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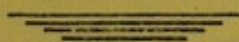
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# PORT OF FOLKESTONE



## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1964



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Public Health Department,  
Old Harvey Grammar School,  
Foord Road,  
FOLKESTONE.

March, 1965.

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 1964.

During the year the regular boat services have been as follows:-

(1) Folkestone - Calais.

- (a) Daily passenger service by French steamer from  
1st January to 31st December, 1964.

(2) Folkestone - Boulogne. (British Railways Steamers).

- (a) Daily morning passenger service from 3rd July to  
6th September, 1964 inclusive. An irregular  
service was in force from 31st May until the  
commencement of the daily service and also during the  
period 11th to 27th September, 1964.
- (b) Daily afternoon passenger service from 27th June  
to 7th September, 1964 inclusive; also services  
on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays from 31st May  
to 22nd June and 12th to 27th September, 1964.
- (c) Daily evening passenger service from 31st May to  
26th September, 1964 inclusive.

On 8 days during February and March a total of 10 passenger  
boats were diverted to Folkestone from Dover because of the gales and  
rough seas in the channel. During the period 12th to 28th October,  
1964 dredging operations were carried out at the Folkestone Harbour  
and all boats went to Dover. The harbour was closed on Christmas  
Day and on the 16th November the boat scheduled to arrive from  
Calais was diverted to Dover in view of the bad weather conditions.

Special day excursion trips were also run to France during the  
summer season.

The number of arriving vessels carrying aliens was 726 (703  
passenger and 23 cargo boats) and showed a decrease of 37 compared  
with 1963.

All passenger boats were met and where necessary two or more  
doctors were in attendance to cope with the large number of aliens  
expected to arrive at the same time - prior information having been  
received from the Chief Immigration Officer, Travel Agents or the  
Association of British Hotels and Restaurants - and during the year  
a total of 896 doctor/attendances were made.

The number of passengers passing through the Port during the  
year was 869,395; this was 49,155 less than in 1963.



The gross figures of passengers arriving at and departing from Folkestone for the past five years are:-

	<u>1960.</u>	<u>1961.</u>	<u>1962.</u>	<u>1963.</u>	<u>1964.</u>
Inwards ..	437,992	476,304	449,542	472,676	446,085
Outwards ..	397,276	422,642	431,562	445,874	423,310
<u>TOTALS:</u>	<u>835,268</u>	<u>898,946</u>	<u>881,104</u>	<u>918,550</u>	<u>869,395</u>

Compared with 1963 there was an increase of 22,685 in the number of aliens arriving and 199 more were medically examined.

A summary of the aliens arriving, medically examined, certificates issued, etc., during the past five years is given below:-

	<u>1960.</u>	<u>1961.</u>	<u>1962.</u>	<u>1963.</u>	<u>1964.</u>
Aliens arriving ..	99,985	111,485	115,454	109,759	132,444
Aliens medically examined ..	12,091	13,315	10,293	7,104	7,303
Certificates issued	184	206	191	124	116
Percentage of Aliens examined to whom certificates issued	1.52	1.55	1.85	1.74	1.58

The aliens continued to come mainly from Italy, Switzerland, France, Spain, Austria, Portugal and Germany.

The men were mainly for employment as labourers (especially agricultural) and to work in hotels and the catering trade. The women came as domestics, children's nurses and governesses, assistant hospital nurses, ward orderlies, textile, canning and factory workers; also included were the families coming to join aliens already working in the United Kingdom.

During last year the number of certificates issued on Form Port 12 was 116 compared with 124 in 1963. These certificates were in respect of:-

Pregnancy .. ..	26.
Eye conditions .. ..	15.
Deformity of limbs .. ..	14.
Heart conditions .. ..	12.
Dermatitis .. ..	8.
Post-operative sequelae .. ..	5.
Congenital defects .. ..	6.
Unsound mind or mentally defective .. ..	3.
Hernia .. ..	2.
Other medical conditions .. ..	25.

