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## **REPORT**

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**THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**

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**REPORT**

TO THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF

EGHAM, SURREY

FOR

*THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1945*

BY

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## SECTION A.

Causes of Death.						Males.	Females.
All Causes	...	...	...	...	...	112	115
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
2. Cerebro-Spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
3. Scarlet Fever...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
4. Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
5. Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
6. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	...	2	4
7. Other Forms of Tuberculosis...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
8. Syphilitic Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
9. Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
10. Measles	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polio-enceph.	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
12. Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
13. Cancer of buc. cav. & œsoph. (M.)	...	...	...	...	...	4	—
uterus. (F.)	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
15. Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	6
16. Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	...	15	13
17. Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	—	4
18. Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	...	14	18
19. Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	33	32
20. Other Diseases of Circulatory System	...	...	...	...	...	4	5
21. Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	6	5
22. Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	9	3
23. Other Respiratory Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
24. Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
25. Diarrhoea under two years	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
26. Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
27. Other Digestive Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	1

Causes of Death.					Males.	Females.
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	3	1
29.	Puerperal and Post-abort. Sepsis	...	...	...	—	—
30.	Other Maternal causes	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Premature Birth	...	...	...	—	2
32.	Congenital Malformation, etc....	...	...	...	3	4
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	1	—
34.	Road Traffic Accidents	...	...	...	—	1
35.	Other violent causes	...	...	...	1	—
36.	All other causes	...	...	...	12	8

## SECTION B.

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

#### Laboratory Facilities.

Bacteriological and Chemical examinations of water are carried out by the Clinical Research Association, Ltd., Hilton's Annexe, Haywards Heath.

The practice of sending milk samples to the Bacteriological Department attached to the Guildford Hospital has been continued.

The Camberwell Research Laboratories deal with the examination of swabs and other clinical material.

#### Ambulance Facilities—Road Accidents and Non-Infectious Cases.

The Council purchased a new Austin Ambulance in December of 1944, and this was put into commission in January of 1945. The Council, therefore, now owns and operates two Austin Ambulances; these vehicles are garaged at the Council Depot and are on call night and day. To render the service more efficient and to ease the heavy call on the Ambulance Driver, a further Driver and Stretcher Bearer were appointed, and hours of duty have been arranged to ensure the greatest efficiency having regard to the number of personnel employed.

Nine hundred and two journeys were made during the year, and these included a great number to Maternity Homes.

#### Infectious Cases.

The Ottershaw Joint Hospital Board are responsible for the service and use their own Ambulance.

#### Nursing in the Home.

The District Nursing Associations provide five fully trained and very efficient Nurses who spend all their time visiting patients in the district. When cases of serious illness have to be nursed at home, the Local Authority provides, in necessitous circumstances, extra nursing help.

#### Midwives.

These five Nurses are part-time Midwives under the Midwives Act, 1936, and work under the regulations of the County Council.



### **Clinics and Treatment Centres.**

These are administered by the Surrey County Council and deal with Ante-Natal Care, Child Welfare, School Children, Dental Treatment and Tuberculosis.

## **SECTION C.**

### **SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.**

#### **Water Supply.**

The South West Suburban Water Company supplies the greater part of the area, and this supply has proved satisfactory during the year, with regard to both quality and quantity. A regular check has been maintained on the quality of the supply by means of a Joint Scheme with all the Local Authorities served by this Company. Under this Scheme fortnightly samples of water are taken from the districts concerned in rotation, and the results of these samples are notified to each Local Authority. The results have proved satisfactory.

The samples of water are taken as the water goes into supply and none have been taken of the raw water. Twenty-four samples were taken during the year, and both chemical and bacteriological analyses were made on each sample. All the reports showed the water to be safe for drinking purposes.

Of the 5,500 dwelling houses in the area it is estimated that 5,250 are on the main water supply. Fifteen premises have been connected to the Company's main during the year.

