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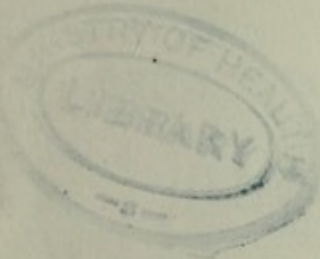
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## BOROUGH OF GOSPORT

To The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors  
of the Borough of Gosport.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my eighteenth Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough for the year ended 31st December 1948.

The main features of interest are as follows:-

BIRTHS The number of live births, 1,155, recorded during 1948 shows a decrease of 120 compared with the 1,275 recorded in 1947. The fall in the Birth Rate was general throughout the country but the rate for Gosport, 23.57, still compares very favourably with 17.9 for England & Wales.

DEATHS In spite of a 3.6% increase in population, the number of deaths recorded fell from 485 in 1947 to 441 in 1948. This number represents a Death Rate of 9.00 per 1,000 population, which is the lowest rate on record for Gosport. The Death Rate for England & Wales for 1948 was 10.8.

INFANT MORTALITY In 1947 the Infant Mortality Rate for Gosport was 29.8 and 41 for England & Wales (the lowest rates on record) but in 1948 they fell lower still to 24.24 for Gosport and 34 for England & Wales, thus making new low records. Only 1 death from diarrhoea in children under 2 years of age was recorded during the year.

MATERNAL MORTALITY Again no deaths from maternal causes were recorded during the year.

### TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATE

Respiratory	0.51	per 1,000 population	(0.65 in 1947)
Other Forms	0.05	" " "	(0.08 " " )
All Forms	0.56	" " "	(0.73 " " )

CANCER DEATH RATE 1.63 per 1,000 population (1.84 in 1947)

NOTIFICATIONS of INFECTIOUS DISEASES With the exception of one case of paratyphoid, apparently contracted in France, there were no notifications of typhoid fever, dysentery or food poisoning during the year and no deaths from any of the infectious diseases notified excepting 1 from Whooping Cough (out of the 180 cases notified) and 13 from Pneumonia (out of 52 cases notified).



NEW HOUSES The number of houses, all permanent, built during 1948 was 476.

This makes a total of 940 permanent houses built since the end of the war. In addition, 600 prefabricated bungalows have been erected during the post-war period and 161 war-destroyed houses rebuilt.

DOMESTIC HELP SCHEME During the year 166 Maternity Cases and 267 Other Cases were provided with domestic help under the above scheme.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH The health of the public in 1948 was satisfactory, as far as can be judged by the statistical and other information at our disposal. Although the general Death Rate alone gives a very imperfect view of the prevalence of sickness, when a low general Death Rate is combined with a low Infant Mortality Rate the grounds for optimism are considerable. We have these grounds in the lowest Death and Infant Mortality rates ever recorded for Gosport.

In conclusion I would again like to express my thanks to the Members of the Council and especially to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their courtesy and co-operation and to my Staff for their diligence and help.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. W. FLEMING

August 1949

Medical Officer of Health

HEALTH COMMITTEE

H. W. THE MAYOR  
(Alderman NOBES)

Chairman: Alderman WHEELER

Vice-Chairman: Councillor PARKIN

Alderman  
MRS MAIN

Councillors  
COLLETT, COX, DOUGHTY, OLD, PHILLIPS,  
RAY, Mrs SHEPHERD, THWAYTES

STAFF

Medical Officer of Health  
G. W. FLEMING, L.R.C.P. & S, L.R.F.P. & S, D.P.H.

Chief Sanitary Inspector  
T. E. OWENS, Cert R San I, Meat & Food Insp Cert, etc.

Additional Sanitary Inspectors  
N. R. CALEY, Cert R San I  
J. J. LAWRENCE, Cert R San I

Shops Acts Inspector  
A. E. GORMAN

Senior Clerk  
H. J. MOORE

Assistant Clerks  
MISS J. G. FISHER  
J. A. KEMP (National Service 20.6.46 - 4.7.48)  
K. J. GROSE (Temporary to 14.3.48)

Rodent Control Operator  
P. DOWSETT

Disinfectors and Mortuary Attendant  
W. BEAVIS

Mosquito Sprayer  
F. J. EVANS



# SECTION A

## SUMMARY for 1948

### General Statistics

Area in acres (land and inland water)  
Registrar General's Estimate of Population  
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1948) according to Rate Books

6,770  
49,000 (increase 1,760)  
14,690 (increase 610)  
Rateable Value £436,468 (increase £4,472)  
Sum Represented by Penny Rate £1,750 (increase £50)

### Extracts from Vital Statistics

#### Live Births:

	M	F	Total	Rates per 1,000 population	GOSPORT	Eng & Wales
Legitimate	557	550	1,107	22.59	0.98	
Illegitimate	23	25	48			
Total	580	575	1,155		23.57	17.9

