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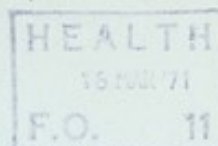
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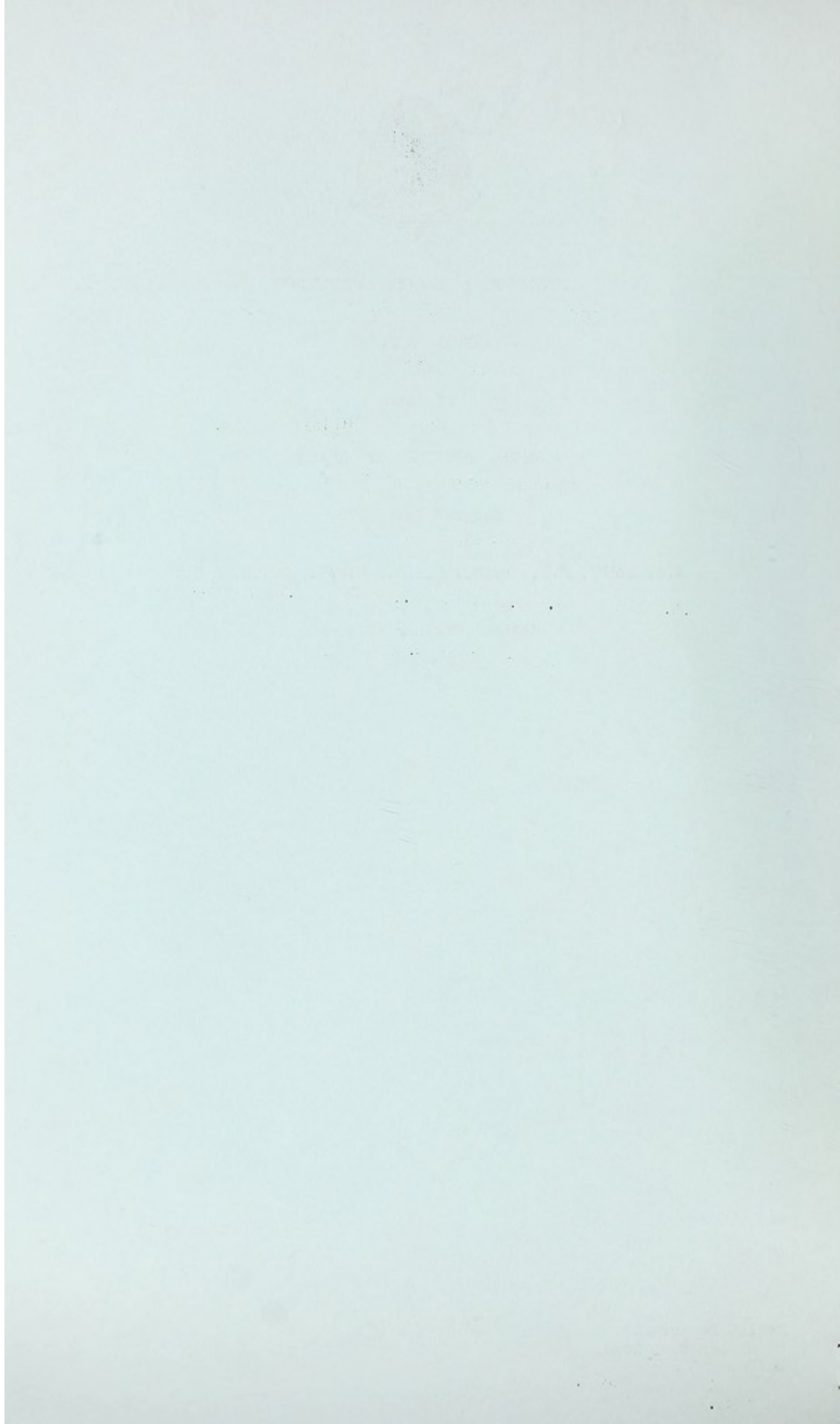
of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1970

J.A. BYRNE, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H., D.T.M. & H.,

Medical Officer of Health



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HEALTH COMMITTEE

To 1st June, 1970

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Health Department,  
86 Maison Dieu Road,  
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,

It is with pleasure that I present the Annual Report on the work of the Department during 1970 in the administration and execution of the duties and functions devolving upon the Borough Authority in its statutory capacity as Port Health Authority. This year the report is a quinquennial recapitulation of all the information required by the Ministry of Health, as it was then known, in Form Port 20 issued under cover of the Ministry's circular No. 33/52 dated 6th November, 1952.