### **DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE SCHEME.**

#### **Sewage Disposal Works.**

These have continued to function satisfactorily, and an experimental sludge digestion plant now in use has shown the advantages of this form of sludge treatment, which will probably be followed up when conditions admit. The Engineer and Surveyor, in his report for 1945, states that the total for the year at the joint works amounted to 625,498,000 gallons, of which 227,902,000 was contributed by Egham.

#### **Drainage and Sewerage.**

There is little fresh to report in regard to the drainage and sewerage scheme, which has continued in full use without undue trouble and expense. Chlorination (as usual) was resorted to during the summer months, and no complaint was recorded during the period.

#### **Disposal of Cesspool Contents.**

The disposal of cesspool contents was continued throughout the year at Thorpe Lea Nurseries. Complaints were received as to nuisance from smell during the tipping. Owing to labour difficul-

ties the Nurseryman had not been able to clean out the beds as regularly as should be the case with the result that, for a short period, the contents had to be tipped on a field under cultivation and nearer to occupied premises than the disposal point proper. This matter was taken up with the Nurseryman with a resultant improvement. An alternative site or means of disposal is, however, being sought.

### Disposal of Pail Closet Contents.

The disposal of pail closet contents was continued throughout the year without complaint. The trench system has been adopted with every success and the disposal site is on the Council's own land at the Refuse Disposal Tip in Ten Acre Lane, Thorpe.

### Rivers and Streams.

No cases of pollution have been noted during the year.

### Closet Accommodation.

In the rural part of the area there are still a few premises on the Privy System, and a number with pail or earth closets, but the great majority are fitted with cistern flushed water closets connecting, for the most part, to public sewers.

### PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Approx. No. of bins, etc.	...	...	7,000 weekly.
Approx. quantity of refuse (excluding trade refuse)	...	...	200 tons.
Particulars of salvage material collected	...		Paper, scrap iron, rags and bones.
No. of lorries	...	...	4.

### EMPLOYEES.

No. of Collectors (excluding drivers)	...	...	...	15
Men at pit (including Foreman)	...	...	...	6

### Sanitary Inspection.

The following inspections were made during the year :—

#### Public Health Act, 1936—

Drainage	...	...	...	176
General	...	...	...	176
Infestations	...	...	...	131
Moveable Dwellings...	...	...	...	92
Nuisances	...	...	...	7
Refuse Collection and Disposal	...	...	...	17
Smoke Nuisances	...	...	...	4
Watercourses and Streams	...	...	...	10
Water Samples	...	...	...	14
Water Supply	...	...	...	10



Civil Defence (Stocktaking) ... ..	81
Council Houses ... ..	149
Factories Act, 1937 ... ..	4
Food and Drugs Act, 1938 ... ..	185
Housing Act, 1936 ... ..	339
Infectious Disease ... ..	69
Milk & Dairies Order, 1926 ... ..	118
Milk Samples... ..	70
Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936 ... ..	3
Miscellaneous ... ..	388
Petroleum Acts ... ..	13
Rats & Mice Destruction Act, 1919 ... ..	207
Requisitioned Property ... ..	51
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Total	2314
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#### Action taken under Public Health Act, 1936.

A hundred and sixty Informal Notices were served and 129 were complied with during the year.

Three Statutory Notices were served, and 3 were complied with during the year.

#### RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION.

During the first three months of the year this Authority made use of the County Council's panel of rat-catchers for disinfection work, but it was felt that this arrangement was not too satisfactory for an Authority holding delegated powers. With a view to obtaining a more comprehensive service the co-operation of Bagshot Rural District Council, an adjoining authority, was sought. By mutual agreement a full-time rodent operator was employed and he was shared between the two Authorities for the remainder of the year. Much good work was done and many infestations came to light which would never have been discovered under the old arrangement. During this latter period, by the use of the Ministry of Food's formula, it was revealed that 2,464 rats had been destroyed involving some 124 minor infestations and 1 major infestation.