#### Still Births:

Legitimate	16	11	27	Rates per 1,000 total	22.82	
Illegitimate	1	1	2	(live & still) births	0.84	
Total	17	11	28		23.66	

#### Deaths from All Causes

236	205	441	Rates per 1,000 population	9.00	10.8
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#### Deaths from Puerperal Causes:

Abortion with Sepsis	-	-	-	Rates per 1,000 total	0.11
Abortion without Sepsis	-	-	-	(live & still) births	0.05
Puerperal Infections	-	-	-		0.13
Other Maternal Causes	-	-	-		0.73
Total	-	-	-		1.02

#### Deaths of Infants Under 1 yr:

Legitimate	15	12	27
Illegitimate	-	1	1
Total	15	13	28

#### Infant Mortality Rates:

All Infants per 1,000 live births	24.24	34
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	24.39	
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	20.85	
Diarrhoea under 2 years per 1,000 live births	0.86	3.3

#### Deaths from Cancer

	Males	Females	Total
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	42	38	80
" " Tuberculosis (all forms)	14	13	27
" " Whooping Cough	1	-	1



# CAUSES of DEATH in GOSPORT during 1948

<u>CAUSES OF DEATH</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	-	-	-
2. Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-	-
3. Scarlet Fever	-	-	-
4. Whooping Cough	1	-	1
5. Diphtheria	-	-	-
6. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	14	11	25
7. Other Forms of Tuberculosis	-	2	2
8. Syphilitic Diseases	2	-	2
9. Influenza	-	-	-
10. Measles	-	-	-
11. Ac. Polio-myelitis and Polio-encephalitis	-	-	-
12. Ac. Inf. Encephalitis	-	-	-
13. Cancer of Buccal Cavity and Oesophagus (M)/Uterus (F)	5	3	8
14. " " Stomach and Duodenum	6	3	9
15. " " Breast	-	9	9
16. " " All Other Sites	31	23	54
17. Diabetes	-	2	2
18. Inter-cranial Vascular Lesions	24	27	51
19. Heart Disease	55	57	112
20. Other Diseases of Circulatory System	12	9	21
21. Bronchitis	8	1	9
22. Pneumonia	8	5	13
23. Other Respiratory Diseases	4	2	6
24. Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	7	2	9
25. Diarrhoea under 2 years	-	1	1
26. Appendicitis	1	-	1
27. Other Digestive Diseases	9	4	13
28. Nephritis	5	7	12
29. Puerperal and Post Abortive Sepsis	-	-	-
30. Other Maternal Causes	-	-	-
31. Premature Birth	4	4	8
32. Congenital Malformation; Birth Injury Infantile Diseases	8	5	13
33. Suicide	4	2	6
34. Road Traffic Accidents	3	-	3
35. Other Violent Causes	3	6	9
36. All Other Causes	22	20	42
	<u>236</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>441</u>

## Deaths of Infants Under 1 year:-

Legitimate	15	12	27
Illegitimate	-	1	1
	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>28</u>



**BIRTH-RATES, CIVILIAN DEATH-RATES, ANALYSIS of MORTALITY,  
MATERNAL MORTALITY and CASE-RATES for certain INFECTIOUS DISEASES in 1948**

	<u>GOSPORT</u>	England & Wales	126 County Boroughs and Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns Resident Population 25000-50000 1931 Census	London Admin: County
<b>Births</b>	Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population				
Live Births	23.57	17.9(a)	20.0	19.2	20.1
Still Births	0.57	0.42(a)	0.52	0.43	0.39
<b>Deaths</b>					
All Causes	9.00	10.8(a)	11.6	10.7	11.6
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01
Diphtheria	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Tuberculosis	0.56	0.51	0.59	0.46	0.63
Influenza	-	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.02
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	-	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
Pneumonia	0.26	0.41	0.38	0.36	0.54
<b>Notifications (Corrected)</b>					
Typhoid Fever	-	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Paratyphoid Fever	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Cerebro-spinal Fever	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03
Scarlet Fever	0.87	1.73	1.90	1.82	1.37
Whooping Cough	3.67	3.42	3.51	3.31	3.13
Diphtheria	0.02	0.08	0.10	0.09	0.10
Erysipelas	0.20	0.21	0.23	0.21	0.22
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	2.92	9.34	9.75	8.84	9.17
Pneumonia	1.06	0.73	0.84	0.60	0.57
Acute Poliomyelitis	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.04
Acute Polioencephalitis	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Deaths</b>	Rates per 1,000 Live Births				
All Causes under 1 year of age	24.24	34(b)	39	32	31
Enteritis and Diarrhoea under 2 years of age	0.86	3.3	4.5	2.1	2.4
<b>Notifications (Corrected)</b>	Rates per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births				
Puerperal fever/pyrexia	-	6.89	8.90	4.71	7.34
<b>Maternal Mortality</b>	-	1.02			

