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EXETER PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.



ANNUAL REPORT

PORT MEDICAL OFFICER

FOR THE YEAR

1958









EXECUT FORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

PORT HEALTH ADMINISTRATION = 1950

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting to you my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 1958, and I am pleased to report also that no cases of Infectious Diseases occurred on board any of the ships coming into this port.

As in the previous years, a close watch has been kept on ships to determine the presence of rats but no evidence of rat infestation came to light.

In general the standard of cleanliness of the shipping entering the port has been satisfactory, and it has not been necessary to take any action in regard to sanitary defects.

The total net registered tonnage entering the port has risen this year from 50,654 in 1957 to 52,541 in the year under review. Whilst there has been a slight fall in the tonnage entering Exmouth Harbour (27,245 net registered tons) the shipping entering Exeter Basin has risen slightly to 24,338 net registered tons.

With regard to ships from foreign ports, there has been an increase in the total net registered tonnage from 7,963 in 1957 to 10,939 in 1958. The foreign shipping entering Exmouth Harbour has increased but the net registered tonnage entering Exeter basin has decreased slightly, as will be seen from Table C.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman and members of the Exeter Port Health Authority for their continued help and support. I should also like to thank all members of the staff for their wholehearted co-operation shown to me during the year.

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Your obedient Servent,

L.G. ANDERSON,

Port Medical Officer.

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	Port Health Inspector (Topshem Quay).	Fort Health Inspector (Exmouth Harbour).	Fort Health Inspector (Exetor Basin)	Loguty Fort Medical Cfficer	Fort Medical Officer.	MATURE OF APPOINTMENT
	1.4.1953	22.1.1951	1.4.1946	1.4.19.1	1.8.1948	TATE OF
The state of the s	Cert. S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I.	M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., (Heat & Other Foods Cert). (Smoke Inspectors Certificate.)	F.R.S.H., A.M.I.P.H.E., M.A.P.H.I. (Ment & Other Foods Cort.)	B.A., M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O.	M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.	QUALIFICATIONS
	Chief Public Health Inspector St. Thomas Rural District Council	Public Health Inspector Exmouth U.D.C.	Senior Fublic Health Inspector, Exeter City Council.	General Medical Practitioner.	Medical Officer of: Exmouth U.D.C. Budleigh Salterton U.D.C. St. Thomas R.D.C. Asst. County Medical Officer. Devon County Council.	APPOINTMENTS

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SECTION II - ALCOUNT OF SHIPPING INTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR.

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SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRAISS DURING THE YEAR

from which ships arrive.	TOTAL TOTAL		CARGO TRAFFIC		PASSINGER TRAFFIC
COLUME	FOREIGN	Principal EXPORES	Principal IMPORTS	Number of Passengers OUTHERD	Number of Passengers INVARD
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Table showing Annual tonnage of shipping entering the Port () = Number of Ships

(a) Refers to all ships entering the port.

Year	Exmouth (Harbour)	Exoter (Basin)	Topsham	Total
1949	19,174 (100)	17,559 (187)		36,733 (287)
1950	18,245	18.626 (197)		36,871 (288)
1951	19,986 (95)	19,299 (214)	A 2000 - 1200	39,285 (309)
1952	22,198 (106)	20,332 (204)		42,530 (310)
1953	24,950 (105)	24,212 (243)	304 (2)	49,466 (350)
1954	27,366 (117)	27,171 (276)	190	54,727 (394)
1955	33,856 (154)	28,643 (277)	178 (1)	62,677 (432)
1956	26,481 (121)	28,197 (285)	97 (1)	54,775 (407)
1957	27,367 (116)	23,287 (236)	-	50,654 (352)
1958	27,245 (117)	24,338 (237)	. 958 (12)	52,541 (366)

(b) Refers to ships from foreign ports and included in (a) above.

