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ANNUAL REPORT

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Medical Officer of Health and Port Medical Officer.

FOR THE YEAR 1900

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

PORT OF FOLKESTONE.

Public Health Dept.,  
Foord Road,  
FOLKESTONE.

March, 1954.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors  
of the Borough and Port of Folkestone.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit the Annual Report on the medical aspect  
of the working of the Port of Folkestone for 1953.

Regular boat services during the year have been as follows:

(a) From Calais.

(1) Daily passenger service by French steamer, Cote D'Azur,  
and reliefs by British Railways steamer, from 1st  
January to 31st December, 1953.

(Outward bound service took Golden Arrow passengers).

(b) From Boulogne.

(1) Daily evening passenger service from 29th May to 3rd  
October, 1953.

(2) Daily morning passenger service from 30th May to 2nd  
October, 1953.

The Flushing service did not run this year.

The usual cargo service has been maintained to and from  
Calais and Boulogne.

There has been a decrease of 54,708 passengers arriving  
at and departing from the Port compared with 1952; the gross  
figures for the past four years being:

	<u>1950.</u>	<u>1951.</u>	<u>1952.</u>	<u>1953.</u>
Inwards.	250,002.	285,782.	260,975.	224,526.
Outwards.	223,446.	251,405.	237,622.	219,363.

The number of aliens arriving has also shown a decrease as  
will be seen from the following summary:

	<u>1950.</u>	<u>1951.</u>	<u>1952.</u>	<u>1953.</u>
Arrived.	61,840.	65,928.	61,624.	54,821.
Medically examined.	7,447.	10,740.	8,564.	7,062.
Certificates issued.	7.	10.	20.	12.
Percentage examined.	12.	16.	13.9.	12.9.

The aliens arriving to take up employment here continue to  
come mainly from Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, and France.

There has been a further fall in the number of men coming  
to take up employment in 1953 as compared with 1951 and 1952;  
this is due to the falling off in the number of aliens coming to  
work as coal miners, tinplate workers, brickyard workers and  
railway workers. Men continued to arrive for technical and  
professional employment with firms and as hotel workers.



The women were mainly domestics, children's nurses and governesses, student nurses, ward orderlies, textile workers, etc.

Most of the aliens have had no previous examination for fitness to take up employment here and I still consider it desirable that preliminary examinations in the countries of origin be carried out, since in the time available to the Medical Inspector here it is not possible to carry out comprehensive medical examinations which may exclude latent disease.

Twelve medical certificates were issued as a result of inspection under the Aliens Order; 3 of the aliens were landed conditionally, one unconditionally and the remaining eight (6 for medical conditions and 2 for physical incapacity) were not permitted to land.

Six patients arriving at the Harbour (accident cases, chronic illness, tuberculosis and mental cases) were examined to ensure their fitness to proceed to a pre-arranged destination in England.

The Folkestone Port Health Authority has now become associated with the Association of Sea and Airport Authorities. This Association exists to keep Local Authorities in touch with the latest developments in Port Health Control.

In conclusion I would like to express my appreciation of the efficient work carried out by the Medical and Nursing staff at the Harbour, and also to the unfailing and effective co-operation with us of the Immigration Officials, Customs Officials and Ships' staffs.

I am, Mr. Mayor Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,  
R. F. H. McELLIGOTT,  
Port Medical Officer.

SECTION I - Staff.

Table A.

Name of Officer.	Nature of Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Date of Resignation.	Qualifications.	Any other appointments held.
R.F.H. McElligott.	Medical Officer of Health and Port Medical Officer. (Temporary.)	29.12.50.	-	M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O.	Medical Inspector of Aliens. (Part-time.)
L.H. Vale.	Senior Sanitary Inspector for Borough and Port. Assistant Officer under Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937.	-1.10.49.	-	*M.R.San.I., Cert.S.I.B., M.S.I.A.	-
L.F. Pattman.	Deputy Sanitary Inspector for Borough and Port. Assistant Officer under Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937.	-5.11.28.	-	*A.R.San.I., Cert.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.	-
A. Stubbs.	Port Health Inspector. Assistant Officer under Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937.	-1. 2.45.	-	*Cert.S.I.B., M.S.I.A.	-
A. Colgan.	Port Health Inspector. Assistant Officer under Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937.	-3.12.51.	-	*M.R.San.I., Cert.S.I.B.,	Sanitary Inspector for the Borough of Folkestone.
G.A. Hagedorn.	Port Health Inspector. Assistant Officer under Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937.	27. 5.52.	-	*Cert.S.I.B., M.S.I.A.	-

\* Also hold Certificates of Royal Sanitary Institute as "Inspector of Meat and Other Foods."

