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RIPARIAN HEALTH DISTRICT OF BRIXHAM

This Report is based on the instructions of the Ministry of Health contained in Circulars H/32 and H/33, and follows the arrangement detailed in Form H/20.

SECTION I - STAFF

TABLE A

NO CHANGE.

SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPMENTS ENTERING  
RIPARIAN HEALTH DISTRICT OF BRIXHAM



ANNUAL REPORT

Class of Ship	Number	Tonnage (Gross)	By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Public Health Inspector	Number of cases reported as having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.
Foreign Ports	851	145,771	811	40	281
Coastwise	483	103,943	483	0	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>249,714</b>	<b>1,294</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>302</b>

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

These figures do not include liners calling for Pilots, as these liners do not cross the Harbour limits.

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RIPARIAN HEALTH DISTRICT OF BRIXHAM

This Report is based on the instructions of the Ministry of Health contained in Circulars 33/52 and 16/55, and follows the arrangement detailed in Form Port 20.

SECTION I - STAFF

TABLE A

NO CHANGE.

SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING

THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage (Nett)	<u>Number Inspected</u>		Number of ships reported as having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Public Health Inspec- tor.	
Foreign Ports	451	144,771	Nil	Nil	Nil
Coastwise	883	283,443	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	1,334	428,214	Nil	Nil	Nil

These figures do not include Liners calling for Pilots, as these Liners do not encroach on the Harbour Limits.

This report is based on the investigations of the Ministry of Health conducted in October 1952 and follows the arrangement detailed in Form No. 1.

SECTION I - STATE

TABLE A

NO. OF CASES

SECTION II - MONTHLY & QUARTERLY STATISTICS

THE QUARTER ENDING 31st MARCH 1952

TABLE B

Year	1951	1952	1953	1954
Number of cases	1,200	1,500	1,800	2,100
Number of deaths	150	180	210	240
Number of recoveries	1,050	1,320	1,590	1,860
Number of relapses	50	60	70	80
Number of deaths from complications	100	120	140	160

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SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND

TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	(	Number of Passengers INWARDS - Nil.
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	(	Number of Passengers OUTWARDS - Nil.
Cargo Traffic	(	Principal IMPORTS - Diesel Oil
	(	
	(	Principal EXPORTS - Oil, Limestone
Principal Ports from which ships arrived in 1959: Casablanca, Antwerp, Dunkirk, St. Malo, Sydney, Far Eastern Ports, Mediterranean Ports.		

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

There is no inland barge traffic in the area.

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

NO CHANGE

SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS)

REGULATIONS, 1952

NO CHANGE.

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF TRAFFIC

TRAFFIC DURING THE YEAR

TABLE 3

Number of Passengers - 1937	Passenger Traffic
Number of Passengers - 1936	
Estimated Income - 1937	Cargo Traffic
Estimated Income - 1936	
Estimated ports from which traffic arrived in 1937: Canadian, Antwerp, Dunkirk, St. John, Sydney, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Mediterranean ports.	

SECTION IV - TONNAGE TRAFFIC

There is no inland cargo traffic in the river.

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

NO CHANGE

SECTION VI - TONNAGE TRAFFIC

NO CHANGE

NO CHANGE

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

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

Upton Pyne Smallpox Hospital, Nr. Exeter.  
Telephone: Stoke Cannon 207.

- (2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the Authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the crews.

Arrangements are made by telephone message to the Resident Physician at Whipton Isolation Hospital, Exeter (Telephone: Exeter 67158). The vehicle is supplied by Exeter City Health Department, and is staffed by the hospital. All members of the crew are vaccinated regularly.

- (3) Names of Smallpox Consultants available.

The Consultants are:-

Dr. D.F. Johnstone, The Isolation Hospital, Plymouth.  
Telephone: Plymouth 51437/8 Home: Plymouth 73896.

Dr. W.A. Lister, 7 The Crescent, Plymouth.  
Telephone: Plymouth 5701.

- (4) Facilities for Laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

Specimens are sent to the Central Public Health Laboratory, (Virus Reference), Colindale, Hendon, London, N.W.4.

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE

NO CHANGE.



SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

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

Winton Smallpox Hospital, 47, Kewter.  
Telephone: Stone Cannon 207.

(2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccination state of the driver.

Arrangements are made by telephone message to the Resident Physician at Winton Isolation Hospital, Kewter (Telephone: Stone Cannon 207). The vehicle is supplied by Kewter City Health Department, and is staffed by the hospital. All members of the crew are vaccinated regularly.

(3) Name of Smallpox Consultant available.

