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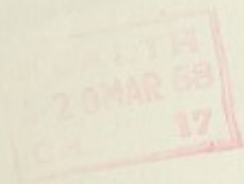
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DOVER PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1957.

C. F. LYNCH, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health

Health Department,  
Brook House,  
Dover.



DOVER PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

HEALTH COMMITTEE

To 1st June, 1957

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(Alderman J. Williams, C.C., J.P.)

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Health Department,  
Brook House,  
Dover.

To: The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Dover  
acting as the Port Health Authority of the Port of Dover.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the work  
of the Port Health Department for the year 1957.

The Report is made as usual in accordance with Ministry of  
Health Circular No. 33/52 and in the form outlined in Form Port  
20.

The amount of shipping entering the Port, practically five  
million tons, showed a further increase during the year, and almost  
a million passengers were landed; over a quarter of these were  
aliens whose nationalities etc. and the numbers dealt with by the  
Medical Inspector are shown in the Section on Aliens Inspection.

Cases of infectious disease in ships arriving at the Port  
greatly outnumbered those reported in the previous year, the  
increase being due mainly to the number of influenza cases landed.

28,879 tons of foodstuffs were inspected under the Public  
Health (Imported Food) Regulations but little more than half a  
ton was condemned as unfit for human consumption. Details of con-  
signments and other items dealt with during the year are included  
in the Section on Food Inspection.

I have pleasure in acknowledging the help received throughout  
the year from H. M. Customs and Immigration Departments, the  
Railway Executive, Shipping Agents and other Departments associated  
with the work of the Port Health Authority.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. F. LYNCH

Medical Officer of Health.

March, 1958.

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SECTION I - STAFFTABLE A

The following changes occurred during the year:-

Nature of Appointment	Remarks
Deputy Medical Officer of Health	Owing to ill-health of Dr. T. J. Nicholl, arrangements with him to perform duties of Deputy Medical Officer of Health terminated w.e.f. 15th August, 1957. Dr. S. Wood Smith M.B., B.S., D.P.H., appointed in temporary acting capacity with effect from 15th August, 1957.
Port and Aliens Nurse	Mrs. D. A. Bone S.R.N., appointed on part-time basis with effect from 1st January, 1957; died 3rd April, 1957. Mrs. V. M. Craft S.R.N., appointed whole-time with effect from 3rd June, 1957.



## SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

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 Public Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	4,071	4,803,429	24 *	71	26
Coastwise	382	156,340	-	63	1
Total	4,453	4,959,769	24 *	134	27

\* Excluding vessels from cross-channel ports.

## SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

PASSENGER TRAFFIC	.. .. .	{ Number of Passengers	INWARDS	996,347
		{ Number of Passengers	OUTWARDS	975,007
CARGO TRAFFIC	.. .. .	{ Principal IMPORTS	General merchandise, wines, foodstuffs, coal and timber.	
		{ Principal EXPORTS	Cars and general merchandise.	
PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive:		South and West African; South American; European; Iberian; Scandinavian and Baltic.		

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

Nil

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

NO CHANGE

SECTION VI

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952

NO CHANGE

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

1. Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the district:

The River Hospitals,  
(Long Reach),  
DARTFORD,  
Kent.

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 ambulance crews:

Ambulance of Canterbury City Council available on request.

Special ambulance crew provided by the same Authority.

3. Name of smallpox consultant available:

Medical Officer,  
The River Hospitals,  
(Long Reach),  
DARTFORD,  
Kent.

4. Facilities for laboratory diagnosis for smallpox:

Central Public Health Laboratory,  
Colindale Avenue,  
Colindale,  
LONDON, N.W.9.

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE

NO CHANGE

## SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS 1957

TABLE D

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	Acute Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	-	1	1
	Influenza	29	-	5
	Tonsillitis	3	2	5
	Chicken Pox	3	-	3
	Mumps	2	-	2
	German Measles	-	1	1
	Upper Respiratory Infection	2	-	2
	Infective Hepatitis	1	-	1
	Dysentery	1	-	1
	Enteritis	1	-	1
	Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	Chicken Pox	-	1
Malaria		-	7	2
Enteritis		1	6	1
Cases landed from other ships	Influenza	-	1	1

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF  
MALARIA IN SHIPS

Six members of the crew in one ship from West Africa and one in another also from West Africa were reported as cases of Malaria which had recovered before arrival. Otherwise no cases of Malaria occurred in vessels arriving at the Port during the year.

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

No measures were necessary during 1957.

In the event of finding plague-infected rats, vessels would be boomed off and fumigation of all compartments carried out with H.C.N.

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS  
FROM FOREIGN PORTS

1. Procedure for inspection of ships for rats:

Trade of port consists chiefly of cross-channel traffic, vessels of which are subjected to half-yearly routine inspections in connection with the issue of the necessary certificates under Regulation 19 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

Additionally, any evidence of the presence of rodents on board occurring in the interval would be immediately reported by the British Railways Authority.

