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DOVER PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1963

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Medical Officer of Health



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 1963.

The Report is prepared in modified form on the lines indicated by the Ministry of Health.

Over $7\frac{1}{2}$ million tons of shipping entered the Port during the year, a considerable increase on the figure for the previous year.

Passenger traffic likewise continued to increase, the total number of passengers using the Port being not far short of $3\frac{1}{2}$ million.

Over 400,000 Aliens and some 78,000 Commonwealth Citizens arrived. Details of those medically examined in both groups are shown in the appropriate sections of the Report.

Among cases of illness landed from vessels during the year were fifty-one of infectious or notifiable disease though none of the quarantinable diseases occurred.

Ship inspections showed no defects of hygiene requiring the service of notices, 182 such inspections being carried out during the year.

Over 1,000 cargoes or more than 61,000 tons of imported foodstuffs were landed of which 105 tons. 9 cwts. of fruit and vegetables were condemned owing to spoilage and were destroyed.

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

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C.F. LYNCH

Medical Officer of Health.

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DOVER PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

HEALTH COMMITTEE

Te 1st June, 1963

His Worship the Mayor

(Alderman A. E. Husk, J.P.)

Chairman

Councillor G.M.B. Toland

Members

Alderman E.A. Bushell Councillor G.M. Aslett Councillor A.F. Brazier Councillor S.L. Gembles Councillor R. Horsfield Alderman F.W.S. Marsh Councillor J.T. Corry Councillor A. Francis Councillor M. Grinsted Councillor N.A. Line

Councillor E. .. Pittock

From 1st June, 1963

His Worship the Mayor

(Councillor C.C.H. Chilton, J.P.)

Chairman

Alderman E. .. Bushell

Members

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Councillor E.A. Pittock

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SECTION I - STAFF

TABLE A

No changes occurred during the year.

ADDRESS OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
BROOK HOUSE,

DOVER.

Telephone Number: DOVER 2184/8

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

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number In:	Number of Ships	
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Public Health Inspector	reported as have ing, or have had during the voy- age, infectious disease on board
Foreign Ports	6,382	7,351,031	26	138	35
Coastwise	635	335,263	-	32	1
Total	7,017	7,686,294	*26	170	36

^{*} Excluding vessels from cross-channel ports

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR TABLE C

	Number of Passengers Number of Passengers	
(Principal IMPORTS Principal EXPORTS	General merchandise, wines foodstuffs, coal and timber. Cars and general merchandise
PRINCIPAL PORTS from which Ships arrive:	South and West Afric Iberian; Scandinavia	a; South American; European; in and Baltic.

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

Nil

SECTION V - W. TER SUPPLY

NO CHANGE

I samples were submitted by the Department during the year for bacteriological examination, 2 from hydrants, 1 from the dock area and 28 from ships. Those from the hydrants and the dock area were all reported to be highly satisfactory. Of the twenty-eight samples submitted from vessels seven were reported to be unsatisfactory although in the case of two the contamination present was of no special significance. As in previous years careful watch was kept on supplies taken on abroad and ship owners were generally advised to adopt sterilisation as a routine measure.

The British Railways cross-channel vessels were regularly checked by the Railway Medical Authorities and results communicated to the Medical Officer of Health: in the case of adverse reports, the assistance of this Department in the matter of advice and check sampling was readily available.

SECTION VI

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS 1952

NO CHANGE

SECTION VII - SM. LLPOX

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, Dever.

Tuesday and Thursday - 10 a.m. (Except 3rd Thursday in month)

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

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS, 1963 TABLE - D

Category	Disease:	Number of during the		Number of Ships	
		Passengers:	Crews:	Concerned	
	Heasles	10	- 1	8	
	Kumps	1	-	1	
	Upper Respiratory Infection	1	-	1	
	Dysentery	4	1	5	
	Pneumonia	1	1	2	
Cases landed from	Chicken Fox	7	-	5	
ships from foreign	D. & V.	3	-	2	
	Obs. Enteritis	1	-	1	
ports	German Measles	1	-	1	
	Obs. Dysentery	1	-	1	
	*Suspected Food Poisoning	12	-	1	
	Gastro-enteritis	2	-	2	
	P.U.O.	1	-	1	
	Obs. Gastro-enter- itis	1		1	
	Infective Hepatitis	-	1	1	
	Enteritis	1	-	1	
23100	Laryngitis	1	-	1	
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been dis- posed of bebre arri-	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
Cases landed from other ships	Obs. Influenza	-	1	1	

"The notifications of suspected food poisoning were in respect of twelve members of a party of students disembarking from the 4.30 a.m. Ostend boat arrival on 9th August, with signs and symptoms suggestive of food poisoning following a meal in Cologne the previous day. Two affected members of the party were admitted to hospital; the remainder proceeded to their own homes, the Health Authority being advised in each case.

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

No case of malaria was reported during the year.

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

No measures were necessary during 1965.

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.

 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 1963, any rats found on ships would be sent for necessary examination to the Public Health Laboratory at Maidstone.