Following discussion between the Ministry of Health and the Home Office arrangements were made with effect from the 1st April, 1964 for the Chief Immigration Officer to advise the Port Medical Officer at the end of each month where entry was refused on purely medical grounds under Article 4(2)(b) and (c) of the Aliens Order, 1953.

Of the 18 aliens not permitted to land two were refused entry under Article 4(2)(b) in respect of persons of unsound mind or mentally defective, and three under Article 4(2)(c) where it was certified by the medical inspector that for medical reasons it was undesirable that the aliens should be permitted to land.



A summary of the immigrants who were subject to control under the Commonwealth Immigrants Act 1962, those medically examined and certificates issued is as follows:-

	<u>1964.</u>	<u>1963.</u> (For comparison).
Commonwealth immigrants -		
Subject to control .. ..	19,716	16,670
Medically examined .. ..	659	634
Certificates issued .. ..	7	3
Percentage of immigrants examined to whom certificates issued	1.06	0.47

The immigrants came mainly from India, Ceylon, Cyprus, Mauritius, Pakistan and West Indies.

Seven forms Port 23 were issued in respect of Commonwealth immigrants; this compares with 3 for 1963. Four of the immigrants, all Cypriots, were not permitted to land. None was refused entry on purely medical grounds under Section 2(4)(a) of the Commonwealth Immigrants Act, 1962.

Eighteen passengers were examined and given treatment as necessary. Of the three accident cases two were conveyed by ambulance to the local hospital. A man of 39, returning to his home in Surrey, was admitted to the Dover Isolation Hospital for observation and subsequently confirmed as suffering from gastro-enteritis. A British passenger, who had been deported from France, was admitted to the mental hospital at Chartham. Five cases were seen in transit and arrangements made for two of the patients, who were unfit to continue the journey, to be admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Folkestone. Five of the other patients were also admitted to various hospitals in the area for medical reasons.

A pilot collapsed on board the cutter and was landed at Folkestone; he was sent by ambulance to Buckland Hospital at Dover.

Four crew members also received medical attention. One accident case and a pantry boy suffering from appendicitis were admitted to the local hospital and the other two, both medical cases, referred to their family doctor.

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 the unfailing and effective co-operation with us of the Immigration Officials, Customs Officials, British Railways Officials and Ships' staff.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

*R. H. G. G. H.*  
Port Medical Officer.



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.	29.12.50.	-	M.B., Ch.B.	Medical Inspector of Aliens. (Part-time).
L.H. Vale.	Chief Public Health Inspector for Borough and Port. Asst. Officer under Public Health (Imported Food) Regs. 1937-1948.	-1.10.49.	-	*F.R.S.H., *A.P.H.I., Cert.S.I.B.	-
L.F. Pattman.	Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector for Borough and Port. Asst. Officer under Public Health (Imported Food) Regs. 1937-1948.	-5.11.28.	-	*A.R.S.H., Cert.R.S.H.	-
A. Stubbs.	Additional Port Health Inspector. Asst. Officer under Public Health (Imported Food) Regs. 1937-1948.	-1. 2.45.	-	*Cert.S.I.B.	
S.W. Couling.	- ditto -	-6.10.58.	-3. 5.64.	*Cert.S.I.B. M.A.P.H.I.	Additional Public Health Inspectors for the Borough of Folkestone.
C.E. Thomsett.	- ditto -	12.10.63.	11.10.64.	*Cert.P.H.I.E.B. M.A.P.H.I.	
D. Prebble.	- ditto -	15. 6.64.	-	*Cert.S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I., Cert. Trop. Hyg.	
D.R. Wiseman.	- ditto -	20. 7.64.	-	*Cert.P.H.I.E.B., M.A.P.H.I.	
S. Davey.	- ditto -	-1.12.64.	-	*Cert.S.I.B.	Student Public Health Inspector.
A.J. Cyster.	-	18.11.63.	-	-	

\* Also holds Royal Society of Health Certificate as Inspector of Meat and Other Foods.