**Abortion Mortality per million women aged 15-44:-**

With Sepsis 9  
Without Sepsis 4

(a) Rates per 1,000 total population

(b) Per 1,000 related births

A dash (-) signifies that there were no deaths or notifications



## SECTION B

### GENERAL PROVISION of HEALTH SERVICES for the AREA

#### (a) Laboratory Facilities

County Council Laboratory, Winchester.....Tel. Winchester 4411  
Public Health Laboratory, Winchester....." " 3807  
(Directed by Medical Research Council for Ministry of Health)  
Central Laboratory, Portsmouth.....Tel. Portsmouth 73273  
(Portsmouth and Isle of Wight Area Pathological Service)  
Public Analyst's Laboratory, Portsmouth.....Tel. Portsmouth 5482

#### (b) Ambulance Facilities

Under County Medical Officer, Winchester.....Tel. Winchester 4411  
General and Accident Cases.....Tel. Gosport 89121  
Infectious Diseases Cases.....Tel. Portsmouth 2046

#### (c) Nursing in the Home

Victoria Nursing Society, Peel Road, Gosport....Tel. Gosport 8039

#### (d) Clinic and Treatment Centres

Under County Medical Officer, Winchester.....Tel. Winchester 4411

##### Tuberculosis Clinic

The Gables, Spring Garden Lane, Gosport.....Tel. Gosport 8032  
Mondays only.

##### Maternity & Child Welfare

##### Child Welfare Centres:-

Methodist Church, Stoke Road, Gosport  
Wednesdays (10 am to 12 noon  
( 2 pm to 4 pm

St. Thomas's Church Hall, Elson Road, Gosport  
Tuesdays 2 pm

Congregational Church Hall, The Crossways, Gosport  
Mondays (10 am to 12 noon  
( 2 pm to 4 pm

Lowry Hut, Lee-on-Solent  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays in month at 2 pm

##### Ante Natal Clinics:-

War Memorial Hospital, Gosport.....Tel. Gosport 8157  
Thursdays 2 pm (excepting 5th Thursday in month)



(d) Clinic and Treatment Centres (Contd)

Minor Ailments Clinic

2 Stoke Road, Gosport  
Daily, except Saturdays, at 9 am

Dental Clinic

- (a) 2 Stoke Road, Gosport  
Mondays to Fridays 9 am and 2 pm  
(b) "The Gables", Spring Garden Lane, Gosport  
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays) 9-30 am and 1-30 pm

Ophthalmic Clinic

2 Stoke Road, Gosport  
Attendance by Appointment Only

Speech Clinic

"The Gables", Spring Garden Lane, Gosport  
Mondays and Thursdays 9-30 am and 1-30 pm

Verminous Cleansing Clinic

2 Stoke Road, Gosport  
Mondays and Thursdays at 9-30 am

Child Guidance Services

Clinic held at Crossways Hut, Gosport  
Tuesday afternoons  
Attendance by Appointment Only

Venereal Diseases

Clinics: St Marys Hospital, Portsmouth..Tel. Portsmouth 2476  
Males (Tuesdays and Thursdays) (10 am - 5 pm)  
Females (Mondays 5-7 pm, Wednesdays 2 pm, Fridays 10 am)

Vaccination

On and after the 5th July, carried out by any General Medical Practitioner who has agreed to operate the County Council's Scheme under Section 26 of the National Health Service Act.

Diphtheria Immunisation

At School Clinic (by Appointment only)  
Child Welfare Centres,  
or By Own Doctor

(e) Hospitals

War Memorial Hospital (Voluntary until  
5th July 1948).....Tel. Gosport 8157  
Haslar (Naval Hospital).....Tel. Portsmouth 74571

Infectious Diseases - Cases requiring hospital treatment continued to be admitted to Portsmouth I. D. Hospital (prior to 5th July 1948 by agreement with the Portsmouth City Council and subsequently via Portsmouth Group Hospital Management Committee).

SECTION 47 of the NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

Removal to Suitable Premises of Persons in Need of Care and Attention

Action under this Section was taken in two cases both of which were aged and infirm, living alone in insanitary conditions and unable to look after themselves properly.

Both cases were removed to St. Christopher's Home, Wickham Road, Fareham (formerly the Public Assistance Institution).

In each case the Court Order was for three months so had to be renewed quarterly.

One of the cases is a bedridden male originally removed on a Court Order made in 1943 under Section 127 of the Gosport Corporation Act 1939 and this case is still in the Home. The other case, a female, died six months after her admission to the Home.



## SECTION C

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

#### Water

The main supply is a typical chalk water remaining practically constant in quality, neutral in reaction and free from deposit on standing. It has no plumbo-solvent action. It is hard in character but is much softened on boiling. The water is chlorinated before it reaches the mains.

