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# PORT REPORT

1966

REGINALD A. LEADER,  
*Port Medical Officer.*



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### Section I—Staff Table A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other Appointments held
Reginald A. Leader	Port Medical Officer	1/4/48	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health to the County Borough of Ipswich
B.A. Smith	Deputy Port Medical Officer	22/12/58	M.B., B.S., D.P.H.	Deputy, do.
L. J. Massam	Chief Port Health Inspector	7/12/59	Certificates of the R.S.I. and S.I.E.J.B. as a Sanitary Inspector and as an Inspector of Meat and Other Foods.	Chief Public Health Inspector
O.C. Williams	Deputy Chief Port Health Inspector	1/4/60	Certificates of the R.S.I. and S.I.E.J.B. as a Sanitary Inspector, as an Inspector of Meat and Other Foods, and as a Smoke Inspector.	Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector
J.E. Johnstone	Port Health Inspector	1/8/64	Certificates of the R.S.A.S. as a Sanitary Inspector, an Inspector of Meat and Other Foods, and as a Smoke Inspector.	District Public Health Inspector
R.J. Travers	Section Senior Clerk	1/1/65 to 22/5/66		Section Senior Clerk, Public Health Dept.
B.F. Laws	"	23/5/66 to 13/11/66		"
H. Southall	"	14/11/66		"
R.H. Ainsworth	Rat Searcher	13/7/59		Supervisor of Rodent Operatives

*Address and Telephone Number of the Medical Officer of Health:*  
Public Health Department, Elm Street, Ipswich. Ipswich 55511.

## Section II—Amount of Shipping entering the district during the Year

### Table B

Ships from	Number	Ton- nage	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage Infectious Disease on board
			By the M.O.H.	By Port Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	1,152	258,591	-	198	None
Coastwise	1,520	671,217	-	12	None
Total	2,672	929,808	-	210	None

## Section III—Character of Shipping and Trade

### Table C

#### *Passenger Traffic:*

Number of passengers inwards ... ..	255
Number of passengers outwards ... ..	136

#### *Cargo Traffic:*

Principal Imports: Petroleum, fertilisers, grain, coal, road stone, soft woods (loads), feeding meals, oil cake, electrical equipment, flexboard, paper, fruit and vegetables.

Principal Exports: Fertilisers, malt, coke breeze, grain, farm machinery, motor vehicles, whisky, and electrical goods.

#### *Principal Ports from which Ships Arrive:*

Antwerp, Blyth, Bremen, Casablanca, Danzig, Fawley, Flixboro, Fredericksund, Gdansk, Ghent, Gt. Yarmouth, Hamburg, Hull, Immingham, Inverkeithing, Isle of Grain, Kirkcaldy, Kotka, Leith, London, Le Treport, Maasluis, Middlesboro', Ostend, Port Churchill, Port Houstock, Rotterdam, Rouen, Safi, Terneuzan, Wismar.

## Section IV—Inland Barge Traffic

Numbers and tonnage using the district and places served  
by the Traffic. None.



## Section V—Water Supply

### (1) Source of Supply for

#### (a) *The District*

The water supply is obtained from deep wells in Waterworks owned by the Ipswich Corporation Water Undertaking.

#### (b) *Shipping*

Shipping is supplied from hydrants on the Quayside connected to Ipswich Corporation Water Undertaking mains.

### (2) Reports of Test for Contamination

Samples from the Ipswich Corporation water supplies are taken monthly. Reports of examination results are uniformly good.

### (3) Precautions taken against Contamination of Hydrants and Hosepipes.

Standpiping and hosepipes are used exclusively for supplying shipping and when not in use are stored under cover.

### (4) Number and Sanitary Condition of Water Boats, and Powers of Control by the Authority

No water boat is used in the Port of Ipswich.

## Section VI—Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1966

### (1) List of infected Areas (Regulation 6)

The Epidemiological Record issued by the World Health Organisation is received each week, and an abstract of the ports and other areas which are infected or believed to be infected with a Quarantinable disease is sent by post to the Preventive Officer, H.M. Customs and Excise Office, New Cut East, Ipswich.

### (2) Radio Messages

(a) *Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the District (Regulation 13) ; and*

(b) *Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships and for acting thereon (Regulation 14 (1) (a) and (2).).*

The Port of Ipswich is not specified as a "Radio Transmitting Port."

- (3) Notification otherwise than by Radio (Regulation 14 (1) (b) ).

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

Any message for the purposes of Regulation 14 (1) (b) is received at the Public Health Department, Elm Street, Ipswich, during office hours, and outside office hours such messages are received at the residence of the Chief Port Health Inspector, by telephone or otherwise.

Action is taken as may be necessary according to the circumstances of the case.

- (4) Mooring Stations (Regulations 22 to 30)  
*Situation of Stations and any Standing Directions issued under these Regulations.*

The Mooring Station for the purpose of Regulations 22 to 30 is at Cliff Quay, Ipswich.