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

Deratting carried cut 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 1963. With regard to the crosschannel 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 LURING THE YEAR IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN
PORTS

Category	Number
Black rats	
Brown rats	-
Species not known	1
Sent for examination	-
Infected with Plague	_

The presence of rats on one of the cross-channel vessels was reported: investigation and baiting revealed no evidence of any infestation as such and following a warfarin treatment one body was recovered.

TABLE F

DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES

ISSUED DURING THE YEAR FOR SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

No. c	of Deratting Certi	ificates	issued		No. of Deratting	Total
After f	Amigation with	After :	After pois-	Total	Exemption Certificates	Certificates issued
H.C.N.	Other fumi- gant (State method)		oning		issued	
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
-	-	-	-	-	29	29

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G
INSPECTIONS AND NOTICES.

Nature and number of Inspections	Notices	served	Result of
(including re-inspections)	Statutory Notices:	Other Notices:	Serving Notices:
PRITISH VESSELS 87	-	-	-
FOREIGN VESSELS 95		-	49-49-5
TOTAL 182	-		_

No actual notices were served during the year under review; disinfestation measures against cockroaches were necessary on two British vessels.

SECTION XIV

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGUL TIONS

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 (at 31.12.63.):

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:

Aliens Nurse - Mrs. V.M. Craft S.R.N. Relief Nurses - Miss A.E. Knott S.R.N.

Mrs. F.M. Lamcon

Mrs. M. Underdown (5. 4. 63. - 5. 10. 63.)

Mrs. J. Burgess (5. 8. 63. - 5. 10. 63.) Mrs. J.B. Childs S.R.N. (21. 4. 63. -29. 9. 63.)

Mrs. M. Collins (14. 4. 63. - 12. 7. 63.) Mrs. E. Grainger S.R.N. (from 12. 5. 63.)

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

Year:	Total Aliens	:		Medi	cal	Ly I	Exap	ined	:				of Total Examined:
1961 1962 1963	374,708 401,943 444,013				13	1,80	19					2.8	5
	s in which alie	ns w	ere	exam									
l. Holdir	ng Ministry of I	abou	r Pe	ermit	s								7,900
2. Intend	ding to make the	ir h	ome	in t	he l	Unit	ted	King	dom				821
3. Visito	rs												189
4. Busine	ess Visitors												1
5. Return	ning Residents												2
6. Aliens	s in Transit												-
7. Others													1
										To	tal		8,924

The Certificates issued to the Immigration Officer numbered 108, 26 of the aliens concerned being refused permission to land.

The rate of certificates issued in respect of aliens examined was 1.210% compared with 1.166% for the year 1962.

MATIONALITIES EXAMINED AND CERTIFICATES

ISSUED

NATIONALITY:	Males:	Females:	Children:	Total:	No. of Certificates
France	79	110	1 - 1	189	5
Belgium	1.2	25	-	37	1
Holland	13	40	-	53	2
Luxemburg	1	4	-	5	-
Germany	362	1738	-	2100	14
Switzerland	32	110	-	142	-
Italy	1062	445	31	1538	12
Spain: Portugal	1375	2489	10	3874	16
Austria	87	367	-	454	1
Greece	40	178	4	222	18
Mid European States	21	101	1	123	3
Baltic States	3	43	-	46	-
Turkey	12	22	1	35	13
Middle Eastern States	30	20	2	52	19
South Africa	6	3	-	9	1
North and Central America	5	4	-	9	3
South America etc	3	7	-	10	-
Asiatic States	-	3	-	3	-
Stateless	10	3	-	13	-
Total	3153	5712	49	8914	108

TABLE II - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

		Number		Certif	Certificates Issued	
	Total	subjected to detailed examination by the hiedical Inspector	Unscund mind or mentally defective	Undesir- able for medical reasons	Inability to support and/or likely to require medical treatment	. Conditionally landed for further medical examination
			(A)	(B)1	(B)2	(0)
(a) Total number of Aliens landed at the Port	445,018	8888	1	1	81	1
(b) Aliens refused permission to land by Immigration Galicer	566	26	5	4	19	1
Total Aliens arriving	444,013	8914	3	5	100	I

Number of Vessels attended by the Medical Inspector: - 1558

(including 108 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	672	40	14	726	6
February	504	23	3	530	8
March	810	43	35	888	4
April	1061	63	43	1167	11
May	958	53	22	1033	8
June	709	38	10	757	14
July	633	33	8	674	14
August	554	31	11	596	13
September	682	38	6	726	7
October	703	24	12	739	10
November	541	25	2	568	8
December	487	19	4	510	5
TOTAL	8314	430	170	8914	108

5. Accommodation for medical inspection and examination:

Improved accommodation at Dover Marine by alteration and extension of existing Medical Inspection Rooms otherwise No Change.

SECTION XV (A) - COMMONWRALTH IMMIGRANTS

In accordance with Ministry of Health letter, reference I.F.(A) 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 January - 31st December, 1963) is included:-

1. & 2. Medical and Other Staff Engaged:

As for the medical examination of aliens.

3. Organisation of Work:

No change.