Special attention was given during the year to the institution of an educational programme on the hygienic preparation and handling of food for the benefit of catering staff employed at the Port both on ships and on shore. Talks incorporating the use of visual aids were given and inspections of galleys and provision stores were carried out with Catering Officers and Chief Stewards. It was encouraging to find the catering staff keen and knowledgeable on food hygiene generally. To this end crews of all the cross-channel vessels attend comprehensive Courses at College which include training in food hygiene. Staff canteens and public restaurants within the dock areas received constant surveillance throughout the year.

Consequent upon the relinquishment by the Police Authority of the duties undertaken by them in connection with the administration of the Diseases of Animals Acts, the Port Health Inspectors were appointed to act with effect from 1st April, and to exercise control in the Dock areas. However, since it became increasingly apparent that the functions under these Acts and those under the Food Regulations might well clash to the detriment of the one or the other, the situation was reviewed at the end of the year with a view to the Dover Harbour Board Police assuming duties of Diseases of Animals Inspectors with assistance as necessary from the Port Health staff.

One other matter not included in the text of the following report concerns the institution of proceedings regarding a breach of Paragraph (1) of Regulation 18 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1966, which prohibits the boarding of a vessel from a foreign port, other than by a pilot, a customs officer, an immigration officer or an authorised officer of the Health Authority, without the prior consent of the medical officer. In this instance, the ship which had arrived from Famagusta was boarded by a representative of the shipping agents before it had received health clearance and at the hearing in the Magistrate's Court the defendant pleaded guilty and was fined £15 with £5 costs.

The completion of Phase I of the Eastern Docks Development by the Dover Harbour Board had far reaching effects on the Department: for the first time in its history it became necessary for part of the year to have full twenty-four hour nursing cover at the Eastern Terminal to cover Aliens and Commonwealth Immigrants examination and port health commitments. Also, the further substantial increase in the amount of "roll-on, roll-off" traffic at the Eastern Docks, involving the importation of a considerable variety of foodstuffs including fresh, chilled and frozen meat and meat products, necessitated a complete re-view of Inspectorial staffing arrangements and establishment to ensure a twenty-four hour seven-day service including night and week-end "on-call" duties. The Department's establishment of Public Health Inspectors was increased during the year by three allowing the allocation of four Inspectors to the Port Health rota, holiday and sickness reliefs being available from the Inspectors on Borough district work. Preliminary discussions have already commenced on the planning proposals for the Eastern Docks Development Phase II and if the plans reach fruition by the Spring 1973, as anticipated, further re-organisation will certainly be necessary and one awaits with interest the intentions of the Central Government for the administration of these very vital port health services under its local government re-organisation.





Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is with great pleasure that I record my appreciation of the co-operation and assistance that I have received from H.M. Customs and Immigration Authorities, the officers of the Dover Harbour Board and British Railways, and Geo. Hammond & Co.(Shipping) Ltd., in the many activities of Port Health control, while my thanks are also due to my Deputy who ungrudgingly shares with me the twenty-four hour "on-call" duties, and to the remaining staff, Inspectorial and Nursing, who loyally carry on at very often inconvenient hours and during the bad weather of the winter months with resulting travel difficulties and delays in boat arrivals.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant,

J.A. BYRNE,

Medical Officer of Health

4th March, 1971



SECTION I  
Officers and Staff  
Clerk to the Authority  
Ian G. Gill

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other Appointments Held
Dr. J.A. Byrne	Medical Officer of Health and Medical Inspector of Aliens	27th February, 1969 (Deputy Medical Officer of Health during period 9th July 1962 - 26th February, 1969)	M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H., D.T.M. & H.	Medical Officer of Health Borough of Dover Dover Rural District Elham Rural District Medical Officer, Infectious Diseases Hospital, Dover
Dr. J.Ll.T. Graham	Deputy Medical Officer of Health and Medical Inspector of Aliens	2nd June, 1969	L.R.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I., L.M.	Deputy Medical Officer of Health. As above.
Mrs. A.L. Brothwell	Port and Aliens Nurse	18th April, 1966	S.R.N.	
Mr. B.C. Middlebrook	Chief Port Health and Food Inspector	1st February, 1956	Cert. S.I.J.B. Cert. Meat and Food Inspection	Chief Public Health Inspector
Mr. P.A. Slaton	Port Health and Food Inspector	1st February, 1953	Cert. S.I.J.B. Cert. Meat and Food Inspection	District Public Health Inspector, Borough of Dover
Mr. V.E. Carr	Port Health and Food Inspector	1st February, 1956	Cert. S.I.J.B.	District Public Health Inspector, Borough of Dover
Mr. S.W.M. Padfield	Port Health and Food Inspector	1st August, 1968	Dip. P.H.I.E.B.	District Public Health Inspector, Borough of Dover