The site of the major infestation is the Council's Refuse Tip in Ten Acre Lane, Thorpe. The rat population at this time is necessarily a fluctuating one, but it is at all times kept well in hand.

Bait testing of two sections of the Council's sewer took place during the year, and not a single "take" was recorded at any baiting point. In view of the modern design and construction of the sewers, it is not anticipated that any extensive infestation will be found to exist.

## ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

(i)	(a)	Council Houses infested	...	...	6
		disinfested	...	...	6
	(b)	Private Houses infested	...	...	6
		disinfested	...	...	6
	(c)	Requisitioned Properties infested	...	...	8
		disinfested	...	...	8

(ii) **Methods Employed.**

Picture rails were taken down, skirtings and architraves loosened, and any other harbourage exposed. Zaldecide, 4-Cide and Matafli sprays were used.

Papered walls were stripped where necessary.

## SCHOOLS.

There are seven elementary, one secondary and three private schools.

All have main water supply, and all have main drainage with the exception of the Thorpe Schools, and Christchurch Road School in Virginia Water, where this is not available at present.

By arrangement with the Education Authority school meals are provided to the children at seven elementary schools by the Authority's British Restaurant, and this service has been maintained satisfactorily throughout the year.

The County supply the school medical service, and the Local Authority supervises the sanitation and carries out Diphtheria Immunisation.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Milk supplied 1945.

		On	Milk		Per cent. on
		Roll	Roll	Grade	Milk Roll
Egham	Boys	209	184	Pasteurised	88.0%
	Girls	183	106	Pasteurised	57.9%
	Infants	139	131	Pasteurised	94.2%
Englefield Green	Boys	137	120	Pasteurised	87.6%
	Girls	129	65	Pasteurised	50.4%
	Infants	88	88	Pasteurised	100%
Egham Hythe	Boys	313	200	Pasteurised	63.9%
	Girls	279	247	Pasteurised	88.5%
	Infants	240	234	Pasteurised	97.5%
St. Ann's Heath		145	109	Fresh Milk	75.2%
Christchurch		68	66	Accredited	97.1%
Thorpe		64	41	Fresh Milk	64.1%
St. Cuthbert's R.C.		70	65	Pasteurised	92.9%
		2064	1656		80.2%



## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Three hundred and eighty-seven children completed their course of Immunisation during the year as follows :—

		Inoculated A.P.T. (2 injections)
Elementary Schools	...	105
Under Fives	...	282
Total		387

## SECTION D.

## HOUSING.

## 1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	151
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose ...	415
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ...	—
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose ...	—
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ...	—
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	151

## 2. Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ...	107
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## 3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ...	13
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :	
(a) By owners ... ..	8
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	5
<b>B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts :</b>	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ..	3
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :	
(a) By owners ... ..	3
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	—
<b>C. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :</b>	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ..	—
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ..	—

## SECTION E.

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

#### Milk Supply.

The inspection of farms, cowsheds and dairies has continued, and the standard of cleanliness noted has, with two exceptions, been very satisfactory. These two cases were followed up and improvements effected.

Seventy samples of milk were collected and sent for analysis and the results over the year were very satisfactory.

#### Licences.

The following licences were granted :—

Dealer's Licence to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	4
Dealer's Licence to sell Accredited Milk	... ..	1
Dealer's Licence to sell Pasteurised Milk	... ..	2
Supplementary Licence to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk		4
Supplementary Licence to sell Pasteurised Milk	...	3



### Food Inspection.

During the year the food inspection of the area has been maintained, and the following foods have been condemned :—