The supply has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

The following table shows the number of samples taken, for which the results of analyses were all satisfactory:-

	<u>Chem.Exam</u>	<u>Bact.Exam</u>	<u>Total</u>
Water from Public Supply Mains	3	21	24
Water before chlorination	4	4	8

No action in respect of any form of contamination was required during the year. So far as is known all the dwelling houses in the Borough have direct main supplies.

#### Drainage and Sewerage

During the year the following additional lengths of sewers were laid:-

<u>Foul Sewers</u>	<u>Surface Water Sewers</u>
4,200 ft x 12 ins	980 ft x 24 ins
945 ft x 9 ins	1,015 ft x 21 ins
2,416 ft x 6 ins	1,475 ft x 18 ins
3,393 ft x 4 ins	330 ft x 15 ins
	760 ft x 12 ins
	1,275 ft x 9 ins
	1,800 ft x 6 ins

#### Rivers and Streams

There was no pollution in the area requiring any action.

#### Closest Accommodation

There was one conversion of pail closet to water closet during the year.

Number of water closets	15,145
Number of pail closets	16

#### Public Cleansing

Household refuse is collected once weekly by the Corporation. The survey of household dustbins was continued and 1,351 new dustbins were supplied during the year. The emptying of cesspools was carried out by Hants Cleansing Service.



## Sanitary Inspections of the Area

Dwelling Houses:	
Inspections under Public Health Acts	1010
"        "        Housing Acts	103
After Infectious Disease	792
Overcrowding	67
Sanitary Dustbins	4092
Complaints received and attended to	837
Drainage Inspections	281
Drains Tested	21
Common Lodging Houses	43
Offensive Trades	4
Tents, Vans and Sheds	30
Stables and Stable Yards	99
Piggeries	55
Factories (Power)	210
"        (Non-Power)	44
Outworkers' Rooms	18
Public Conveniences	15
Rats and Mice	123
Schools	26
Mosquito Control	11
Vacant Land and Dumps	62
Revisits to Premises under Notice	6195
Works in Progress	424
Interviews with Owners etc	1142
Verminous Premises	132
Prospective Council House Tenants	20
Miscellaneous Visits	1341
Meat and Foods:	
Slaughterhouses	9
Butchers' Shops and Stalls	233
Bakehouses	81
Fishmongers and Poulterers	96
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	156
Grocers and Other Food Shops	467
Fried Fish Shops	87
Dairies and Milkshops	111
Cowsheds	2
Ice Cream Premises	145
Preserved Food Premises	69
Cafes	191
Hawkers	59
Milk Samples	167
"    Detergent Samples	33
"    Bottles	36
Water Samples	4
Food & Drug Samples	121
Ice Cream Samples	217
Miscellaneous	241
Total Visits	18885



## Summary of Sanitary Work Carried Out

Houses:	Roofs	313
	Walls (external)	151
	Chimneys and Stacks	45
	Rainwater Pipes	53
	Eaves Guttering	151
	Yards and Passages	4
	Dampness Abated	90
	Wallplaster	298
	Ceilings	183
	Floors	165
	Windows	412
	Sashcords	135
	Additional Ventilation	8
	Stairs	10
	Doors	90
	Cleansed	4
	Vermin	39
	Fireplaces	114
	Cooking Ranges	32
	Coppers	18
	Sinks (Provision of)	7
	" (Repair and Renewal)	21
	Sink Waste Pipes	23
	Interior Water Supplies Provided	3
	Repairs to Water Supplies	21
	Overcrowding Abated	5
	Miscellaneous	50
Drainage:	Drains Cleared	107
	Drains Repaired	44
	New Drains	4
	Other Defects	39
Water Closets:	Repaired	222
	New Closets Provided	2
Dustbins:	New Provided	1351
Miscellaneous:	Offensive Accumulations	29
	Animals	9
	Schools	5
Contraventions:	Tents, Vans and Sheds	1
	Common Lodging Houses	6
	Dairies and Milkshops	6
	Butchers' Premises	25
	Food Premises	264
	Piggeries	2
	Stables and Stable Yards	9
	Factories	64
	Workplaces	4
	Fried Fish Shops	16
	Hawkers' Premises	1
	Total Defects Remedied	4673



<u>Notices Served</u>	Informal Notices:	Public Health Acts	837
		Food and Drugs Act	112
		Factories Act	19

Statutory Notices:	1,309
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<u>Notices Complied With</u>	2,315
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Action Taken under the Shops Acts and the  
Young Persons (Employment) Act

2102 Visits were made.

6 Informal Notices and 1 Statutory Notice were served  
and all were complied with.

Camping Sites - No change

Smoke Abatement - No action required

Swimming Baths and Pools - No change

Eradication of Bed Bugs The following action was taken  
during the year:-

	<u>Council Houses</u>	<u>Other Houses</u>	<u>Total</u>
No. of houses found to be infested	3	15	18
No. of houses disinfested	3	15	18

Mosquito Control Regular spraying of breeding places was  
systematically carried out during the spring  
and summer months and did much to reduce the prevalence of  
mosquitoes. The drainage of Browdown Marshes has also  
been very helpful.