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other Appointments Held
Mr. G.M. Howitt	Port Health and Food Inspector	13th January, 1969	Cert. P.H.I.E.B. Cert. Meat and Food Inspection	District Public Health Inspector, Borough of Dover
Mr. P.A. Barton	Port Health and Food Inspector	1st May, 1970	Dip. P.H.I.E.B.	District Public Health Inspector, Borough of Dover
Mr. A.J. Longley	Port Health and Food Inspector	1st May, 1970	Dip. P.H.I.E.B.	District Public Health Inspector, Borough of Dover
Mr. R.J. Cork	Port Health and Food Inspector	1st August, 1970	Dip. P.H.I.E.B.	District Public Health Inspector, Borough of Dover

Address of Medical Officer of Health: Health Department, 86 Maison Dieu Road, Dover. Telephone, Dover 2145 / 2151



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	11,154	14,005,453	*27	167	33
Coast-wise	514	235,694	-	4	-
Total	11,668	14,241,147	27	171	33

\* Excluding vessels from cross-channel ports  
1423 Hovercraft arrivals were also recorded

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

PASSENGER TRAFFIC .....	{	Number of Passengers INWARDS 2,519,603
	{	Number of Passengers Outwards 2,530,352
CARGO TRAFFIC .....	{	Principal IMPORTS General merchandise, wines, foodstuffs, coal and timber.
	{	Principal EXPORTS Cars and general merchandise.
PRINCIPAL PORTS from which Ships Arrive.	{	North African; European; Iberian; Scandinavian and Baltic.



## SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

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## SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

### 1.(a) Source of Supply for the District:

The mains water supply for the district is now under the control of the Folkestone Water Company Ltd., which has taken over the Dover Corporation and part of the Mid-Kent Water Company undertakings.

### (b) Source of Supply for Shipping:

With the exception of Berths 1, 2 and 3 at the Admiralty Pier, the whole of the water supply to shipping is from the Folkestone Water Co. Ltd. mains.

At the three berths indicated, six hydrants are available supplied from the British Railways private well in the Dover Priory Goods Yard; this supply can be supplemented if necessary from the Folkestone Water Company main.

### 2. Report of Tests for Contamination:

The mains water supply as delivered by the Folkestone Water Company Ltd. is under constant supervision, chemically and bacteriologically, by both the Company and this Authority while the British Railways Medical services undertake the sampling from their Authority's vessels of the water as delivered from the private well supply. All results of routine sampling by the Water Undertaking and by the Railway Authority are communicated to the Medical Officer.

### 3. Precaution taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes:

Owing to difficulties of sterilising hosepipes and fittings with chemical agents, hot water scrubbing and cleansing are carried out at weekly intervals. Periodic bacteriological sampling from hydrants carried out and from ships supplied.

### 4. Number and Sanitary Condition of Water Boats, and Powers of Control by the Authority:

NIL WATER BOATS

## SECTION VI PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1966.

### 1. List of Infected Areas: (Regulation 6)

This list, amended weekly from reports received from the World Health Organisation, is maintained by the Medical Officer of Health and circulated weekly to H.M. Customs, the Pilot Services and the local Shipping Agents.

### 2. Radio Messages:

(a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district: (Regulation 13)

The District is not a declared radio transmitting port.

(b) Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships and for acting thereon: (Regulation 14(1)(a) and (2))

The District is not a declared radio receiving port but radio messages from ships are on occasions received by North Foreland and Niteon Radio Stations. If from vessels requiring special attention, the messages are normally transmitted by telephone direct to the Port Medical Officer who takes whatever action is appropriate to the circumstances, the Customs and Immigration Authorities being notified as required.

### 3. Notification otherwise than by Radio: (Regulation 14(1)(b))

Arrangements for receiving notifications otherwise than by radio and acting thereon:

Close liaison is maintained between the Port Medical Officer, the Harbour Authority, the Shipping Agents and operators and H.M. Customs. Provision is made for an inter-change of all information received regarding the arrival of ships from abroad and for co-ordinated action as required.