Address and telephone number of } Public Health Department, Old Harvey Grammar School, 524653).  
the Medical Officer of Health } Food Road, Folkestone, Kent. (Tel. No: Folkestone Harbour,  
and Port Medical Officer. } Medical Inspection Room, Folkestone Harbour, (Tel. No: Folkestone 51512).  
Folkestone, Kent.



SECTION II - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

Table B.

Ships from:	Number of Arrivals.	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 Inspr.	
Foreign Ports ..	903	1,102,169	-	12	-
Coastwise	62	43,989	-	-	-
TOTAL:	965	1,146,158	-	12	-

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

Table C.

Passenger Traffic ..	{ Number of Passengers - INWARDS: 446,085 Number of Passengers - OUTWARDS: 423,310
Cargo Traffic ..	{ Principal IMPORTS - Wines and spirits, woollens and cotton goods, government stores and chemicals. Principal EXPORTS - Machinery, government stores, fish, iron and steel.
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.

Water is supplied to vessels using the harbour from hydrants on the quayside; water for use on trains at the harbour is supplied from several hydrants on the various platforms. All are connected to the town supply, viz., Folkestone and District Waterworks Company Ltd.

Seven routine samples were taken for bacteriological examination from vessels and shore hydrant installations during the year; all the samples were satisfactory.

Five samples from platform hydrants from which drinking water for the trains may be obtained were also taken for bacteriological examination; all the samples were satisfactory.

One sample of drinking water was taken for chemical examination; the water was reported to be chemically satisfactory.



SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships)  
Regulations 1952 to 1963.

No action taken during the year.

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. J.P. Marsden of Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford, (telephone No: Dartford 23231 and home telephone No: Dartford 20443) is available as Smallpox Consultant for this area.

- (4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

At the laboratory of the Public Health Laboratory Service at Preston Hall, British Legion Village, Maidstone. (Telephone No: Maidstone 7239). Dr. A.L. Furniss is the Medical Director.

Also at the Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, Colindale, London, N.W.9.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease.

No change during the year.

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 landed from other ships	-	-	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival .. .. .	-	-	-	-

A man of 39, returning to his home in Surrey, was admitted to the Dover Isolation Hospital for observation and subsequently confirmed as suffering from gastro-enteritis.



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 Public Health Laboratory Service, Preston Hall, British Legion Village, Maidstone. None of the rodents was sent for examination during 1964.

(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.

It has not been found necessary over the past few years for work of disinfection to be carried out on ships visiting this Port. If, however, such work were necessary the ships would be treated with Hydrogen Cyanide by the Fumigation Services Ltd., under the direction of the Dover Port Health Inspectors.

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

Not found necessary.

Tables "E" and "F" - NIL.

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.	205	-	-	-
TOTAL:	205	-	-	-

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shellfish)  
Regulations 1934 and 1948.

No change during the year.

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.	Qualifications.
R.F.H. McElligott ..	28.10.49.	M.B., Ch.B.
H. Yates .. ..	-8.10.52.	M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
C.B. Findlay .. ..	28. 6.55.	M.B., Ch.B.
E. Mallett .. ..	21.10.60.	M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.Obst.R.C.C.G.
S.M.R. Powell ..	-3. 2.64.	M.B., Ch.B.

A Warrant of Appointment was issued to Dr. S.M.R. Powell by the Ministry of Health on the 3rd February, 1964. This appointment was to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. J.H. Campbell.

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. L.F. Brann.	Nurse-Attendant. (Part-time).	-1.6.56.	S.E.A.N.

Three Assistant Nurse-Attendants were also available on a sessional basis to act as reliefs and assist when two or more were required to cope with the large number of aliens expected to arrive at the same time.

(3) Organisation of Work.

No change during the year.