Year	Exmouth (Harbour)	Exeter (Basin)	Topsham	Total
1949	3,651 (24)	687 (7)	-	4,338 (31)
1950	1,014	1,434 (16)	-	2,448
1951	81.9	2,399 (24)	-	3,218 (30)
1952	1,850 (11)	1,491 (14)	e, locardina	3,341 (25)
1953	2,780 (16)	2,206 (20)	118 (1)	5,104 (37)
1954	5,629 (28)	1,376 (13)		7,005 (41)
1955	9,293 (49)	2,630 (24)	178	12,101 (73)
1956	5,179 (33)	2,395 (20)	97 (1)	7,671 (54)
1957	5,082 (27)	2,881 (25)	-	7,963 (52)
1958	7,780 (38)	2,201 (19)	958	10,939

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SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

There are no barges which use this district.

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

- (1) Sources of supply for (a) the district and (b) shipping. The water supplies serving the sanitary districts are used for the shipping at their respective wharfs viz:
 - (a) Exmouth Harbour Exmouth Urban District Public supply.
 - (b) Exeter Basin Exeter City Council Public supply.
 - (c) Topsham St. Thomas R.D.C. Public supply to Topsham parish.
- (2) Reports of tests for contamination.

Routine regular tests are carried out by the responsible authorities viz: Exmouth U.D.C., St. Thomas R.D.C., and Exeter City Council. All these supplies are chlorinated and the bacteriological results were satisfactory.

(3) Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes

The hydrants and hosepipes are regularly inspected by the Port Health Inspector. The hosepipes are stored under cover when not in use and are well flushed out prior to use.

(4) Number and sanitary condition of water boats.

There are no water boats operating at this port.

SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS 1952

(1) List of Infected Areas

A copy of the list of infected areas supplied by the World Health Organisation, is prepared weekly at the office of the Port Medical Officer, Templetown Lodge, Esplanade, Exmouth and is forwarded by post to the following persons:-

- Mr. S. Connor, Custom's Officer, Exmouth.
- Mr. F.G. Davies, Port Health Inspector, Exeter Basin.
- (3) Mr. D.R. Redgwell, Port Health Inspector, Exmouth Harbour.
- Executive Officer, Exeter Airport, Honiton Clyst. Mr. K.C. Benham, Port Health Inspector, Topsham Wharf.

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(2) Radio Messages

(a) Arrangements for sending permission, by radio, for ships to enter the district.

Arrangements have been made with the Post Office for sending Wireless Mossages if required. None were sent during 1958.

(b) Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships and for acting thereon.

Arrangements have been made with the post office for receiving Wireless Messages if required. None were received during 1958.

(3) Notifications otherwise than by radio

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

Arrangements have been made with the Post Office for the transmission of telegrams to the port Medical Officer - none were received during the year.

A constant watch is maintained at H.M. Coastguard Station Exmouth from which signals by morse or flag may be sent or received as and when necessary.

(4) Mooring Stations

(a) Ships proceeding up the canal to Exeter Basin.

There are two buoys situated in that portion of the estuary of the River Exe known as the Bight to which all ships arriving from foreign ports make fast before boarding by H.M. Custom's Officers.

(b) Ships whose destination is Exmouth harbour may make fast either to the buoys, as above, or to the pier head, Exmouth.

Where action is to be taken under Regulations 22 - 30 (Regulations dealing with the control of Infectious Diseases), the ships will be made fast to one of the buoys situated in the Bight, as above.

(5) Arrangements for:

(a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases (other than Smallpox).

Patients suffering from infectious disease will be transferred by ambulance to the Infectious Disease hospital of the Regional Hospital Board at Thipton, Exeter (Tel.No. Exeter 67158).

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(b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts

Surveillance and follow up of contacts will be undertaken by the Port Medical Officer whilst the ship is within this district. Where the ship has to proceed to another port before the expiration of the period of surveillance, the contacts will be given letters to take to the Fort Medical Officer of the next port of call informing him of the circumstances.

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

Disinfection of ships will, when necessary, be undertaken by the Port Health Inspector, the formaldehyde method being used. Disinfection of clothing or bedding may be carried out at the steam disinfector station of the Exmouth Urban District Council or Exeter City Council.