As over one-third of the land in Gosport is outside the  
jurisdiction of the Local Authority it is impossible for us to  
supervise all the mosquito breeding grounds in the borough but  
we do co-operate with the Service Authorities in every way we  
can to keep mosquitoes under control.

Some attempt has been made to drain the marshy lands at  
Fleetlands in the occupation of the R.N.A.R.D. but much more  
is required to get rid of all the mosquito breeding grounds in  
this and adjoining areas under Admiralty control, from Fleetlands  
down to our old Smallpox Hospital.

Private property, which is not subject to our control, also  
often provides breeding places for mosquitoes; so residents are  
advised to spray any marshy patches and collections of stagnant  
water they may have in their own grounds.

The cost to the Corporation for wages, material, transport  
etc. was £295 - 19 - 6d.



Rodent Control One man was employed whole-time on rodent control throughout the year. In addition casual labour was employed when required on sewer treatment for lifting of manhole covers etc.

The following work was done during the year:-

Private Dwellings Inspected	...	...	...	...	...	1978
" " Treated	....	...	...	...	...	124
Business Premises Treated (Costs recoverable)	...	...	...	...	...	63

Sewer Treatments: The sewers in the borough are divided into 18 sections and the following treatments were carried out during the year:-

Sewer Section		Number of Manholes Baited			
No	Area	Second Maintenance		Third Maintenance	
		10% Test	Treatment	10% Test	Treatment
1A )					
1B )	Lee-on-Solent	-	-	14	13
2	Town	-	-	-	75
3A )					
3B )	Christchurch & Newtown	-	-	-	175
4	Mill Lane	-	-	9	15
5	Lees Lane/Anns Hill	-	-	-	93
6	Beryton Road	-	-	-	-
7	Avery Lane/B'hurst Rd/Frater	-	67	9	17
8	Eastbourne Ave/Hastings Ave	-	16	8	11
9	Chantry, Palmyra & Rydal Rds	-	16	8	-
10	Grove Rd & Hardway	-	21	8	14
11	Grange Estate	8	12	9	-
12	Leesland & Whitworth Rds	9	87	-	82
13	Bury Rd/Anglesey Rd/The Avenue	9	-	-	-
14	Fareham Rd	8	-	-	-
15	Privett Rd/Vectis Rd	10	-	-	-
16	Clayhall	10	-	-	-
Total Manholes Baited		54	219	65	495

188 Complaints of infestations were received and attended to during the year.

Premises Subject to Control by the Local Authority

Houses let in lodgings	4
Common Lodging Houses	1
Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops	15
Slaughter-houses	9
Hawkers' Premises	18



## FACTORIES ACTS 1937 and 1948

### 1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	17	44	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sect.7 is enforced by the Local Authority	67	210	19	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Sect.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	84	254	19	-

### 2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	No. of Cases in which Defects were found				No. of Cases in which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H. M. I	By H. M. I	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	3	3	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	3	2	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7):-					
(a) Insufficient	2	3	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	22	21	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	2	2	-	-	-
Other Offences against the Act (excluding offences relating to Outwork)	6	6	3	-	-
TOTAL	38	37	3	-	-

### OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of Outworkers in Aug. list	No. of Cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel, Making etc	34	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	34	-	-	-	-	-



## SECTION D

### HOUSING

#### 1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:-

1. (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts)	737
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	1113
2. (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	5
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	5
3. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	5
4. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	732

#### 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	510
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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
B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-	
1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	231
2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
(a) By Owners	237
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil
C. Proceedings under Sections 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936	2

4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding

(a)	(i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	8
	(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	9
	(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	69
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	1
(c)	(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	5
	(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	28
(d)	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of Overcrowding	Nil

5. Slum Clearance - Position at 31st December 1948

Total number of houses demolished	393
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6. Housing Progress      Number of New Houses built during 1948:-

(i) By Local Authority	
(a) Permanent Houses	335
(b) Prefabricated Temporary Houses	Nil
(ii) By Private Enterprise	141



## SECTION E

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

#### Milk Supply

Milk Sampling and Testing for the Year 1948  
 To comply with  
 The Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1936-46  
 &  
 The Heat-Treated Milk (Prescribed Tests) Order, 1944

Class of Milk	Number of Samples Examined	Tests	Number of Samples	
			Passed	Failed
Pasteurised	92	Phosphatase	89	3
		Methylene Blue	92	-
T.T. Pasteurised	27	Phosphatase	26	1
		Methylene Blue	27	-
Heat-Treated	22	Phosphatase	19	3
		Methylene Blue	21	1
Tuberculin Tested	4	Methylene Blue	3	1
		B. Coli	2	2

N.B. The Phosphatase Test is for adequacy of heat-treatment and the Methylene Blue Test for keeping quality.