4. Nature and amount of Commonwealth Traffic:

(a) Arriving Commonwealth Citizens:	Medically Examined:	% age of total medically examined:	Reports issued:
Six months 41,183 ended 31st December, 1962	369	0.896%	9
1963 67,950	1516	2.231%	. 12
(b) Particulars of Reports is	ssued:		

Nature of Report	No. of Reports	Refused Entry
A. Suffering from mental disorder	1	-
B.(1) Undesirable for medical reasons	-	-
B.(2) Likely to require major medical treatment	11	3
	12	3

(c) Nationalities Examined:

Nationality:	Males:	Females:	Children:	Total:
Indian	481.	31	10	522
Cypriot	315	95	1	411
Pakistani	174	2	1	177
West Indian	116	53	7	176
Australian	48	18	2000 E	66
African States	37	3	-	40
Canadian	5	9	- 10 (- 10 10)	14
Ceylonese	60	2	-	62
Kalayan	2	12		14
Fijian	6	-	-	6
New Zealand	1	5		6
Maltese	6	-	sh-dr-state y	6
Singapore	2	2	-	4
Hong Kong	1	1	-	2
Aden	3	-	-	3
Gibralter	1	1	-	2
Other	5	-	-	.5
Total	1263	234	19	1516

(d) Monthly Figures of Immigrants Medically Examined:

Nenth	Marine Station:	Ferry Dock:	Eastern Docks:
January	73	-	-
February	154	1-1	2
Narch	148	2	2
April	142	6 .	12
Nay	92	4	-
June	93	11	7
July	86	3	-
August	96	5	1
September	106	2	-
October	157	-	4
November	153	1,	1
December	151	2	
TOTAL	1451	36	29

5. Accommodation for medical inspection and examination:

As for Aliens.

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

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

No change.

SECTION XVII - FOOD INSPECTION

1. Lotion taken under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937, the Public Health (Imported Hilk) Regulations, 1926, and the Preservatives in Food Regulations, 1958

1076 Cargoes comprising 61,455 tons. 18% cwts. of various foodstuffs were examined during the year.

Spain 21			Vege-		Tinned Foods:	Fish:		Tomato Products:		Flour Products:		Dried Fruit: Nuts:	124	Trozen Veg.	Preserved Fruit:	rved it:	Dairy	Dairy Produce: Meat:	: 9:	Confect-	set-
	21,945 1	34	7895 I	4. 2	14, 2972 2	1	1	1		1	17	15	28	7	1	1	1	1		1	-
Italy 5	5882	9	123	7	6 97	17	+	1		75 1c	105	2	17	0	1	1	1	1		62	77
Belgium	108	162	72	3.	1	672	5	1		1	1	1	1	-1	1	1	-	19		1	
France	4.77.4	9	14	3	562 6	1	- 11	11 3		3 7	95	15	1	1	4.5	12	1	п		1	15
Canary Isles - 9	1 1706	18	1,001	177	1	1	1	1		1		1	1	1	- 1	-	1	1			
Scandinavia		1	198 1	17	154 6	1	1	1		1	-	1	1	1	1	1	232	19		0	12
Brazil	299	0		1	1	1	1	-		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	
Eastern Burope 2	2023 1	1c	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
North Lifrica	323	0	94	0	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	'	1	1	,			1
Cyprus	1295	18	6209	0	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	1
Portugal	1	1	1	1	1	1	T	58 12	01	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	'			-	1
Switzerland	,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	,		153	16

Foodstuffs condemned during the year amounted to over 105 tons compared with the $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons condemned in 1962. Refrigeration system break-downs during voyage were the main cause of such large condemnations, although in the case of one cargo of grapes spoilage of part of the cargo was occasioned by diesel contamination resulting from a broken all pipe. The condemned foodstuffs were disposed of by burial under supervision at the Corporation Refuse Tip.

			Tons:	Cwts:	Qtrs:	lbs:	
Spain	٠		1	5	1	23	Tinned Frui
Turkey	••	••	21 3	17 6	3		Grapes Nelons
Cyprus		••	77 - -	19 3 12	0 1 3	0	Carrots Grapes Melons
Canary I	aland	3	-	5	1	0	Tomatoes
Total			105	9	1	23	

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

Oversea Meat and Meat Products:

No action was necessary during 1963.

- 3. Number of Samples of Food examined by:-
 - (a) Bacteriologist: Nil
 - (b) Public Analyst: 35

These samples comprised canned soups and sauces (5), butter(1), macarcni(2), canned fruit (6), drink liquore(5), chocolate confectionery(8), crystallised fruits(2), almonds(1), boxed fruits(2), dried fruit(1), tomato paste(1) and tomato powder(1). All were satisfactory regarding composition, preservative content, colouring matter and toxic metals. Two minor labelling infrigements were reported and these were pursued with the appropriate Authority at the place of destination of the goods with a view to the necessary remediable action.

The Public Analyst also drew attention to slight rusting on the interior surfaces of the containers in the canned fruit samples. This matter was pursued in view of the probable adverse effect on the shelf life of the goods and proper lacquering of the internal surfaces of containers advised to the canners and tin-plate manufacturers.