Other vessels entering the port are subjected to routine inspection by the Port Health Inspectors.

Port of Dover approved and designated for the issue of both Deratting and Deratting Exemption Certificates under Regulation 19 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

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:

Although no action was necessary during 1957, any rats found on ships would be sent for necessary examination to the Public Health Laboratory at Maidstone.

3. Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor:

Deratting carried out by contractors, viz. Fumigation Services, Limited, Barking, Essex, using Hydrogen Cyanide gas under direction of Port Health Inspectors.

Minor infestations are dealt with by the Local Authority's Rodent Operator using Warfarin mainly.

4. Progress in the rat-proofing of ships:

No actual measures requested during 1957. With regard to the cross-channel vessels, rat proofing of store-rooms effectively

maintained. Any deficiencies found in these or other vessels would be brought to the attention of masters and owners.

TABLE E  
RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR IN  
SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Category:	Number:
Black rats	-
Brown rats	-
Species not known	-
Sent for examination	-
Infected with Plague	-

In no case was the presence or suspected presence of rats on board ships reported or found as a result of inspection by the Health Department Staff.

TABLE F

## DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES ISSUED DURING THE YEAR FOR SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

	No. of Deratting Certificates issued				Total	No. of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued	Total Certificates issued
	After fumigation with		After trepping	After poisoning			
	H.C.N.	Other fumigant (state method)					
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	
-	-	-	-	-	23	23	

## SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G

## INSPECTIONS AND NOTICES

Nature and number of inspections (including re-inspections)	Notices served		Result of serving notices
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
BRITISH VESSELS .. .. . 106	-	1	Informal notice given to Master of Vessel on West Africa, service re- garding defective mosquito proofing Undertaking received to remedy defects before next voyage.
FOREIGN VESSELS .. .. . 62	-	-	-
TOTAL .. .. . 170	-	1	-



SECTION XIVPUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS,1934 and 1948

NO CHANGE

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

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

1. List of Medical Inspectors holding Warrants of Appointment:

Medical Officer of Health

Dr. T. J. Nicholl; Dr. S. Wood Smith

Drs. C. P. K. Toland and P. H. Garrard

Drs. D. W. J. Radcliffe, D. W. Hall and R. J. L. Davis

Dr. T. J. Cobbe

Drs. M. Koettlitz and A. K. Thomas

2. List of other staff engaged on this work:

Mrs. D. A. Bone (Part Time) (Died 3.4.57.) Aliens Nurse

Mrs. V. M. Craft (Appointed w.e.f. 3.6.57) Aliens Nurse

Miss E. Joy .. .. . Relief Nurse

Miss A. E. Knott .. .. . Relief Nurse

Mrs. C. L. Whitehorn .. .. . Relief Nurse

3. Organisation of work:

No change.

4. Nature and Amount of Aliens Traffic:

Number of Aliens arriving at the Port:-

Year:	1955	1956	1957
Total Aliens:	236,019	252,615	273,577

Aliens dealt with by the Medical Inspector:-

Year:	Total: Aliens:	Medically Examined:	Percentage of Total Medically Examined:
1955	236,019	8,395	3.56
1956	252,615	8,817	3.49
1957	273,577	8,501	3.11

Categories in which Aliens were examined:-

1.	Holding Ministry of Labour Permits .. .. .	7,512
2.	Intending to make their home in the United Kingdom	712
3.	Visitors .. .. .	257
4.	Business Visitors .. .. .	-
5.	Returning Residents .. .. .	19
6.	Aliens in transit .. .. .	1
7.	Others .. .. .	-
		<u>8,501</u>

The certificates issued to the Immigration Officer numbered 136, twenty of the aliens concerned being refused permission to land.

The rate of certificates issued in respect of aliens examined was 1.60% compared with 1.17% for the year 1956.

TABLE I

NATIONALITIES EXAMINED AND CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Nationality:		Males:	Females:	Chil- dren	Total:	No. of Certif- icates:
Baltic States	(Latvian, Poles and Finns	4	10	4	18	3
	U.S.S.R. .. .. .	-	2	-	2	-
	(Norwegians, Swedes & Danes	9	28	1	38	-
Middle and Western European States	(German .. .. .	232	3812	-	4044	20
	Austrian .. .. .	49	481	3	533	5
	Swiss .. .. .	43	162	-	205	5
	French .. .. .	37	92	-	129	8
	Belgian .. .. .	25	20	-	45	2
	Italian .. .. .	760	1192	78	2030	23
	Spanish and Portuguese	170	529	5	704	7
	Czechs and Jugo-Slavs	34	105	16	155	6
	(Luxembourg & Liechtenstein	5	12	-	17	-
Dutch .. .. .	16	30	-	46	3	
Eastern European States	(Hungarian .. .. .	93	156	58	307	5
	Rumanian and Bulgarian	1	4	3	8	-
	(Greeks .. .. .	17	64	1	82	22
Egypt, Syria, Libya and Asiatic States	(Lebanese .. .. .	-	-	-	-	-
	(Egypt; Palestine; Iraq; Iran	31	20	14	65	6
	Tunis; Israel .. .. .	-	1	-	1	1
	Yemen .. .. .	-	-	-	-	-
	(Turkish; Armenian .. .. .	10	6	5	21	15
	Syrian; Libyan .. .. .	-	1	-	1	-
	Chinese .. .. .	2	1	-	3	-
(Japanese .. .. .	-	-	-	-	-	
(Siamese; Indonesian .. .. .	-	1	-	1	1	
North & South America	(Central and South America	-	3	-	3	-
	U.S.A. .. .. .	2	2	1	5	1
	Stateless .. .. .	17	12	9	38	3
Totals .. .. .	1557	6746	198	8501	136	