(4) Nature and amount of aliens traffic.

A total of 7,303 aliens were examined during 1964; this is 199 more than in 1963.

A summary of their nationalities is as follows:-

	<u>1964.</u>	<u>1963.</u> (For comparison).
Italian .. ..	3,516	3,473
Swiss .. ..	1,558	1,439
French .. ..	755	735
Spanish .. ..	658	540
Austrian .. ..	197	229
Portuguese .. ..	178	159
German .. ..	150	214
Greek .. ..	84	99
Turkish .. ..	44	46
Israeli .. ..	17	18
American .. ..	15	-
Moroccan .. ..	15	-
Iranian .. ..	7	-
Finnish .. ..	5	-
South African .. ..	5	12
Other nationals .. ..	28	74
Stateless .. ..	71	66
<u>TOTALS:</u>	<u>7,303</u>	<u>7,104</u>

Particulars of the number of aliens arriving, examined and certificates issued during 1964 are set out below:-

A. Total number of arriving vessels carrying aliens:-

(a) Passenger .. ..	703
(b) Cargo .. ..	23
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>726</u>

This total of 726 shows a decrease of 37 compared with the number of arriving vessels carrying aliens during 1963.

B. Total number of arriving aliens (excluding crews) .. 132,444

C. Total number of aliens medically examined:-

With Ministry of Labour permit .. ..	5,782
Au Pair .. ..	1,242
Permanent residents .. ..	176
Visiting .. ..	103
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>7,303</u>



D. Reports and certificates for aliens medically examined:-

Nature of report or certificate.		Total number of reports and certificates issued.	Aliens NOT PERMITTED to land.
A.	Unsound mind or mentally defective	3 <sup>0</sup>	2*
B(1).	Undesirable for medical reasons	3	3**
B(2)(a).	Inability to support .. ..	30	2
B(2)(b).	Likely to require medical treatment .. ..	80	11
C.	Conditionally landed for further medical examination .. ..	-	-
TOTALS:		116	18

One certificate was in respect of a Swiss student aged 26 years who was allowed to land in order that he could go to Glencraig Curative School (Rudolf Steiner) near Belfast to receive further craft (e.g. printing) training.

Refused entry on purely medical grounds:

\*Two under Article 4(2)(b) of Aliens Order, 1953.

\*\*Three under Article 4(2)(c) of Aliens Order, 1953.

(5) Accommodation for medical inspection and examination.

The newly constructed and equipped medical inspection rooms adjacent to No. 1 berth are now in use.

Commonwealth Immigrants Act, 1962.

At the end of the year the five Medical Inspectors (Drs. McElligott, Findlay, Mallett, Powell and Yates) holding Warrants of Appointment under the Aliens Order 1953 also held the special Warrants for the medical examination of Commonwealth immigrants.

Mrs. L.F. Brann and the three Assistant Nurse-Attendants were also available.

The number of Commonwealth citizens subject to control under this Act and those medically examined were:-

	1964.	1963. (For comparison).
Commonwealth immigrants:-		
Subject to control ..	19,716	16,670
Medically examined ..	659	634

The nationality of those examined was:-

Indian .. ..	293	249
Ceylonese .. ..	99	80
Cypriot .. ..	53	19
Mauritian .. ..	47	50
Pakistani .. ..	31	111
West Indian .. ..	28	-
Malayan .. ..	12	19
Australian .. ..	8	26
Nigerian .. ..	7	28
Other nationalities ..	81	52
<u>TOTALS:</u>	<u>659</u>	<u>634</u>

The number of reports and certificates issued for Commonwealth citizens medically examined was:-

Nature of report or certificate.		Number of reports or certificates issued.	Number of Commonwealth citizens refused entry.
A.	Suffering from mental disorder ..	-	-
B(1).	Undesirable for medical reasons ..	-	-
B(2).	Likely to require major medical treatment .. .. .	7	4*
TOTALS:		7	4

\*These were four Commonwealth citizens from Cyprus; none were refused entry on purely medical grounds under Section 2(4)(a) of the Commonwealth Immigrants Act, 1962.

#### SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous.

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

A mortuary at the local hospital and adequate burial and cremation facilities are available in the district.



SECTION XVII - Food Inspection.

Information supplied by L.H. Vale, Esq., Chief Public Health and Food Inspector for the Borough and Port of Folkestone.

(1) Visits to Port.

The Port Health Inspectors made 604 visits to the Harbour during the year for the purpose of routine inspection of passenger and cargo boats and for the examination of all foodstuffs landed at the Port. This work entails considerable evening and weekend duty, especially during the summer months, as all passenger boats are met on arrival by an Inspector. All the vessels which are regularly engaged on cross-channel traffic have been maintained in a very satisfactory condition.

(2) Summary of Foodstuffs imported during 1964.

FOODSTUFF	BOULOGNE				CALAIS				OSTEND			
	Tons	Cwt.	Gr.	Lb.	Tons	Cwt.	Gr.	Lb.	Tons	Cwt.	Gr.	Lb.
Biscuits .. ..	15	14	-	19	5	12	2	5	-	-	-	-
Caviare .. ..	-	-	-	-	-	18	2	21	-	-	-	-
Cereals .. ..	1	19	2	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cheese .. ..	-	9	-	4	-	3	1	23	-	-	-	-
Chicory .. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	1	2	18
Coffee .. ..	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Confectionery ..	23	4	-	25	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-
Fish .. ..	-	11	3	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flavouring Essences	1	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flour .. ..	1	15	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fruit .. ..	-	9	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fruit, Desiccated/ Dried .. ..	6	2	2	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fruit Juices ..	3	10	3	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fruit Preserves	1	4	2	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Macaroni .. ..	-	-	2	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meat Preserves ..	-	11	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Milk - Powder ..	-	-	2	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Olive Oil .. ..	-	7	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rice .. ..	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Snails - Preserved	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	-	-	-	-	-
Syrups .. ..	-	3	1	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Truffles .. ..	1	5	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vanilla .. ..	-	3	3	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous ..	2	-	-	20	-	-	-	26	-	6	3	9
TOTALS:	60	18	3	25	8	1	2	19	31	8	1	27

GRAND TOTAL: 100 tons 9 cwts. 0 gr. 15 lbs.

(3) Foodstuffs condemned.

An assortment of miscellaneous foodstuffs condemned.  
Total weight = 2 cwts. 1 gr.

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

(a) Bacteriologist .. .. Nil.  
(b) Analyst (Chemical Examinations) .. 5.



CHEMICAL EXAMINATION OF FOODSTUFFS.

Sample Ref.	Nature of Sample.	Result of Analysis.	Remarks.
245.	Fruits in mustard flavoured syrup.	Free from arsenic and toxic metals, sulphur dioxide was declared but could not be detected. The presence of certified colour was also declared and this presumably refers to the cherries which were coloured with erythrosine.	Swiss Product. Satisfactory.
233.	Pains d'Epices.	Free from arsenic, toxic metals and sulphite preservative.	Swiss product. Satisfactory.
244.	Artichoke syrup.	Free from arsenic, toxic metals, sulphite preservative and benzoic acid.	Swiss product. Satisfactory.
291.	Baby cereal food.	Free from arsenic, toxic metals and sulphite preservative.	Swiss product. Satisfactory.
239.	Ballottine Aux Olives. (Canned).	Free from arsenic, toxic metals and sulphite preservative.	French Product. Satisfactory.

None of the labels on these foodstuffs was worded in English.

Sole usage of a foreign language in describing imported foodstuffs is not satisfactory when applied to a product which is presumably intended for retail sale in this country, having regard to the requirements of the Labelling of Food Order, 1953; the importers were therefore advised that these matters should receive appropriate attention.