Milk Bottles 36 sample milk bottles were submitted for tests of sterility. 34 of the bottles were satisfactory and 2 were unsatisfactory.

Cleansing Fluids 33 samples of fluid used for cleansing of bottles, utensils etc. were submitted for examination and all were satisfactory.

Appropriate action was taken on all unsatisfactory reports.

#### Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1936-46

Licences issued by the Local Authority during 1947:-

Pasteurisers		2
Distributors (Pasteurised)		3
"	"	1
"	(T.T.)	2
"	"	1
Bottlers (T.T.)	Supplementary	3



Meat and Other Foods The only carcasses inspected locally were 16 pigs (domestic pig-keepers) and these were all sound. The rest of our meat came from slaughterhouses outside the borough under Ministry of Food control.

237 lbs Beef, 217 lbs Mutton and  $11\frac{3}{4}$  lbs Chitterlings (all decomposition) were condemned and surrendered.

Other foodstuffs condemned as unfit for human consumption were as follows:-

Government Victualling Establishment

Biscuits	1126 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs	Dried Fruit	763 lbs
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Others

Bacon	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs	Ground Ginger	146 lbs
Benger's Junket & Food	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Ground Nutmeg	4 "
Cabbages	76 sacks	Herbs	20 $\frac{3}{4}$ ozs
Cake & Pudding Mix	1431 lbs	Jam	97 lbs
" " " "	127 pkts	Lemonade Powder	37 doz & 10 drums
Cereals	313 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs	" "	18 lbs
Cheese	4 bxs	Macaroni	180 "
Chicken	2 "	Margarine	12 "
Chocolate Spread	48 lbs	Mustard	102 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Cocoa	10 "	Pickles	6 jars & 6 "
Confectionery	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Prunes	17 "
Crumpets	160 doz	Rabbits	2 bxs
Curd Compound	7 lbs	Sauces	15 bots
Curry Powder	675 "	Sausage Meat	28 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs
Custard Powder	14 "	Shellfish	5 bags
Fish	115 $\frac{1}{2}$ stone & 41 bxs	Soup Powder	10 lbs & 24 pkts
" Cakes	6 doz	Sugar	2 lbs
" Paste & Roes	4 jars	Tea	1 pkt
Flour	105 lbs	Tinned Goods	1600 tins
Ground Almond Substitute	7 "	Various Pkt Groceries	1245 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs

Ice Cream Premises Registered:- For Manufacture of Ice Cream 7  
For Sale only 51

No. of Samples Taken During the Year	Number Reported			
	Satisfactory Grade 1	Grade 2	Unsatisfactory Grade 3	Grade 4
220	150	41	17	12

In all cases of unsatisfactory reports the manufacturer and the retailer were advised verbally and by circular re precautions to be taken to prevent contamination.



Food & Drugs Act 1938

Samples taken during the year:-

Results of Analysis

<u>Article</u>	<u>Genuine</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Total</u>
Milk	72	1 (a)	73
Other Foods	56	5 (b)	61
Drugs	10	2 (c)	12
TOTAL	138	8	146

## Action taken re Unsatisfactory Samples:-

(a)	Producer's Delivery	Deficient of 6% of milk fat. No added water.	Producer Warned Follow-up sample satisfactory.
(b) (i)	Batter Mixture	Infested with flour mite.	Retailer Warned. Stock surrendered.
(ii)	Milk Pudding	Contained no milk. Misleading description	Retailer Warned.
(iii)	Cake Mixture	Deficient of 32% of available CO <sub>2</sub>	Retailer Warned Stock withdrawn from sale.
(iv)	Quick Porridge Oats	Slightly contaminated with mould.	Retailer Warned
(v)	Beef Sausage Meat	Deficient of 10% of minimum amount of meat.	Vendor Warned
(c) (i)	Pine Essence	Deficient of 40% of stated amount of pine oil. Label contravened Pharmacy and Medicines Act.	Retailer requested to take matter up with manufacturer as there appears to be some confusion in the trade regarding definition of pine oil and no monetary gain had taken place through incorrect labelling.
(ii)	Nervogen	Label Offence Sect.11 of the Pharmacy and Medicines Act.	Manufacturer Warned.



## SECTION F

### PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

<u>Scarlet Fever</u>	43 cases	No deaths
<u>Diphtheria</u>	1 case	No death
<u>Enteric Fever</u> (includes Typhoid & Paratyphoid)	1 case (paratyphoid)	No death
<u>Ac. Poliomyelitis</u>	1 case	No death
<u>Pneumonia</u>	52 cases	13 deaths
<u>C. S. Fever</u>	1 case	No death
<u>Measles</u>	143 cases	No deaths
<u>Whooping Cough</u>	180 cases	1 death
<u>Dysentery</u>	No cases	
<u>Food Poisoning</u>	No cases	

During the year the following cases were admitted to Portsmouth Infectious Diseases Hospital:-