- (5) Arrangements for—  
(a) *Hospital Accommodation for Infectious Disease (other than Smallpox—see Section VII).*

St. Helen's Isolation Hospital, Foxhall Road, Ipswich.

- (b) *Surveillance and Follow up of Contacts.*

Contacts proceeding to places outside the Borough and the Port of Ipswich are notified to the Medical Officer of Health of the District to which they are proceeding, and contacts remaining on the ship are kept under observation daily by an Officer of the Port Health Authority.

- (c) *Cleansing and Disinfection of Ships, Persons, Clothing and other articles.*

On a ship where infectious disease has occurred, disinfection of the infected parts of the ship is carried out by the staff of the Port Health Authority. A Cleansing Station for persons is established at the office of the Port Health Authority and further facilities for the cleansing of persons exist at the St. Helen's Isolation Hospital and at the Ipswich Smallpox Hospital.



## Section VII—Smallpox

- (1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent from the District.

Ipswich Smallpox Hospital, Foxhall Heath.

- (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.

Ipswich Ambulance Service

The vaccinal state of the ambulance crews is under constant review.

- (3) Name(s) of Smallpox Consultant(s) available

Dr. R. A. Leader, Medical Officer of Health and Port Medical Officer, County Borough of Ipswich.

- (4) Facilities for Laboratory Diagnosis of Smallpox

Public Health Laboratory, Heath Road Wing, Ipswich and East Suffolk Hospital, Woodbridge Road East, Ipswich.

Cavendish Laboratory, Austin Wing, Free School Lane, Cambridge. Telephone: Cambridge 54481.

## 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.*

Printed pamphlets are available and given to each ship requiring information as to locations and times of Clinics. Diagnosis and treatment are carried out at the Ipswich and East Suffolk Hospital at the following times:- Males: *Mondays, 5.30-7.30 p.m., Fridays, 1-3.30 p.m.* Females: *Mondays, 7.30-8.30 p.m. Tuesdays 2.00-4.00 p.m.; Fridays 3.30-5.30 p.m.*

There are beds available for in-patient treatment.



**Section XI-Cases of Notifiable and Other Infectious  
Diseases on Ships.**

**Table D**

Category	Disease	No of cases during year		No. of Ships Concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from Foreign Ports	None	None	None	None
Cases which have occurred on ships from Foreign Ports but have been disposed of before arrival	None	None	None	None
Cases landed from other ships	None	None	None	None

*A short account should be given of the measures taken on the arrival by ship of (a) any case of Smallpox, Cholera, Plague, Yellow Fever, Typhus or Relapsing Fever included in Table D; (b) any suspected case of any such disease.*

No cases have occurred.

**Section X—Observations on the occurrence of Malaria in  
Ships.**

No cases have occurred.

**Section XI—Measures taken against Ships Infected with or  
Suspected for Plague**

No ships infected with, or suspected for Plague, have arrived.

**Section XII—Measures against Rodents in Ships from  
Foreign Ports**

**(1) Procedure for Inspection of Ships for Rats.**

This procedure is carried out in every case when the inspection of a ship is made on entry to the Port.

**(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.**

If there is any suspicion of infection in a ship from a foreign port a special search would be made for dead rats.

Traps would be set and rat guards put on moorings ropes.

Any rodent found or trapped would be sent for examination to the local Public Health Laboratory.

See Table E.

- (3) Arrangements in the district for De-ratting Ships, the methods used, and, if done by a Commercial Contractor, the name of the Contractor.

As Ipswich is not an "Approved Port" nor a "Designated Approved Port" approved by the Minister in accordance with Paragraphs 1 or 2 of Article 17 of the International Sanitary Regulations, 1951, no de-ratting certificates or de-ratting exemption certificates are issued.

Where the master of a ship which during its voyage has been in a foreign port cannot produce a valid de-ratting certificate or de-ratting exemption certificate, or where the ship is not found to be free from rodents, action is taken in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1966.

- (4) Progress in the Rat-proofing of Ships

Advice is given as may be found necessary

Table E

Rodents destroyed during the Year in Ships from Foreign Ports.

Category	Number
Black Rats	—
Brown Rats	—
Species not known	—
Sent for Examination	—
Infected with Plague	—

Table F

De-ratting Certificates and De-ratting Exemption Certificates issued during the Year for Ships from Foreign Ports.

Ipswich is not an "Approved Port" nor a "Designated Approved Port", approved by the Minister in accordance with Paragraphs 1 or 2 of Article 17 of the International Sanitary Regulations, 1951. No certificates were therefore issued.



Ships requiring renewal of de-ratting certificates or de-ratting exemption certificates during the year were referred to the Port Health Staff at Harwich, who carried out the necessary inspection at Ipswich and issued the appropriate certificates.

