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DOVER PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1962

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DOVER PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

HEALTH COMMITTEE

To 1st June, 1962

His Worship the Mayor

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Councillor G.M.B. Toland

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Councillor A. K. Wheeler

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Councillor E. A. Pittock

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 Authority for the year 1962.

Statistics of shipping entering the Port and of passenger traffic during the year show a further increase and illustrate the present trend in the work of the Port Health Department generally.

Much additional work was required in preparation for the Commonwealth Immigrants Act, 1962, which came into operation on 1st July. Details of activities subsequently involved are included at the end of the Section of the Report dealing with Aliens Medical Inspection.

The occurrence of smallpox in the Country earlier in the year also added considerably to the work of the Department, requiring extra vigilance over arrivals from infected areas and the discharge of other commitments which included frequent assistance to intending travellers in connection with vaccination requirements abroad.

Twenty-seven cases of infectious disease involving twenty-seven ships were dealt with on arrival. Sanitary conditions on board were satisfactory as was the case generally in practically all vessels inspected during the year.

In a few instances however samples of water from ship's tanks showed evidence of contamination. This was speedily remedied and subsequent samples proved satisfactory.

More than 1,000 cargoes amounting to 67,883 tons of foodstuffs were dealt with under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations during the year. Approximately 2½ tons consisting of fruit and vegetables were condemned as unfit for human consumption, while 28 samples of various imported foodstuffs were submitted to the Public Analyst.

I have to thank H.M. Customs and Immigration Authorities and all other Departments associated with the work of the Port Health Authority for their co-operation and assistance throughout the year.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C.F. LYNCH
Medical Officer of Health.

15th February, 1963.

SECTION I - STAFFTABLE A

The following changes occurred during the year:-

(1) Deputy Medical Officer of Health and Medical Inspector of Aliens

Dr. F.O.J. Shaw, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
resigned with effect from 31st May, 1962.

Dr. J.A. Byrne, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H., D.T.M. & H.,
appointed with effect from 9th July, 1962.

(11) Port Health and Food Inspector

Mr. R.H. Cuff - Obtained additional qualification -
Diploma for Inspectors of Meat and Other Foods
(Royal Society of Health)

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DOVER.

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SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEARTABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of Ships reported as having, or have had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Public Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	5,844	6,906,057	24	101	25
Coastwise	610	308,994	2	15	2
Total	6,454	7,215,051	*26	116	27

* Excluding vessels from cross-channel ports

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEARTABLE C

PASSENGER TRAFFIC	Number of Passengers INWARDS 1,529,430 Number of Passengers OUTWARDS 1,513,567
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

25 samples were submitted by the Department during the year for bacteriological examination, 5 from hydrants, 5 from the dock area and 15 from ships. Those from the hydrants and the dock area were all reported to be highly satisfactory, but of those taken from the ships two were reported to be grossly contaminated and three showed evidence of slight contamination. In the case of the unsatisfactory samples immediate action was taken for the emptying and cleansing of the ships' water tanks and distribution systems: four of these samples were from vessels that had taken on water at Teneriffe and consequently all vessels which had watered there were investigated.

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

Special Clinic, Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover.

Tuesday and Thursday - 9.30 - 10.30 a.m.

(Except 3rd Thursday in month)

Patients from high seas dealt with for first time at the Clinic during the year:- Syphilis - 1; Gonorrhoea - 12; Other conditions - 15.

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFYABLE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS, 1962TABLE D

Category	Disease:	Number of Cases during the year		Number of Ships Concerned
		Passengers:	Crew:	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	Influenza	-	2	2
	Dysentery	1	-	1
	Measles	3	-	3
	Tonsillitis	-	1	1
	Gastro-enteritis	4	1	5
	Typhoid Fever	-	1	1
	Mumps	2	-	2
	Chicken Pox	4	-	4
	German Measles	2	-	2
	Epidemic Nausea & Vomiting	1	-	1
	Obs. Dysentery	1	-	1
	Malaria	-	1	1
	Ac. Laryngitis	1	-	1
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	Erysipelas	-	1	1
	Influenza	-	1	1

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

One case of malaria, in a crew member of a Polish vessel from West Africa, was reported during the year; the patient had been admitted to hospital as an observation pyelitis.

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

No measures were necessary during 1962.

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 PORTS1. 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 1962, 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 contractor, 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 active measures requested during 1962. 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	-

During the year the presence of rats on board ship was not reported by any arriving vessel nor discovered during the routine inspection carried out.

TABLE F

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

No. of Deratting Certificates issued					No. of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued	Total Certificates issued
After fumigation with H.C.N.	Other fumigant (state method)	After trapping	After poisoning	Total		
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
-	-	-	-	-	32	32

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 54	-	-	-
FOREIGN VESSELS 69	-	-	-
TOTAL 123	-	-	-

No actual notices were served during the year under review, but the following action was necessary:-

A cockroach infestation on one British vessel was successfully treated.