Diphtheria.....1	Measles.....3	T.B.Meningitis...1
Scarlet Fever.....3	Whooping Cough 1	Mumps.....1
Paratyphoid Fever 1	Pneumonia.....1	Eczema.....1
C. S. Fever.....1		Observation....11

#### Immunisation Against Diphtheria

During the year 28 2-hour Sessions at the School Clinic were devoted to this work. In addition, children were immunised at Child Welfare Centres and by their own doctors. The number of children immunised and the number given reinforcing injections during the year were as follows:-

Number of Children Immunised (i.e. given 2 injections)			Number of Children who were given Refresher Injections
Under 5	5 to 14	Total	
920	94	1,014	570

Number of Children  
Who had Completed a Full Course of Immunisation  
At any time up to 31st December, 1948

Age at 31.12.48 ie Born in Year	Under 1 1948	1 1947	2 1946	3 1945	4 1944	5 to 9 1939-43	10 to 14 1934-38	Total Under 15
No. Immunised	69	604	602	514	519	2,570	2,232	7,110
Estd. Mid-year Population	5,895					7,958		13,853

Calculation based on the above figures shows that 51.3% of our children under 15 were immunised by the end of 1948



### Infectious Diseases

Notifications, Admissions to Hospital and Deaths during 1948

Disease	Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Portsmouth I.D.H.	Other Hospitals	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	43	3		
Diphtheria	1	1		
Acute Poliomyelitis	1			
Paratyphoid Fever	1	1		
C. S. Fever	1	1		
Pneumonia	52	1	4	13
Measles	143	3		
Whooping Cough	180	1		1
Erysipelas	10			
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	5		1	
Observation		11		

### Tuberculosis

Age	NEW CASES - 91				DEATHS - 27			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 yr								1
1 - 4 yrs	1	1		2				1
5 - 14 "	1	4	2	2		1		
15 - 24 "	7	10	1	2	1	2		
25 - 34 "	9	11			2	3		
35 - 44 "	13	6		1	4	2		
45 - 54 "	7				4	1		
55 - 64 "	7	3			2	2		
65 and over	1				1			
Totals	46	35	3	7	14	11	-	2

Tuberculosis Death Rate

Pulmonary	0.51	per 1,000	population
Other Forms	0.05	"	"
All Forms	0.56	"	"

Ratio of Non-notified deaths to total deaths:- 2 : 27  
 There was no instance of wilful neglect or refusal to notify.

There is no evidence of excessive incidence of, or mortality from, Tuberculosis in any particular occupation in the area.



Year	COMPARATIVE BIRTH RATE			COMPARATIVE DEATH RATE		
	Population (R.G.)	No. of Births	Birth Rate per 1,000 population GOSPORT Eng. & Wales	Population (R.G.)	No. of Deaths	Death Rate per 1,000 population GOSPORT Eng. & Wales
1919	30,410	709	23.31	29,192	380	13.01
1920	36,048	970	26.9	30,356	360	11.85
1921	33,710	789	23.4	30,878	360	11.65
1922	34,150	734	21.49	31,320	325	10.37
1923	34,280	711	20.74	30,407	337	11.08
1924	32,680	622	19.03	30,580	338	11.05
1925	33,150	665	20.06	30,670	356	11.6
1926	31,990	637	19.91	29,740	324	10.89
1927	33,520	623	18.58	30,300	355	11.05
1928	34,130	652	19.1	30,730	342	11.12
1929	35,130	686	19.52	31,650	444	14.02
1930	37,130	651	17.53	33,080	353	10.67
1931	37,580	704	18.7	33,360	371	11.1
1932	38,720	740	19.1	38,720	447	11.5
1933	39,570	702	17.7	39,570	436	11.2
1934	40,870	707	17.29	40,870	407	10.1
1935	41,910	705	16.82	41,910	414	10.06
1936	42,720	752	17.60	42,720	436	10.4
1937	44,210	837	18.93	44,210	464	10.69
1938	45,910	856	18.64	45,910	453	10.02
1939	47,630	942	19.77	44,980	485	10.96
1940	37,300	870	23.32	37,300	531	14.25
1941	33,160	679	20.47	33,160	488	14.71
1942	34,130	801	23.47	34,130	420	12.30
1943	35,550	848	23.85	35,550	458	12.88
1944	37,170	1047	28.16	37,170	415	11.16
1945	40,470	1063	26.27	40,470	473	11.68
1946	45,160	1116	24.71	45,160	504	11.16
1947	47,240	1275	26.99	47,240	485	10.27
1948	49,000	1155	23.57	49,000	441	9.00



## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Cases Notified During 1948

Numbers according to Sex and Age after corrections subsequently made, either by the Notifying Medical Practitioner or by the Medical Superintendent of the I.D. Hospital