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4. Mooring Stations: (Regulation 22 to 30)

Situation of stations, and any standing directions issued under these Regulations:

(a) For Ships "infected" or "suspected" as defined in Article 2 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1966, made by the Minister of Health.

The OUTER HARBOUR, inside the Breakwater.

(b) For all other ships which may be unhealthy within the meaning of the aforesaid Regulations:

Their place of mooring, discharge or loading.

The following Standing Direction giving exemption in certain cases from the requirements of Article 24 of the Regulations of 1952, repeated in the 1966 Regulations, was adopted on the 13th July, 1953:-

"Ships from infected areas reported otherwise All Clear, both during the voyage and on arrival, may proceed to their ordinary place of mooring, discharge or loading and be granted Pratique in modified form, the Port Medical Officer being informed as soon as possible."

5. Arrangements for:-

(a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases (other than smallpox See Section VII).

Infectious Diseases Hospital,  
Noahs Ark Road,  
DOVER.

(under control of South East Kent Hospital Management Committee and clinical supervision of Medical Officer of Health)

(b) Surveillance and follow-up of contacts:

Surveillance of contacts in case of the quarantinable diseases conducted from the Health Department within its area of jurisdiction; otherwise necessary follow-up is arranged through Health Authority at place to which contact is proceeding. Contacts in the case of non-quarantinable epidemic diseases are dealt with as found necessary having regard to the particular diseases involved.

(c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles:

Infected quarters together with bedding and clothing disinfected with formalin spray or formaldehyde gas as required, while a cleansing station at the local Infectious Diseases Hospital is available in the unlikely event of being required.

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

Information as to the location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen under international arrangements, including inpatient treatment and the steps taken to make these facilities known to seamen.

A Special Clinic with a Doctor in attendance is held at Buckland Hospital on Tuesday and Thursday of each week at 10 a.m. (with the exception of the third Thursday of the month). Outside Clinic hours patients are referred to the Out-patients' Department, where routine treatment is available.

During 1970, the number of new patients attending from the high seas was 6: all of these were classified under "Other venereal conditions."

Leaflets publicising these facilities are available for distribution.

#### SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS, 1970.

TABLE D

CATEGORY	DISEASE	Number of Cases During the Year		Number of Ships Concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases Landed from Ships from Foreign Ports	P.U.O.	5	2	7
	Gastro-Enteritis	6	1	7
	Suspected Food Poisoning	3	-	2
	Typhoid Fever	1	-	1
	Malaria	1	2	2
	Measles	2	-	2
	Chicken Pox	7	-	6
	German Measles	2	-	2
	Dysentery	1	-	1
	Tuberculosis	1	-	1
	Mumps	1	-	1
	Infective Jaundice	3	-	1
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	-	-	-	-
Cases landed from other ships.	-	-	-	-

Twenty-five of the patients were admitted to the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Dover.

The case of typhoid fever related to a 22 years old man who during the previous six months had been travelling in Tangiers and Spain. The patient's travelling companion for the four weeks prior to arrival in this country was located and investigated.



## SECTION X -- OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

Three cases of malaria were admitted to the Infectious Diseases Hospital: two were crew members of a vessel arriving from West Africa and the third was a Commonwealth detainee from Uganda.

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

No measures were necessary during 1970.

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

## 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, 1966.

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, 1966.

### 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 1970 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 of ships would if found to be necessary be carried out by specialist firm using hydrogen cyanide gas under direction of Port Health Inspectors; in view of infrequency of need for this operation no specialist firm is retained under contract.

Minor infestations dealt with by Local Authority's staff by routine poisoning methods.

### 4. Progress in the rat-proofing of ships:

No active measures required during 1970. Ships operating from the port effectively maintained.

TABLE E

### RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Category:	Number:
Black rats	} NIL RETURN
Brown rats	
Species not known	
Sent for examination	
Infected with plague	

A suspected rat infestation was reported on a vessel and after emergency treatment measures at this port was referred to the Health Authority at the subsequent port of call in the United Kingdom; a report was subsequently received to the effect that thorough investigations had revealed no evidence of infestation.