Address and telephone number of the Medical Officer of Health.) } Public Health Department,  
Old Harvey Grammar School,  
Foord Road, Folkestone.

Telephone No: Folkestone 3463.



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 Sanitary Inspector.	
Foreign Ports	811	817,701	-	7	-
Coastwise	5	1,435	-	-	-
Total ...	816	819,136	-	7*	-

\*These 7 vessels were regularly inspected. Total number of inspections = 253

SECTION III - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

Table C.

Passenger Traffic ...	{ Number of Passengers - INWARDS: 224,526. { Number of Passengers - OUTWARDS: 219,363.
Cargo Traffic ...	{ Principal IMPORTS - Dates, nuts, fruit, vegetables, preserved fruit, fish, wines and spirits, sugar chocolate for manufacture of confectionery, horses and general cargo of miscellaneous character. { Principal EXPORTS - Motor-cycles, horses, fish and general merchandise.
Principal Ports from which ships arrive - Calais and Boulogne.	

SECTION IV - Inland barge traffic.

Number and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic.

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SECTION V - Water supply.

NO CHANGE.

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.

Joyce Green Hospital, 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.

Patients suffering from Smallpox would be removed by arrangement with the Canterbury City Ambulance Service, which authority is responsible for the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.

- (3) Name of smallpox consultant available.

Dr. F. L. Cassidi resigned on the 30th September, 1953. The new Smallpox Consultant for this area will be Dr. Rex Fletcher of Maypole Cottage, Hawkinge, Kent (Tel. No: Hawkinge 370). His address from 1st June, 1954, will be 30 Cheriton Gardens, Folkestone (Tel. No: Folkestone 3688).

- (4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox.

The Pathological Laboratories, County Hall, Maidstone.

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 in-patient treatment and the steps taken to make these facilities known to seamen.

Clinics are available as follows:

General Hospital,  
King's Avenue, Ashford ... Wednesdays and Saturdays - 11 to 12 noon.

Royal Victoria Hospital,  
Dover. ... Mondays and Thursdays - 6 to 7 p.m.

Kent and Canterbury  
Hospital, Canterbury ... Tuesdays and Fridays - 5 to 6.30p.m.

General Hospital,  
St. Peter's Road,  
Margate ... Tuesdays and Fridays - 11 to 12 noon.

In-patient treatment is available at all of these hospitals. Where necessary full information supplied to seamen concerned.



SECTION IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships.

Table D.

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports .. .. .	-	-	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival .. .. .	-	-	-	-
Cases landed from other ships	-	-	-	-

A short account should be given of the measures taken on the arrival by ships of (a) any case of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus or relapsing fever included in Table D; (b) any suspected cases of any such disease.

No action necessary during the year.

SECTION X - Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships.

No cases occurred during the year.

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague.

No action necessary during the year.

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

(1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

Formal inspections carried out by Dover Health staff and amplified by local Port Health Inspectors during course of routine inspection of vessels.

(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.

Facilities exist for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents at the County Laboratory, Maidstone.  
None of the rodents sent for examination during the year.

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

Harbour district treated as necessary by Rodent Operators of the British Railways Southern Region and assistance given by the Borough Rodent Operator as required, there being complete liaison between the two authorities.

When necessary ships are treated with Hydrogen Cyanide by the Fumigation Services Ltd., Barking, Essex, under the direction of the Dover Port Health Inspectors.

- (4) Progress in the rat-proofing of ships.

Not found necessary.

Table E.

Rodents destroyed during the year  
in ships from foreign ports.

Category.	Number.
Black rats .. .. .)	Nil.
Brown rats .. .. .)	
Species not known ..)	
Sent for examination ..)	
Infected with plague ..)	

Table F.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates  
issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

None issued - Folkestone is not an approved port.

Certificates for vessels owned by the British Railways and using this port are issued by the Dover Port Health authority.

### SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances.

Table G.

Inspections and Notices.

Nature and number of Inspections.		Notices served.		Result of serving Notices.
		Statutory Notices.	Other Notices.	
General inspection of crews' quarters, food preparing places, etc.	253	-	-	-
Total:	253	-	-	-



SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shell-fish)  
Regulations 1954 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 of Aliens holding warrants of  
Appointment.

Name	Date of Appointment.	Date of Resignation.	Qualifications.
R. F. H. McElligott.	28.10.49.	-	M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O.
J. H. Campbell.	16. 4.51.	-	M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.
H. Yates.	-8.10.52.	-	M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

All the Medical Inspectors were employed on a part-time basis.

(2) List of other staff engaged on this work.