SECTION XIVPUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS1934 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 (at 31.12.62.):

Medical Officer of Health:
 Deputy Medical Officer of Health:
 Dr. P.H. Garrard:
 Drs. A.K. Thomas and D.C. Millar:
 Dr. J.J. Hughes:

2. List of other staff engaged during the year:

Mrs. V.M. Craft S.R.N. Aliens Nurse
 Miss A.E. Knott S.R.N. Relief Nurse
 Mrs. F.H. Lamoon Relief Nurse
 Mrs. G. Nicholl S.R.N. Relief Nurse
 Miss D. Tapley S.R.N. Relief Nurse
 Mrs. K. Underdown Relief Nurse
 Miss M. Wells-Smith S.R.N. .. Relief Nurse

3. Organisation of work:

No change.

4. Nature and amount of Aliens Traffic:

Number of aliens arriving at the port and dealt with by the Medical Inspector:-

<u>Year:</u>	<u>Total Aliens:</u>	<u>Medically Examined:</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Medically Examined:</u>
1960	359,598	11,156	3.10
1961	374,708	11,804	3.15
1962	401,943	11,319	2.81

Categories in which aliens were examined:-

1. Holding Ministry of Labour Permits	10,229
2. Intending to make their home in the United Kingdom	886
3. Visitors	201
4. Business Visitors	1
5. Returning Residents	1
6. Aliens in Transit	1
7. Others	-
	11,319

The Certificates issued to the Immigration Officer numbered 132, 23 of the aliens concerned being refused permission to land.

The rate of certificates issued in respect of aliens examined was 1.166% compared with 0.864% for the year 1961.

TABLE I

NATIONALITIES EXAMINED AND CERTIFICATES ISSUED

NATIONALITY:	Males	Females	Children	Total	No. of Certificates
France	69	142	1	212	4
Belgium	16	26	-	42	5
Holland	10	43	-	53	3
Luxembourg	-	3	-	3	-
Germany	429	1979	2	2410	13
Switzerland	58	121	2	181	2
Italy	1661	735	77	2473	17
Spain: Portugal	1436	3446	6	4888	13
Austria	73	477	1	551	3
Greece	60	117	2	179	23
Mid European States ..	13	129	5	147	8
Baltic States	9	32	-	41	1
Turkey	28	13	4	45	16
Egypt: Sudan	4	1	-	5	3
Middle Eastern States	20	17	3	40	13
North African States	4	-	1	5	2
South Africa	2	4	-	6	-
Ethiopia	-	1	-	1	-
North America	4	6	-	10	4
South America etc. ..	2	3	-	5	-
Asiatic States	5	4	-	9	-
Stateless	8	5	-	13	1
	3911	7304	104	11,319	132

TABLE II - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

	Total	Number subjected to detailed examination by the Medical Inspector	Certificates Issued			Conditionally landed for further medical examination (C)
			Unsound mind or mentally defective (A)	Undesirable for medical reasons (B)1	Inability to support and/or likely to require medical treatment (B)2	
(a) Total number of Aliens landed at the Port	402,007	11,296	-	2	107	-
(b) Aliens refused permission to land by Immigration Officer	936	23	4	7	12	-
Total Aliens arriving	401,943	11,319	4	9	119	-

Number of Vessels attended by the Medical Inspector:- 1449

(including 64 attended by two or more Medical Inspectors)

TABLE 3 - MONTHLY FIGURES OF ALIENS MEDICALLY
EXAMINED

Month	Marine Station:	Ferry Dock:	Eastern Docks:	Total:	Certificates:
January	911	26	1	938	14
February	771	33	3	807	8
March	1074	37	32	1143	10
April	1298	94	22	1414	13
May	1153	103	8	1264	11
June	863	75	11	949	7
July	870	52	14	936	16
August	648	42	12	702	11
September	847	63	16	926	8
October	869	44	9	922	11
November	699	40	8	747	12
December	543	26	2	571	11
TOTAL	10,546	635	138	11,319	132

5. Accommodation for medical inspection and examination:

No change.

SECTION XV (A) - COMMONWEALTH IMMIGRANTS

In accordance with Ministry of Health letter, reference I.F.(1)93004/3/ID, dated 14th November, 1962, the following information regarding the medical examination of immigrants under the terms of the Commonwealth Immigrants Act, 1962, (for the period 1st July - 31st December, 1962) is included:-

1. & 2. Medical and Other Staff Engaged:- as for the medical examination of aliens; one relief Medical Inspector engaged on a regular part-time basis since 1st July, 1962.

3. Organisation of Work:

Essentially the same as for the examination of aliens except that Commonwealth examinations are carried out on board ship from time to time when their numbers warrant it and pending the provision of additional accommodation by alteration and extension of the existing Medical Inspection Room at Dover Marine.