Bacon	...	...	...	...	60 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.
Biscuits	...	...	...	...	5 lbs.
Bran, Fig Vita	...	...	...	...	9 packets.
Butter	...	...	...	...	68 lbs. 14 ozs.
Cake Mixture	...	...	...	...	230 tins.
Cheese	...	...	...	...	39 lbs. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs.
Dates	...	...	...	...	51 lbs.
Eggs	...	...	...	...	1,378.
Egg Substitute	...	...	...	...	60 tins.
Fish, canned	...	...	...	...	147 tins; 19 jars.
Fish, fresh	...	...	...	...	152 lbs.
Jam and Marmalade	...	...	...	...	42 tins and jars.
Margarine	...	...	...	...	19 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Marmite	...	...	...	...	2 jars.
Meat Preparations	...	...	...	...	193 tins.
Milk, evaporated and condensed	...	...	...	...	427 tins.
Milk, household	...	...	...	...	24 tins.
Mustard	...	...	...	...	2 tins.
Mutton	...	...	...	...	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.
Oranges	...	...	...	...	386 lbs.
Paste	...	...	...	...	1 jar.
Peas, dried	...	...	...	...	287 lbs.
Pickles	...	...	...	...	1 bottle.
Potatoes	...	...	...	...	2 tons.
Prunes	...	...	...	...	49 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
Puddings, various	...	...	...	...	65 packets.
Raisins	...	...	...	...	13 lbs.
Rissole Mixture	...	...	...	...	103 tins.
Sauce	...	...	...	...	2 bottles.
Soup	...	...	...	...	19 tins.
Syrup	...	...	...	...	1 tin.
Sugar	...	...	...	...	66 lbs.
Vegetables	...	...	...	...	204 tins.

### Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Articles	Analysed			Adulterated or Deteriorated			Prosecutions	Convictions
	Frml.	Infrml.	Total	Frml.	Infrml.	Total		
Milk ...	31	—	31	4	—	4	—	—
TOTALS	31	—	31	4	—	4	—	—

**SECTION F.****PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.****Influenza.**

I have to report that there were no unusual manifestations this year.

**Pneumonia.**

There were 9 cases notified during the year. There were 12 deaths occurring in cases, some of whom died outside the district and some of which were not notified.

**Scarlet Fever.**

There were 9 cases, 5 of which were admitted to hospital.

**Diphtheria.**

There were 2 cases during the year, both admitted to Hospital. One occurred in an Institution and the second case was a child, age 12 who had received a full course of Immunisation against Diphtheria.

**Measles.**

There were 181 cases, one of which was a military case that was admitted to the Isolation Hospital, Aldershot.

**Whooping Cough.**

There were 31 cases during the year.

**Erysipelas.**

There were 5 cases during the year; 1 case was admitted to Hospital.

**Dysentery.**

There were 7 cases; 6 occurred at the Princess Christian's Nursery, Englefield Green, 4 of which were admitted to Hospital.

**Chicken Pox.**

There were only a few cases reported among school children.

**Mumps.**

There were 23 cases recorded among school children.

**Malaria.**

One case, that of an ex-service man, was notified during the year and was admitted to Botleys Park War Hospital.

**Acute Poliomyelitis.**

One case occurred during the year and was admitted to Hospital.



### Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.

Three cases occurred during the year and were admitted to Hospital.

### Scabies.

Sixty-nine adults and 140 children received treatment at the Centre.

### Tuberculosis.

There were 33 new cases (30 pulmonary, 3 non-pulmonary), and 7 deaths (7 pulmonary) during the year. These figures are comparable with those of 1943 and 1944.

### Disinfection.

Thirty-nine houses were disinfected by the Formalin Spray and Vapour Method.

### Cancer.

Forty-four cases died from cancer during the year—22 males and 22 females.

