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of the

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for the

DARTMOUTH AND TOTNES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Guildhall,
Dartmouth.
March 1963.





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TOTNES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE
DARTMOUTH AND TOTNES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1962

To the Chairman and Members

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

In accordance with my statutory duties I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1962.

There has been no change in the Port Health District of Dartmouth and Totnes as constituted in the year 1888 by a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board.

SECTION I - Staff - No change.

SECTION II

Amount of Shipping entering the District
during the year 1962

TABLE B

Ships from	No.	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	
For'gn Pts	268	44,293	50	268	NIL
Coastwise	65	29,673	10	65	NIL
Total	333	73,966	60	333	NIL

SECTION III

Character of shipping and tonnage during the year 1962

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	(Number of Passengers	INWARDS	- Nil
	(Number of Passengers	OUTWARDS	- Nil
(Principal IMPORTS - Coal, Timber, Cement, Thatch.			
(Principal EXPORTS - Nil			
PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive - Goole, Blyth, London, Baltic Ports.			

Ships proceeding up river to Totnes - Total - 34

Timber - 32

Thatch - 2

Shipping entering the port shows an increase in both numbers and tonnage as compared to 1961. The increase in tonnage for foreign 28,095 is due mainly to ships in for lay up. Coastwise shipping is increased by 7,982 tons.

SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic - Nil.

SECTION V - Water Supply.

1. - No change - South Devon Water Board.
2. - Water test taken No. 1 Water Board, on 25/4/62 - satisfactory
3. - Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes - Flushed regularly and before use.
4. - Number of water boats - 1 steel barge, capacity 11 tons.

The water boat is regularly inspected by the Port Sanitary Inspector and samples sent for analysis.

Powers of control by the Authority are inspection and sampling.

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952 -

No change.

SECTION VII - Smallpox

(1) Name of Isolation Hospital, to which Smallpox cases are sent in the district: - Smallpox Hospital, Upton Pyne, Nr. Exeter.

(2) Ambulance is provided by the Exeter City Ambulance service. The Exeter Special Hospital Management Committee are responsible for the ambulance and ambulance crews are vaccinated yearly.

(3) Names of Smallpox consultants available :

Dr. J. Macrae, Ham Green Hospital, Bristol.

Dr. W.A. Lister, Plymouth.

Dr. D.F. Johnstone, Plymouth.

(4) Facilities for Laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox:

The Virus Reference Laboratory, Colindale, London N.W.4., or through the Public Health Laboratory at Bradnich Place, Gandy Street, Exeter.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease - No change

SECTION IX
Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious Disease on Ships

TABLE D

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

SECTION X

Observation on the Occurrence of Malaria in Ships

NIL.

SECTION XI

Measures taken against ships infested with, or suspected for
Plague

NIL.

SECTION XII

Measures against Rodents in Ships from Foreign Ports

- 1 - Procedure for inspection of ships in Ports:
Routine inspection of ships entering Port by Port Health Inspector.
- 2 - Arrangements for bacteriological and pathological examination of rodents with special reference to rodent plague is carried out by the Public Health Laboratory at Exeter.

Number of rodents sent for examination during the year- Nil.

- 3 - There are no arrangements in the District for de-ratting ships,
- 4 - Procedure in the rat proofing of ships - Nil.

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

De-ratting Certificates and De-ratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports

No. of De-ratting Certificates issued					No. of de-rat'g exempt'n Certs issued	Total Certs Issued
After fumigation with HCN	After fumigation with Other fumigant (state method)	After trap'g	After pois'n'g	Total		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nil	Nil	-	-	-	-	-

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances

TABLE G

Inspections & Notices

Nature and Number of		Notices served		Result of serving notice
		Stat'y Notices	Informal Notices	
General examination of crews' quarters, heads, water supply, store rooms, hold and bilges	333	NIL	NIL	-
Total	333	NIL	NIL	-

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

No change.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens

No change.

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous

There has been no change in the arrangements for burial of infectious cases or of the disposal of smallpox cases.

During the year 1962 the following patients were treated by me

(1) At the Dartmouth and Kingswear Hospital :-

One case - Acute sinusitis
Two cases - Acute tonsillitis
One case - Acute enteritis.

(2) At the Surgery or at Dartmouth and Kingswear Hospital as outpatients :-

Diabetes - 1 case
Fractured ribs - 1 case
Haemorrhoids - 1 case
Hernia - 1 case
Arthritis - 1 case
Ulcer of leg - 1 case
Minor injury - 9 cases
Minor ailments - 17 cases
Re-vaccination - 35 cases.

1. There were two cases of Venereal Disease, first cases reported since 1956.

Three contacts of smallpox were under surveillance.

There were no cases of infectious disease.

2. All Foreshores, Quays and Jetties have been inspected and found satisfactory.
3. Layed up ships are regularly inspected and found to be satisfactory.
4. Sewer outfalls at Dartmouth - Two still defective.
5. Totnes outfall unsatisfactory. Stoke Gabriel, Tuckenhay, Dittisham and Kingswear outfalls satisfactory.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient Servant,

A.D. VERNIQUET. M.B., Ch.B.,

Port Medical Officer of Health.