TABLE (2) - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

	Total:	Number subjected to detailed examination by the Medical Inspector:	Certificates Issued:				Trans migrants:
			Unsound mind or mentally defective: (A)	Undesirable for medical reasons: B (1)	Inability to support and/or likely to require medical treatment: B (2)	Conditionally landed for further medical examination: (C)	
(a) Total number of Aliens landing at the Port	273,000	8,481	1	-	114	1	-
(b) Aliens refused permission to land by Immigration Officer	577	20	7	5	7	-	-
Total Aliens arriving	273,577	8,501	8	6	121	1	-

Number of Vessels attended by the Medical Inspector . . . . 1,505 (including 24 liners)

5. Accommodation for medical inspection and examination:

No change.

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

(arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died from infectious disease:)

No change.



Foodstuffs condemned during 1957 comprised 6 cwts. 2 qtrs. 20 lbs. Peaches and 6 cwts. 1 qtr. 17 lbs. Tinned Apricot Pulp, all Spanish produce.

Owing to the presence of "San Jose Scale" in plums and Oriental Fruit Moth infestation of peaches, all Italian produce, consignments of these fruits were also subjected to inspection by representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. In all, nearly 109 tons of fruit were rejected by the Ministry Inspectors and of this amount approximately nine tons were destroyed under the supervision of the Health Department, the remainder being re-shipped to the consignors.

2. Action under Articles 11 and 12 of the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937:

- |                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Parcel Sausage casings      |        |
| 2. Parcel Salted Sheep casings |        |
| 3. 400 cases Lard)             | French |
| 4. 400 cases Lard)             |        |

Action Taken:

Detained and exported
Detained and exported

Irregularities in Official Certificates: after communication with Health Authority established that conditions governing the use of the Official Certificates had been complied with and that Certificates used were acceptable to that Authority. Consignments allowed to proceed.

Note: The Sausage casings were consigned by parcel post and were received at the General Post Office Foreign Parcels section; in neither case was there an accompanying Official Certificate.

3. Number of Samples of Food examined by:-

- (a) Bacteriologist:- Nil.
- (b) Analyst:- 17

Reports on the samples examined by the Public Analyst were as follows:-

Lard: (French) Free from excessive moisture, foreign fats and rancidity.

Grapefruit: (Israeli) Thiourea not present.

Drained Cherries: (French) Sample clean and firm, containing sulphite preservative to the extent of 70 parts per million calculated as sulphur dioxide.

Tinned Apricot Pulp and Tinned Apricots in Syrup: (Spanish) Samples of half apricots: both free from preservatives and excessive poisonous metals.

Pears: (Italian) Arsenic 0.2 parts per million, copper 2 parts per million, proportions both within acceptable limits.

Drained Cherries: (French) Sulphite preservative present to the extent of 70 parts per million as sulphur dioxide; sample free from significant amounts of arsenic and metallic contamination.

Pears: (Italian) Arsenic 0.2 parts per million; copper 1.8 parts per million, proportions both within acceptable limits.

Canned Pimentos: (Spanish) Three samples were submitted and were reported free from preservatives, poisonous metals and arsenic.

Canned Pork Luncheon Meat: (Danish) Free from preservatives and toxic metals. Nitrite present to the extent of 85 parts per million as sodium nitrite.

Drained Cherries: (French) Contained sulphite preservative to the extent of 80 parts per million as sulphur dioxide; arsenic and toxic metals absent.

Preserved Fruit: (French) Sulphite preservative present to the extent of 95 parts per million as sulphur dioxide; no arsenic or toxic metals.

Tomato Paste: (Italian) Sample free from sulphite and boron preservatives; arsenic not found. Copper content equivalent to 26 parts per million calculated on the dry solid matter.

Dates: (Algerian) Clean, well packed, and, in the Public Analyst's opinion, from the 1957 season's crop. Free from excessive sand and preservatives, while toxic metals and arsenic were not found.

Oranges: (Spanish) Fruit clean and in good condition; free from thioures.