The Consultant are:-

Dr. D. F. Johnston, The Isolation Hospital, Plymouth.  
Telephone: Plymouth 2427/8 Home: Plymouth 2392.

Dr. E. L. Baker, 7 The Crescent, Plymouth.  
Telephone: Plymouth 2797.

(4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

Specimens are sent to the Central Public Health Laboratory, (Virus Laboratory), Colindale, Hendon, London, N.W.4.

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE

NO CHANGE.

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND  
OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES 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.	-	-	-	-
Cases landed from other ports.	-	-	-	-

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; (b) any suspected case of any such disease.

Nil.

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND

OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES BY SHIPS

TABLE B

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

A short notation should be given of the manner taken on the arrival of ships of (a) any case of measles, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus, or relapsing fever landed in Table B; (b) any suspected case of any such disease.



SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS OF THE OCCURRENCE  
OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

NIL.

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS  
INFECTED OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

NIL.

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS  
FROM FOREIGN PORTS

- (1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

The Public Health Inspector makes enquiries of masters of ships as to the presence of, or undue mortality among rats. He also inspects ships, quays, wharves and stores at regular intervals for signs of the presence of rats.

- (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.

These examinations are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Bradninch Place, Gandy Street, Exeter. No rodents were sent for examination.

- (3) Arrangements in the District for de-ratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

Arrangements are made for this service to be carried out at Plymouth.

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

This has not been required owing to the limited nature of shipping entering the port.



SECTION X - OBSERVATION OF THE DOCUMENTS

OF MANIFESTS IN SHIPS

WILL

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS

INTENDED OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

WILL

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST SHIPS IN SHIPS

FROM FOREIGN PORTS

(1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

The Public Health Inspector makes enquiries of masters of ships as to the presence of, or other vermin on board rats. He also inspects ships, ports, wharves and other at regular intervals for signs of the presence of rats.

(2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents used for examination during the year.

These examinations are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Brompton Place, Dandy Street, E.C.1. No rodents were used for examination.

(3) Arrangements in the District for de-ratting ships, the methods used, and if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

Arrangements are made for this service to be carried out at 1/2p per rodent.

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

This has not been reported owing to the limited nature of shipping entering the port.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>
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.

Brixham is not an approved port under Article 52 of the International Sanitary Regulations.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and number of inspections	Notices		Result of serving Notices
	Statutory Notices	Served Other Notices	
General			
2	Nil	Nil	-

TABLE 2

Substance destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>
Black rats	111
Brown rats	111
Species not known	111
Sent for examination	111
Infected with plague	111

TABLE 3

Devising Certificates and Issuing Inspection Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

Britain is not an approved port under Article 25 of the International Sanitary Regulations.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR QUARANTINE

TABLE 4

Inspections and Notices

<u>Number and Category of Inspections</u>	<u>Notices</u>		<u>Result of servicing Notices</u>
	<u>Category Notices</u>	<u>Other Notices</u>	
<u>General</u>	111	111	-



SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELLFISH)

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

12 Mariners were landed at Brixham to receive medical or surgical treatment as summarised below:-

<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Type of illness or injury</u>
Dutch (1)	Pyrexia.
French (3)	Crushed Foot, Chill, Injury to buttock.
British (8)	Cut Finger, Haemorrhoids, Dermatitis, Peritonitis, Suspected V.D., Anxiety, Nervous Dyspepsia, Pyelitis.

In addition 8 seamen rescued from a German vessel on fire in the English Channel were landed at Brixham. There were no casualties.

I wish to express my thanks to the Public Health Inspector for his assistance, and to the Officers of H.M. Customs and the Harbour Master for their co-operation.

JOHN WILDMAN

Medical Officer of Health

29th March, 1960.



SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (GENERAL)

REGULATIONS, 1924 AND 1925

NO CHANGE

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

(Applicable only to ports approved for the landing of aliens)

NO CHANGE

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

13 Regulations were landed at Britain to receive medical or surgical treatment as summarized below:-

<u>Type of illness or injury</u>	<u>Nationality</u>
Typhoid	German (1)
Crushed foot, Cellulitis, Injury to hand	French (2)
Gas Poison, Haemorrhoids, Tetanus, Paratyphoid, Unspecified Illness, Nerveous System, Psoriasis	British (8)

In addition 5 cases were treated from a German vessel on fire in the English Channel were landed at Britain. There were no casualties.

I wish to express my thanks to the Public Health Inspector for his assistance, and to the Officers of H.M. Customs and the Harbour Master for their co-operation.

JOHN WILKINSON

Medical Officer of Health

25th March, 1926.