4. Nature and amount of Commonwealth Traffic:

(a) <u>Arriving Commonwealth Citizens:</u>	<u>Medically Examined:</u>	<u>% age of total medically examined:</u>	<u>Reports issued:</u>
41,183	369	0.896%	9

(b) Particulars of Reports issued:

Nature of Report	No. of Reports	Refused Entry
A. Suffering from mental disorder	1	1
B.(1) Undesirable for medical reasons	-	-
B.(2) Likely to require major medical treatment	8	1
	9	2

(c) Nationalities Examined:

Nationality	Males:	Females:	Children:	Total:
Cyprus	85	42	3	130
Pakistan	14	3	-	17
Mauritius	10	-	-	10
Australia	17	15	-	32
Ghana	3	-	-	3
Canada	4	4	-	8
Malaya	3	1	-	4
Southern Rhodesia ..	-	2	-	2
India	57	7	4	68
West Indies	6	5	-	11
Fiji	1	-	-	1
Nigeria	58	15	-	73
Sierra Leone	1	-	-	1
New Zealand	3	2	-	5
Hong Kong	2	-	-	2
Malta	1	-	-	1
Kenya	-	1	-	1
TOTAL:	265	97	7	369

(d) Monthly Figures of Immigrants Medically Examined:

	Marine Station	Ferry Dock	Eastern Decks
July	18	1	-
August	4	-	1
September	32	3	3
October	127	17	1
November	95	1	-
December	59	6	1
Total	335	28	6

5. Accommodation for medical inspection and examination:

As for Aliens viz:-

Dover Marine 2 rooms with provision made for extension.

Eastern Dock 2 Rooms.

Ferry Dock 1 Room and one ante-room.

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

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

No change.

SECTION XVII - FOOD INSPECTION

1. Action taken under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937, the Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations, 1926, and the Preservatives in Food Regulations, 1956

1056 Cargoes comprising 67,883 tons 9 cwts. of various foodstuffs were examined during the year.

Country of Origin:	Article and weight (tons, cwts.) of foodstuffs inspected:										
	Fruit:	Vegetables:	Tinned Fruit:	Fish:	Frozen Vegetables:	Frozen Fruit:	Fruit Juice:	Preserves:	Confectionery:		
Spain	25184	2604	555	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Italy	5463	3799	-	3	0	-	-	-	95	19	
Belgium	200	4	-	682	-	-	-	-	-	-	
France	263	401	-	11½	5	8	-	-	-	-	
Turkey	752	-	-	-	100	15	-	-	-	-	
Morocco	148	5558	-	-	-	-	-	-	77	1	
Switzerland	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	
Yugoslavia	40	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	
Lebanon	-	151	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Canary Islands	12336	5088	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Holland	52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Algeria	61	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Israel	345½	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	2	
Hungary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Greece	540	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1½	-	-	

Foodstuffs condemned during the year:-

	Tons:	Cwts:	Qtrs:	lbs:	
Italy	-	-	-	24	Peaches
Spain	1	1	0	24	Apricots
	-	14	0	0	Potatoes
Canary Islands	-	8	2	0	Potatoes
	-	-	1	11	Tomatoes
Morocco	-	6	0	0	Potatoes
	2	10	1	3	

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

Oversea Meat and Meat Products:

No action was necessary during 1962.

3. Number of Samples of Food examined by:-

(a) Bacteriologist:- Nil

(b) Public Analyst:- 28

Chocolate (Hungary): Three samples all regarded as satisfactory; free from arsenic and sulphite preservative and toxic metals present in only insignificant amounts.

Apple Juice (Switzerland): Free from arsenic and significant amounts of toxic metals; sulphite preservative 160 parts per million.

Canned Fruit (Spain): Four samples all regarded as satisfactory; all free from toxic metals and sulphite preservative. One sample contained cherries treated with artificial colouring but the presence of non-permitted colouring matters was not confirmed.

Cherry Liqueurs (Italy): Free from arsenic, toxic metals and sulphite preservative; presence of prohibited colours not confirmed. Labelling open to criticism as liqueurs non-alcoholic.

Chocolate Liqueurs (Switzerland): Free from arsenic, toxic metals and sulphite preservative; alcohol present in substantial quantity.

Chocolates (Switzerland): Free from arsenic, toxic metals and sulphite preservative.

Tomatoes (Spain): Normal odour and taste; spray residue powdered sulphur.

Sugared Almonds; Candied Chestnut Paste; Coffee; Fruit in Mustard Flavoured Syrup; Cocktail Cherries; Chocolate; Caramels: (Italy): All seven samples free from arsenic, toxic metals and sulphite preservative; presence of prohibited colours not confirmed.

Panettone Cake (Italy):
Boxed Dates (Algeria):
Boxed Dates (Belgium): } All free from arsenic, toxic metals and preservatives.

Boxed Apricots (Belgium): Free from arsenic, and toxic metals; sulphur dioxide content 2,000 parts per million, the permitted maximum.

Chocolate Easter Eggs (Switzerland): Free from arsenic, sulphite preservative and significant amount of toxic metals.

"Marron Glaces" and "Icesca" Chocolate (Italy): Both samples free from arsenic, toxic metals and sulphite preservative.

Cirano Drink Liguore (Italy): Free from arsenic and toxic metals. Alcohol present. Sulphite dioxide content 500 parts per million, which is excessive. Consignees advised and undertaking received as to future supplies. Health Authority at place of destination of consignment advised.

Figs (Turkey): A clean sample free from arsenic and toxic metals; sulphur dioxide content 100 parts per million, the maximum permitted.

