.
Total.	33	9887	8	8	Nil.

Section 111 - 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.
 { Principal EXPORTS - Gravel.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive - Gefle, Lorient, Hamina, Wasklot, Harnosand, Gamleby, Rauma,

Section 1V - Inland Barge Traffic. - Nil.

Section V - Water Supply.

- (1) Source of supply (a) for the district :

Bridport - Bridport Water Works Company's
springs at Litton Cheney.

- (b) Shipping:

Mains from Bridport supply.

- (2) Reports of tests for contamination.

Samples are regularly examined at the Public Health Laboratory
Dorchester. The Water Supply is chlorinated at the source.

- (3) Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants & hosepipes.

The Harbour Master is responsible for the cleanliness of the
standpipes at the Harbour. Each ship has its own hosepipe.

- (4) Number and sanitary condition of water boats, and powers of control
by the Authority.

There are no water boats.

Section VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952.

- (1) List of Infected Areas. (Regulation 6).

The Ministry of Health's weekly record of Quarantinable Diseases
is received by the Port Medical Officer.

- (2) Radio Messages.

(a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter
the district. (Regulation 13). - Nil.

(b) Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships and
for acting thereon. (Regulation 14 (1) (a) and (2)). - Nil,

- (3) Notifications otherwise than by radio. (Regulation 14 (1) (b)). - Nil.

- (4) Mooring Stations. (Regulations 22 to 30).

This Port is not regularly used by shipping which might come within
the definition of "infected ship" or "suspected ship". If
circumstances arose, then ships would anchor in West Bay.

- (5) Arrangements for :-

(a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases - other than
Smallpox.

These are admitted to the Westhaven Hospital, located at
Radipole Lane, Weymouth.

- (b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts:

Arrangements are made for this to be carried out in accordance
with the Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952.

- (c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and
other articles.

The Port Health Inspector has a supply of disinfectants and
if necessary would carry out the treatment.

Section VII - Smallpox.

- (1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent from the district.

Crabwood Smallpox Hospital, Nr, Winchester, Hants.

- (2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital.

Dorset County Ambulance Service.

- (3) Names of Smallpox Consultants available.

Dr. E.J. Gordon Wallace, and Dr. P. Hughes, of Weymouth, and Dr. C. Hollins of Dorchester.

- (4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

Suspected material is sent to : Dr. F.C. McCullum, Virus Reference Laboratory, Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale, London, N.W.9. Tel No. - Colindale 6041.

Section VIII - Venereal Disease.

Patients can be seen at the V.D. Clinic, Portway Hospital, Males Mondays 11a.m. and Thursdays 5p.m., Females Wednesdays 2p.m., also at Dorset County Hospital, Males and Females, Thursdays 11a.m. by appointment, and the V.D. Officer is always prepared to give special facilities to Merchant Seamen. In-patient accommodation is provided for at the Westhaven Hospital, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. The Port Medical Officer gives the appropriate information to persons concerned regarding treatment facilities.

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 - Nil.

Section XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague - Nil.

Section XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

- (1) Routine inspection in ships from foreign ports is made.
- (2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents are made with the County Laboratory, Dorchester. No rats were sent during the year.

TABLE E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

Category	Number.
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 the year for ships from foreign ports.

No of Deratting Certificates issued.					Number of Deratting Exemption Cert's issued.	Total Cert's issued.
H.O.N.	After fumigation with Other fumigant (State Method)	After Trapping.	x After Poisoning.	Total.		
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

x State Poisons used and No. of Cert's issued after each poison.

Section XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances.

TABLE G.
Inspection and Notices.

Nature and number of Inspections.		Notices served.		Result of Serving Notices.
		Statutory Notices.	Other Notices.	
British.	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
Foreign.	13	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total.	16	Nil	Nil	Nil

Section XIV - Public Health (Shell-Fish) Regulations 1934 & 1948.

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

No difficulty would arise in arranging for such burials in local cemeteries.