Cleansing of versinous persons will be carried out by the Port Health Inspector on the ship itself and his clothing, bedding etc., removed to the steam disinfector station at Exmouth or Exeter, as appropriate, for steam disinfestation.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

- The Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases will be sent from the district is "The Upon Pyne Smallpox Hospital" (5 miles (1) from Exeter) Tel.No. Stoke Canon 207. The admission will be made through the Medical Officer of the Whipton Isolation Hospital, (Tel. No. Exeter 67158). The vaccination state of the Hospital staff is up to date.
- (2) The transport of cases of smallpox will be undertaken by a special infectious disease ambulance by arrangement with the Exeter City Ambulance Officer (Tel. No. Exeter 55485).

(3) Consultants:

The following consultants are available as and when necessary:-

1. East Devon: Dr.E.J.G. Wallace, Health Centre, Westham Road, VEYWOUTH, Dorset.

1645 and 16 Home: Weymouth 1513

2. Cornwall & Devon to the River Exe

Dr. D.F. Johnstone, Isolation Hospital, Home: Plymouth 3358 PLYMOUTH.

Plymouth 64311 & 61437

3. Devon & Cornwall

Dr. W.A. Lister, 7, The Crescent,

Plymouth 5701 Home: Devonport 40

(4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox

Specimens for laboratory diagnosis will be sent to the:

Virus Reference Laboratory, Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale Avenue. LCHDON, N.W.9.

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SECTION VIII - VENERRAL DISEASE

Masters of vessels are informed of the following arrangements for the diagnosis and treatment of venercal disease among merchant seamen under international arrangements.

Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital:

Mondays: 19.00 hrs. to 20.00 hrs. Fridays: 14.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs.

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES OF SHIPS TABLE D

Category	Disease	No. of case year	s during	No. of ships concerned
oategory		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	-	- 2	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	-		-	-
Cases landed from other ships	-	WO	-	-

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS OF THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS.

No cases of malaria were notified.

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS LINECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED OF PLAGUE

No measures were necessary under this section.

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST ROLENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

(1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats - Enquiries are made from maters of all vessels using the port concerned regarding the presence of rats, and if present, of signs of unusual mortality among the rats.

No evidence of rats was found on any ships entering the port during the year.

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(2) The bacteriological examination of rodents with special reference to rodent plague are carried out at the:-

Public Health Laboratory, 7, Dix's Field, Exeter.

There were no cases of rodent infestation discovered during the year.

(3) Deratting of ships

The Exeter Port Health authority is not a recognised authority for this purpose. A ship requiring deratization would be referred to the port of Plymouth.

(4) Progress of rat-proofing of ships

The general construction of the ships and nature of the cargo of the ships using this port are not conducive to rat breeding and other than efforts to maintain a high standard of cleanliness, no action appears necessary.

TABLE E

Redents destroyedduring the year in ships from Foreign Ports

Nil.

TABLE F

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

In accordance with the Prevention of Damage by Pests Application to Shipping Order, 1951 - 1956, 5 rodent control certificates were issued under the provisions of this Order. A charge of ten shillings for each certificate was made, as authorised by the Prevention of Damage by Pests (Application to Shipping), (Amendment No.2) Order, 1956. This money was paid immediately upon receipt to the Transurer of the Authority.

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SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

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Inspection and Notices

Nature and Number of Inspections		Notices served Statutory Other Notices Notices		Result of serving Notices	
Routine	354	-	-	-	
TOTAL:	354	-	-	-	

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHEIL-FISh) REGULATIONS 1934 and 1938

The Mussel Purification Works at Lympstone has not been in operation during the year under review.

The Exe Shellfish Company, Exmouth, employ the method of sterilization by boiling under pressure and this has proved very satisfactory during the year, and of the ll samples of Shellfish which were sent for bacteriological examination during the year, all were found to be satisfactory.

TABLE H

Nature of Specimen	Number of Samples	Result, according to the Fishrongers' Company Standards.	
Mussols	4	Satisfactory	
Cockles	6 Satisfactor		
Scallops	1	Satisfactory	

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

This port is not approved for the landing of aliens.

SECTION XVI - MISCHILANEOUS

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

Such persons would be conveyed by the infectious disease ambulance to the mortuary at Thipton Isolation Hospital to await burial.

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