On another vessel which had arrived from a foreign port, where four days prior to its leaving a Deratting Exemption Certificate had been issued, rat indications were found during the unloading of the cargo of potatoes. Again, emergency treatment measures were initiated and the Health Authority at the next port of call notified. Information was subsequently received that following sodium fluoride treatment fourteen bodies were recovered.

Apart from localised and sporadic minor brown rat infestations, principally in the Eastern Docks, the Port area was reported to be comparatively rat-free.

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
H.C.N.	Other fumigant (State method)	After trapping	After poisoning		
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	7.
-	-	-	-	-	38
					38

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 ..... 55	-	-	-
FOREIGN VESSELS ..... 121	-	-	-
TOTAL ..... 176	-	-	-

No major nuisances were reported during the year and, apart from measures to treat minor infestations (cockroaches etc.), no action was necessary.

On one vessel proceeding to London, there was evidence of a risk of contamination of the water supplies particularly during longer voyages when it became necessary to use the ballast water pump and water pipes on the vessel for the transfer of reserve potable water supplies to the storage tanks and distribution systems. Although bacteriological examination was not conclusive chemical examination confirmed the possibility of contamination. The matter was referred to the London Port Health Authority where immediate temporary measures were taken by the Shipping Company to obviate the risks with an assurance that permanent measures would be undertaken at the ship's next refit.



## SECTION XIV

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS, 1934 and 1948:

There are no shell-fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Authority.

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS AND COMMONWEALTH IMMIGRANTS1. List of Medical Inspectors holding Warrants of Appointment at 31st December:

Medical Officer of Health (Dr. J.A. Byrne)  
 Deputy Medical Officer of Health (Dr. J.L.L.T. Graham)  
 Dr. W. Allen  
 Dr. G.L. Brocklehurst  
 Dr. J. Brown  
 Dr. P.H. Garrard  
 Dr. W. Irvine  
 Dr. E.T. Manley  
 Dr. P. Ronchetti  
 Dr. A.K. Thomas

2. List of other staff engaged on this work:

Permanent Aliens' Nurse:-	Mrs. A.L. Brothwell S.R.N.
Sessional Nurses:-	Mrs. J. Burgess S.E.N.
	Mrs. H.F. Kelt S.E.N.
	Mrs. F.M. Lanoon S.E.N.
	Mrs. B. Slater S.R.N.
Sessional Relief Nurses:-	Mrs. W.M. Betts S.E.N.
	Mrs. L.A. Wells S.E.N.

3. Organisation of Work:

The medical inspection of aliens and Commonwealth Immigrants is under the administration and general direction of the Medical Officer of Health who holds a Warrant of Appointment as Medical Inspector, as does the Deputy Medical Officer of Health. To afford full cover eight other doctors are similarly appointed; of these three are employed as reliefs the year round, one during the summer season only, while the other four are prepared to undertake emergency relief sessions only.

One full-time Aliens Nurse is engaged with all the year assistance from four relief nurses on a sessional basis, the summer boat services necessitating the employment during the height of the season of two additional relief nurses.

There are three passenger landing terminals, viz;

Marine Station: Services arrive from Calais and Ostend with by far the greater proportion of the foot passenger traffic; boat arrivals are scheduled regularly throughout the year at 1340 and 1810 from Ostend and at 1730 from Calais, supplemented at Bank Holidays and in the summer season by additional Ostend relief arrivals. These are "attendance" services, i.e. they are attended by both a medical officer and a nurse as a routine. An additional service from Ostend in the summer months and arriving at 0430 hours is regarded as an "on call" service, i.e. attended by a qualified nurse only, the medical officer being "on call".

Ferry Dock: The night train ferry sleeper, between London and Paris, arrives throughout the year at 0600 hours and is attended as a routine "on call" service by the duty nurse.

Eastern Docks: Car Ferry services from Boulogne, Calais, Ostend and Zeebrugge arrive regularly throughout the twenty-four hour period in the summer season but less frequently during the winter months. The terminal caters principally for car passenger traffic and all boat arrivals are designated "on call" services. Nursing attendance is provided from 0500 hours to midnight during the period October to April and for the full twenty-four hour period from May to September. There is in operation a frequent Hovercraft service between Dover and Boulogne from this terminal but experience has so far shown that the service makes no great demands on the aliens medical inspection organisation.