Ages etc (N.K. - Age Unknown)	Scarlet Fever		Whooping Cough		Acute Poliomyelitis		Measles		Diphtheria	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - .....			10	10			7	29		
1 - .....	1	2	26	21			22	21	1	
3 - .....	3	7	28	25			25	15		
5 - .....	11	13	35	19			19	2		
10 - .....	2	2		4			1	1		
15 - .....										
25 and over.....	1	1	1	3			1	1		
N.K. ....										
Total Civilians	18	25	100	80	-	1	75	68	1	-
Non- 15 - (or N.K.)... Civilians 25 and over.....										
Total Non-Civilians	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ages etc (N.K. - Age Unknown)	Pneumonia		Paratyphoid Fevers		Erysipelas		C.S. Fever		Other Diseases	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - .....	6	4								
5 - .....	6	6								
15 - .....	5	9		1	1	1				
45 - .....	11	3			3	1				
65 and over.....	1	1			1	2				
N.K. ....										
Total Civilians	29	23	-	1	5	5	-	1		
Non- 15 - (or N.K.)... Civilians 45 and over.....	1									
Total Non-Civilians	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Ophthalmia</div> <div>Neonatorum</div> <div>3</div> <div>2</div> </div>										



INFANT MORTALITY RATE  
Measured by the  
Proportion of Deaths under one year to Registered Births

Year	COSPORT					England & Wales		
1919	48.9	per	1,000	births	registered	89	per	1,000
1920	50.5	"	"	"	"	80	"	"
1921	64.6	"	"	"	"	83	"	"
1922	54.4	"	"	"	"	77	"	"
1923	57.6	"	"	"	"	69	"	"
1924	65.9	"	"	"	"	75	"	"
1925	55.6	"	"	"	"	75	"	"
1926	36.1	"	"	"	"	70	"	"
1927	46.5	"	"	"	"	69	"	"
1928	42.9	"	"	"	"	65	"	"
1929	62.6	"	"	"	"	74	"	"
1930	44.5	"	"	"	"	60	"	"
1931	41.1	"	"	"	"	66	"	"
1932	52.7	"	"	"	"	65	"	"
1933	39.8	"	"	"	"	64	"	"
1934	38.2	"	"	"	"	59	"	"
1935	49.64	"	"	"	"	57	"	"
1936	38.56	"	"	"	"	59	"	"
1937	39.43	"	"	"	"	58	"	"
1938	53.73	"	"	"	"	53	"	"
1939	44.66	"	"	"	"	50	"	"
1940	35.63	"	"	"	"	55	"	"
1941	46.92	"	"	"	"	59	"	"
1942	61	"	"	"	"	49	"	"
1943	40	"	"	"	"	49	"	"
1944	37	"	"	"	"	46	"	"
1945	40	"	"	"	"	46	"	"
1946	33	"	"	"	"	43	"	"
1947	29.8	"	"	"	"	41	"	"
1948	24.24	"	"	"	"	34	"	"



# MONTHLY WEATHER SUMMARY for the YEAR 1948

MONTH	MEAN BARO- METER (ins)	TEMPERATURE						SUNSHINE		RAINFALL		Relative Humidity (Sat'n 100)	
		Mean (F)	Absolute		Mean		Mean Daily Range (F)	Total Hours	Days of 0.5 hrs or more	Total (m.m) (ins)	Days of 0.01 ins or more		
			Max (F)	Min (F)	Max (F)	Min (F)							
Jan	29.46	44.7	54	32	48.9	40.5	8.4	50.3	14	125.5	4.96	24	74.0
Feb	30.06	41.8	56	18	46.0	37.5	8.5	86.4	19	30.8	1.21	13	72.2
Mar	30.28	48.1	64	32	54.7	41.5	13.2	180.9	25	16.9	0.67	5	67.7
Apr	29.64	50.8	69	36	57.8	43.7	14.1	240.4	30	35.7	1.41	9	63.0
May	29.91	56.0	80	34	64.1	47.9	16.2	294.5	31	65.2	2.56	10	60.9
June	29.90	59.5	76	47	65.8	53.2	12.6	193.9	29	44.0	1.73	11	73.4
July	29.98	62.3	87	48	68.7	55.9	12.8	221.2	31	21.5	0.85	8	69.9
Aug	29.88	62.0	72	49	67.4	56.5	10.9	175.9	27	85.2	3.35	14	69.0
Sept	29.99	60.5	73	42	66.3	54.7	11.5	164.3	29	41.8	1.65	8	70.5
Oct	29.98	53.5	67	35	58.7	48.3	10.45	124.1	27	44.5	1.75	9	68.8
Nov	30.14	49.1	62	33	53.8	44.4	9.4	86.1	22	46.1	1.81	10	76.1
Dec	30.02	45.5	58	29	49.4	41.6	7.8	74.2	18	100.1	3.94	15	73.6
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1892.2	302	657.3	25.89	136	-
Mean	29.95	52.8	68	36	59.3	47.1	11.3	157.7	25	54.8	2.16	11	69.9

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