### 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	
British Ships	16	Nil	1	Complied with
Other Nations	194	Nil	2	Complied with
Total	210	Nil	3	—

### Section XIV—Public Health (Shell-Fish) Regulations, 1934-1948

*Information respecting any shell-fish beds or layings within the Jurisdiction of the Authority stating whether they are, in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health, liable to pollution. A report of any action taken, which should state whether any prohibited area has been prescribed, should be included.*

The oyster beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Ipswich Port Health Authority are not now in use.

### Section XV—Medical Inspection of Aliens

(Applicable only to Ports Approved for the landing of Aliens).  
Ipswich is not an approved Port for the landing of aliens.

### Section XVI—Miscellaneous

*Arrangements for the Burial on shore of Persons who have died on board Ship from Infectious Disease.*

If such a case occurred the requirements of the Public Health Act, 1936, in this respect would be carried out.

## Section XVII

## Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937/1948

## Food Inspection

Regular services between Ipswich and the continental ports of Bremen, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Le Treport continued and during the year a new service importing fruit and vegetables was started. The following are lists of food inspected, items sampled, and foodstuffs condemned.

During 1966, food imports continued at a fairly high level and 2,088 tons were inspected.

## Items Inspected

	Tons	Cwts	Qtrs.	lbs.
Angelica	5	16	3	1
Bread	5	18	3	22
Baking Ingredients	17	19	1	6
Butter	25	14	1	4
Cheese	130	11	1	14
Confectionery	124	3	1	0
Cocoa Butter/Beans	10	17	2	17
Fish	30	13	3	5
Fruit	353	17	1	1
Marzipan	17	10	3	8
Meat Products	101	15	1	12
Mineral Water	2	3	2	17
Mustard	5	4	0	7
Oats	25	10	1	2
Peanuts	5	4	1	24
Preserves	30	16	2	10
Spices	75	19	3	22
Sugar	10	4	0	12
Tea		3	2	11
Teabreak	1	0	3	16
Vegetables	1060	5	0	27
Yeast	46	16	1	16
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Total	2088	8	0	2
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## Foodstuffs Condemned

	Cwts	Qtrs	lbs
Angelica	-	-	7
Apples	-	3	-
Bread Improver	3	-	-
Confectionery	-	1	4
Herring	4	1	3
Marizpan	1	2	8
Peanuts	-	1	-
Tinned Meat	-	3	16
Teabreak	-	-	7
Tomatoes	2	1	1
Yeast	9	1	-

In addition, the import of 10 cwts, 1 qtr., 20 lbs. of meat paste was forbidden as the consignment lacked an official certificate. At the time of writing this report, the meat paste is waiting re-export to France.

## Items sampled for Chemical Analysis

Name	Result
Biscuits	Genuine
Chocolate Liqueurs	Genuine
Mineral Water	Unsatisfactory (contra Labelling of Food Order 1953)
Mustard	Genuine
Oranges	Genuine
Peaches	Genuine
Sugar Confetti (2)	Genuine

The figure in brackets indicates number of times sampled.

## Samples for Bacteriological Examination

Name	Result
Angelica	No bacterial growth obtained on routine cultures
Baking Shine	-ditto-
Baking Tin Grease Emulsion	-ditto-
Bread Improver	-ditto-
Butter	-ditto-
Cocoa Butter	-ditto-
Farmhouse Pate	-ditto-
Herring Fillet in Mushroom Sauce	-ditto-
Herring Fillet in Shrimp Sauce (2)	-ditto-
Kipper Fillets	-ditto-
Lard	-ditto-
Liver Pate	-ditto-
Luncheon Meat (3)	-ditto-
Mineral Water	No coliform bacillus in 100 ml.
Mustard	No bacterial growth obtained on routine cultures.
Pork Loin	-ditto-
Pork Pate	-ditto-
Pork Shoulder	-ditto-
Quick Lift	-ditto-
Tido (marzipan type)	-ditto-
Torten Powder	-ditto-

Figures in brackets indicate the number of times sampled.

## Measures against Rodents

### (1) Prevention of Damage by Pests (Application to Shipping) Order, 1951.

No rodent Control Certificates were issued to coastal shipping during the year.

During the Year the Rodent Control Section of the Public Health Department continued to exercise responsibility for rodent control in the port area.

### (2) The total number of Rats destroyed in the Port and Borough during the Year was as follows:-

Category	Number	
	Estimated Kill	Dead Bodies Recovered
Black Rats	-	-
Brown Rats	-	1,114
Species not known	-	-
Total	-	1,114
Sent for Examination	3 Brown Rats	
Infected with Plague	Nil	

### Co-operation with other Officials

Every help and co-operation has been received by Officers of the Port Health Authority from Officials of H.M. Customs and Excise and the Ipswich Dock Commission.