#### 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>
1968	705,865	6,372	0.903
1969	821,837	6,020	0.73
1970	958,666	5,821	0.607

#### Categories in which aliens were examined:-

1. Holding Ministry of Labour permits ... ..	4,626
2. Intending to make their home in the United Kingdom ...	1,039
3. Visitors ... ..	138
4. Business Visitors ... ..	-
5. Returning Residents ... ..	18
6. Aliens in transit ... ..	-
7. Other ... ..	-
Total ... ..	5,821

The certificates issued to the Immigration Officer numbered 47, 18 of the aliens concerned being refused permission to land; none of these refusals were notified by the Immigration Authorities as being solely for medical reasons.

The rate of certificates issued in respect of aliens examined was 0.81% compared with 0.747% for the year 1969.

TABLE I - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

	Total	Number subjected to detailed examination by the Medi- cal Inspector	Certificates Issued			
			Unsound Mind or Mentally defective	Undesirable for medical reasons	Inability to support and/ or, likely to require medi- cal treatment	Conditionally landed for further medical examination
			(A)	(B)1	(B)2	(C)
a) Total number of Aliens landed at the Port	956,492	5,803	1	-	24	4
b) Aliens refused permission to land by Immigration Officer	2,174	18	3	2	13	-
Total Aliens arriving	958,666	5,821	4	2	37	4

Number of Vessels attended by the Medical Inspector:- 1,569



TABLE 2 - MONTHLY FIGURES OF ALIENS MEDICALLY EXAMINED

Month	Marine Station:	Ferry Dock:	Eastern Docks	Total
January	329	54	18	401
February	238	49	28	315
March	337	102	38	477
April	502	162	39	703
May	454	182	53	689
June	322	157	71	550
July	397	105	65	567
August	255	69	40	364
September	384	108	49	541
October	371	100	55	526
November	283	60	52	395
December	205	69	19	293
TOTAL	4,077	1,217	527	5,821

5. Nature and amount of Commonwealth Traffic:

(a)

	<u>Arriving Commonwealth Citizens subject to Control:</u>	<u>Medically Examined:</u>	<u>% age of total medically ex- amined:</u>	<u>Reports issued:</u>
1968	79,752	299	0.375 %	15
1969	89,140	239	0.268 %	13
1970	105,439	327	0.31 %	3

(b) Particulars of Reports issued:

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

Refusals stated to be on purely medical grounds  
Nil



5(c) Monthly Figures of Immigrants Medically Examined:

Month:	Marine Station:	Ferry Dock:	Eastern Dock:	
January	15	-	1	
February	16	-	-	
March	23	-	-	
April	12	1	32	
May	20	-	5	
June	23	-	9	
July	56	1	13	
August	23	1	8	
September	20	-	21	
October	17	1	1	
November	1	-	1	
December	6	-	-	
TOTAL	232	4	91	= <u>327</u>

6. Accommodation for Medical Inspection and Examination:

Each passenger landing terminal is provided with ample accommodation and facilities for the medical examination of persons referred for such by the Immigration Authorities, the accommodation at the Eastern Docks having been recently provided as part of the Eastern Docks Development Phase I.

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

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

Interment as soon as possible by arrangement with local Cemeteries Department and undertaking firm to the requirements of the Medical Officer of Health. Fully equipped mortuary provided by local authority for isolation of bodies if use for such is required.

## SECTION XVII - FOOD INSPECTION

(i) Action taken under the Imported Food Regulations, 1968, and other appropriate statutory instruments.  
314,409 tons 18 cwt. of various foodstuffs were recorded as having entered through the port during  
the year

Area of Origin	Article and weight (tons. cwt.) of foodstuffs inspected						TOTAL
	Fruit and * Vegetables	Meat *	Fish *	Dairy Produce Fats etc.	Confectionery	Miscellaneous	
Western Europe	188,864 - 9	19,849 - 12	4,241 - 6	10,260 - 12	487 - 13	2,148 - 12	225,852 - 4
Eastern Europe	5,529 - 11	7,170 - 4	-	5,700 - 13	-	144 - 9	18,544 - 17
Mediterranean	39,468 - 8	-	45 - 8	29 - 11	-	25 - 0	39,568 - 7
Australasia	1,042 - 4	1,653 - 4	-	117 - 0	-	-	2,812 - 8
N. Africa	24,238 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	24,238 - 15
S. Africa	178 - 2	494 - 11	21 - 0	-	-	-	693 - 13
The Americas	440 - 13	1,454 - 14	17 - 14	-	-	125 - 12	2,038 - 13
Middle East	-	-	-	-	-	414 - 14	414 - 14
Far East	18 - 15	114 - 19	102 - 7	-	-	10 - 6	246 - 7
TOTAL	259,780 - 17	30,737 - 4	4,427 - 15	16,107 - 16	487 - 13	2,868 - 13	314,409 - 18

\* Including Canned Foods.