The age incidence of these 44 cases is as follows :—

		Under 1	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70	70-80	80 90
Males	...	1	1	—	2	8	8	2
Females	...	—	1	1	4	10	4	2

The place incidence as regards Wards is as follows :—

		Egham	Egham Hythe	Englefield Green	Virginia Water	Thorpe
Males	...	9	3	7	2	1
Females	...	6	5	2	6	3

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Smallpox ... ..	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ... ..	9	5	—
Diphtheria ... ..	2	2	—
Enteric Fever (includ. Paratyphoid)	1	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	—	—	—
Pneumonia ... ..	9	1	12*
Erysipelas ... ..	5	1	—
Other Diseases notifiable locally...	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... ..	—	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica ... ..	—	—	—
Continued Fever ... ..	—	—	—
Dysentery ... ..	7	4	—
Acute Poliоencephalitis ... ..	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis ... ..	1	1	—
Malaria Induced ... ..	1	1	—
Cerebro-Spinal Fever ... ..	3	3	—
Whooping Cough ... ..	31	—	—
Measles ... ..	181	1	—

\* This figure includes residents of the district who died in other areas and therefore were not notifiable in this district.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASE. The numbers of cases recorded during the past five years are as follows :—

	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
Smallpox ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ... ..	20	37	80	23	9
Diphtheria ... ..	14	6	1	3	2
Erysipelas ... ..	2	3	4	6	5
Enteric Fever ... ..	—	—	—	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	—	1	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-Spinal Fever ... ..	—	—	—	—	3
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary) ... ..	20	25	20	23	30
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis ... ..	10	6	6	6	3
Measles ... ..	357	204	71	108	181
Whooping Cough ... ..	99	14	45	48	31
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Malaria ... ..	—	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia ... ..	25	28	20	12	9
Dysentery ... ..	—	—	3	10	7
Encephalitis Lethargica ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Continued Fever ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis ... ..	—	—	1	—	1
Acute Poliоencephalitis ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
	547	324	251	239	283



NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES—Classified in Wards.

WARDS	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Erysipelas	Pneumonia	Dysentery	Cerebro- Spinal Fever	Pul. T.B.	Non-Pul. T.B.	Whooping Cough	Measles	Acute Polio- myelitis	Enteric Fever	Malaria
TOWN ...	3	—	1	3	—	1	8	1	11	36	—	—	1
EGHAM HYTHER ...	3	1	1	2	—	1	10	—	6	53	—	—	—
ENGLEFIELD GREEN ...	3	—	2	2	6	—	5	2	6	67	—	—	—
VIRGINIA WATER ...	—	1	1	1	1	—	7	—	1	8	1	1	—
THORPE ...	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	7	17	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	9	2	5	9	7	3	30	3	31	181	1	1	1

## ANALYSIS OF TOTAL CASES DURING 1945 UNDER AGE GROUPS.

	Under				Over								Total		
	1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65			
Small Pox ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	...	9	
Scarlet Fever ...	...	—	—	—	1	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	...	2	
Diphtheria ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	...	5	
Erysipelas ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	...	—	
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	...	1	
Enteric Fever ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	...	9	
Pneumonia ...	...	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	2	3	...	—	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	...	—	
Continued Fever ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	...	—	
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	...	3	
Cerebro-Spinal Fever ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	...	—	
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	...	1	
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	...	1	
Malaria ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	...	7	
Dysentery ...	...	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	...	—	
Whooping Cough ...	...	2	5	5	6	3	10	—	—	—	—	—	...	31	
Measles ...	...	3	18	14	16	13	84	26	2	5	—	—	...	181	
Totals	...	5	28	20	22	18	101	31	3	9	2	7	4	...	250



## PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS.

The maternity service cares for the infants, and the clinics for school-children.

The larger factories have their First Aid Posts.

## TUBERCULOSIS.

No action has been necessary under Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

There were 33 new cases and 7 deaths. Notification by General Practitioners in the area is fairly satisfactory.

## NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1945.

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0--- ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1--- ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5--- ...	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
15--- ...	7	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
25--- ...	—	6	—	1	—	1	—	—
35--- ...	2	2	—	—	1	2	—	—
45--- ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55--- ...	2	3	—	—	1	2	—	—
65 & upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	13	17	1	2	2	5	—	—