Name	Nature of Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications.
Mrs. D. Summerfield.	Nurse-Attendant. (Part-time.)	1937.	S.R.N., C.M.B., H.V. and S.N. Cert. of R.S.I.

(3) Organisation of work.

Dr. R. F. H. McElligott, with the assistance of Mrs. D. Summerfield, Nurse-Attendant, is responsible for the organisation of the work.

(4) Nature and amount of aliens traffic.

The aliens arriving to take up employment in this country continue to come mainly from Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany and France.

1,502 fewer aliens were examined in 1953 compared with 1952; this was mainly due to the falling off in the number of Italians coming to work in the coal mines, tinplate works, brickyards and railways.

Men continue to arrive for technical and professional employment with firms and as hotel workers. The women were mainly domestics, children's nurses and governesses, student nurses, ward orderlies, textile workers, etc.

A summary of the number of aliens arriving, examined and certificates issued during 1953 is set out on next page:-

A. Total number of arriving vessels carrying aliens

(a) Passenger .. .. .	619.
(b) Cargo .. .. .	47.
<u>Total:</u>	666.

B. Total number of aliens (excluding transmigrants)

(a) Arriving at the port .. .. .	54,821.
(b) Medically inspected .. .. .	-
(c) Medically examined .. .. .	7,062.

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Certificates issued	Aliens permitted to land		Aliens not permitted to land	Total
	Unconditionally	Conditionally		
(a) Unsound mind or mentally defective .. .. .	-	-	-	-
(b) Undesirable for medical reasons .. .. .	-	-	6	6
(c) Physical incapacity .. .. .	1	3	2	6
(d) Acute infectious disease .. .. .	-	-	-	-
(e) Conditionally landed for adequate medical examination .. .. .	-	-	-	-

D. Transmigrants landing and medically examined

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(a) Verminous	Nil.
(b) Trachoma	
(c) Favus	
(d) Other diseases	

E. Analysis of aliens referred by Immigration Officer for medical examination.

	Number examined	Certificates issued for
(i) Ministry of Labour permits (M.L.)	6,599	7
(ii) Immigrants without M.L. permits	374	1
(iii) Others remaining more than 3 months and intending to take up employment	34	1
(iv) Students .. .. .	19	-
(v) Visiting for health reasons .. .. .	10	-
(vi) Appearing to the Immigration Officer to be:-		
(a) not in robust health .. .. .	17	2
(b) mentally or physically abnormal or subnormal .. .. .	1	1
(c) bodily dirty .. .. .	-	-
(d) in need of medical examination for other special reason	-	-
(vii) Seamen or airmen travelling as passengers .. .. .	-	-
<u>Total:</u>	7,054*	12

\* Plus 8 transmigrants.



5. Accommodation for medical inspection and examination.

The usual practice of carrying out the examinations in cabins on board passenger ships has been continued.

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous.

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

NO CHANGE.

SECTION XVII - Food Inspection.

Information supplied by L. H. Vale, Esq., Chief Sanitary Inspector for Borough and Port of Folkestone.

(1) Summary of Foodstuffs imported during 1953.

FOODSTUFF.	CALAIS		BOULOGNE	
	tons.	cwts.	tons.	cwts.
Chocolate .. .. .	-	-	20	8
Dates .. .. .	84	19	2261	15
Fish .. .. .	5	2	34	2
Fruit .. .. .	-	-	137	2
Nuts .. .. .	9	17	75	8
Poultry .. .. .	-	-	9	2
Preserved Fruit .. .. .	66	15	2	3
Preserved Meat .. .. .	-	6	2	5
Rice .. .. .	2	10	-	-
Shrimps .. .. .	-	-	2	2
Sugar .. .. .	90	15	-	-
Truffles .. .. .	-	2	-	-
Vegetables .. .. .	-	-	70	7
Totals:	260	6	2614	14

Grand Total: 2,875 tons.

(2) Foodstuffs condemned.

NIL

(3) Visits to Port.

The Port Health Inspectors made 577 visits during the year.

(4) Number of Samples of Food examined by:-

(a) Bacteriologist: Nil.

(b) Analyst: 2 samples.  
(Chemical examination.)

Nature of Sample.	Result of Analysis.	Remarks.
Chocolate	The material was free from arsenic, metallic contamination and preservative. The fat was quite free from rancidity.	Satisfactory.
Assorted Glace Fruit	Contained trace of sulphur dioxide estimated to be less than 30 parts per million, metallic contamination was negligible.	Satisfactory.

(5) Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations 1937.

One Case - Salame Sausages without "Official Certificate" - was landed from Italy. Importation was prohibited.

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