Imported foodstuffs condemned during the year totalled over 468 tons comprising mainly fruit and vegetables in a state of decomposition.

Details are as follows:-

Country of Origin	Tons.	Cwt.	Qtrs.	Lbs.	
Spain ... ..	41	4	3	6	Fruit
		11	0	0	Onions
		4	2	23	Chestnuts
	4	0	2	7	Canned Fruit
Egypt ... ..	384	1	2	0	Potatoes
	25	4	0	0	Onions
Turkey ... ..	11	16	3	5	Peaches
Israel ... ..		2	3	16	Canned Fruit
		10	0	0	Grapefruit
West Africa ... ..		10	3	0	Bananas
Belgium ... ..		3	3	20	Meat
			1	15	Wet Fish
Ceylon ... ..			3	16	Desiccated Coconut
Portugal ... ..			2	10	Tomato Paste
				15	Sardines
Italy ... ..			1	23	Oranges
TOTAL ... ..	468	13	1	16	

## 2. The Imported Food Regulations, 1968

Necessary food inspection accommodation and facilities including meat hanging rails were provided at the Eastern Docks by the Dover Harbour Board. Refrigeration plant enables the temperature of the accommodation to be kept down to 40°F., while adequate washing facilities for personnel and equipment are available. Similar facilities at the Western Docks, particularly if the importation of meat through this terminal is to continue, are necessary, and the matter has been taken up with the British Rail Authorities.

In the following table it will be noted that action was taken in respect of two consignments of Pork Rinds from Denmark. Apparently however this action was inconsistent with that taken at certain other Ports where these rinds were allowed entry on the grounds that pig skin was not "scrap meat", or presumably "trimmings", and was acceptable under the extended recognition accorded to Denmark's Official Certificate.

It was the view of officers of this Authority however that the rinds were "trimmings" and automatically disqualified from entry; in view of the varying interpretations by Port Health Authorities the matter was referred for discussion by the Association of Sea and Air Port Health Authorities whose Medical Committee expressed the opinion that the rinds were acceptable under the exemption granted to Denmark. Subsequent consignments have therefore been allowed entry.

### (a) Regulations 12 and 13: Official Certificates etc:

#### Summary of action taken:-

(i) 120 cwt. Pigs' Maws (Denmark) detained due to absence of associated lymphatic gland (Para. 2(d), Schedule 2 of the Regulations). Officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food were consulted and agreed that this particular consignment from Denmark should proceed.

(ii) 200 cwt. Frozen Pork Rinds (Denmark) detained as coming within the definition of "scraps and trimmings" and therefore being prohibited meat, (Para. 3(g), Schedule 2 of the Regulations). Diverted to animal feeding purposes.

(iii) 222 cwt. Boneless Beef - Brisket (Sweden) absence of Official Certificate. Exported.

(iv) 207 cwt. Boneless Beef - Brisket (Sweden) absence of Official Certificate. Exported.

(v) 238 cwt. Frozen Pork Rinds (Denmark) see (ii) Exported.

(vi) 17 tons. Boneless and skinless middle and back bacon (Hungary). Prohibited meat (Para. 2(c) of Schedule 2 of the Regulations). After discussion with Officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food it was agreed that this and any further consignments arising within four weeks should be allowed entry but that at the expiration of that period any further consignments would be rejected.

(vii) 259 cwt. Boneless Beef (Belgium) absence of Official Certificate. Exported but subsequently re-imported with Official Certificates, the latter of unacceptable design. The breach of the Regulations was referred to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and pending the results of these further enquiries the consignment was allowed to proceed to Cold Store for purposes of detention. From consultation with the Ministry's Officers and with Officers of the Belgian Government's Veterinary Service it was clear that the intentions of the Regulations were satisfied and the consignment was released on the firm understanding that future imports would be adequately certified.

(b) Sampling:

134 samples were taken during the year of which 103 were submitted for chemical examination and 31 for bacteriological examination. The latter were principally of meat and meat product.

The results overall were very satisfactory; one sample of confectionery was reported as being coloured with blue VRS, a prohibited colour. The importers were informed and, following the necessary representations by them to the manufacturers, subsequent samples have proved satisfactory.









