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### LITTLEHAMPTON PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.



15, Mill Road, WORTHING.

26th January, 1966.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1965, prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health.

# SECTION I - Staff TABLE A

Name of V-Cff&cer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
W.P.S. Rae	Port Health Inspector	14.10.63.	C.S.I.B. M.A.P.H.I.	Chief Public Health Inspector

MEDICAL OFFICER -OF HEALTH:

- Dr. F. Cockeroft, 27, Bushby Avenue, Rustington, Littlehampton.

Tel: Rustington 3644.

# SECTION II - Amount of Shipping entering the Port TABLE B

Ships from	Number Tonnage		Number inspected by the Medical Port		Number of ships reported as having, or having had during
Catalanaid a			Officer of Health	Health Inspector	the voyage, infectious disease on board
Foreign Ports	29	6,675	Nil	29	Nil
Coastwise	175	29,529	Nil	36	Nil
TOTAL	204	36,204	Nil	65	Nil

So far as coastwise shipping is concerned, 3 ships visited the Port on 139 occasions bringing ballast from Freshwater Bay.

# SECTION III - Character of Shipping and Trade during the Year.

#### TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	Nil
Cargo Traffic	(Principal IMPORTS - Granite, Timber, Fertilizer, Sea Ballast, Pumice. (Principal EXPORTS - Lime.
Principal Forts from which ships arrive	Barnstaple, Jersey C.I., Newlyn, Hamina, Ala, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Gdansk, Ymuiden, Mantyluoto, Szszecin, Holmsund, Kotka, Yzpilla, Vasteras.

## SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic

There are no inland waterways in the district.

#### SECTION V - Water Supply

- Towns water is laid on to wharves and all vessels can refill at any time without difficulty. The water comes from a borehole in the South Downs.
- The town's water is periodically examined and all reports for the year have proved satisfactory.
- 3. At the Reilway harf there are hydrants on the water mains to which standpipes can be attached and a supply of water taken to ships' water tanks by means of hose pipes. At the other wharves there are taps in buildings on the quayside to which hoses are attached for supplying the vessels moored there.
- 4. There are no water boats at this port.

# SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952-1961.

### 1. LIST OF INFECTED AREAS.

This list is supplied weekly to the Customs and Excise Officer for the District.

#### 2. RADIO MESSAGES.

- a) No arrangements have been made for sending permission by Radio for ships to enter the district.
- b) No arrangements have been made for receiving messages by Radio from ships and for acting hereon.

## 3. NOTIFICATIONS OTHER ISE THAN BY RADIO.

Messages are received at the Port by signals.

#### 4. MOORING STATIONS.

A Mooring Station has been designated as required by Regulations 22 and 30, and is situated immediately North of the Railway Quay, on the East side of the River Arun. It has been agreed with the Harbour Master that should this berth be in use when required for quarantine, an alternative berth will be found for the vessel then occupying it. The provisions of an additional Mooring Station outside the Harbour is considered impracticable.

#### 5. ARRANGEMENTS FOR -

- a) Hospital Accommodation. Arrangements for cases of infectious disease would be made through the local Bed Bureau. This would normally mean accommodation at Swandean, Chichester, Foredown or Portsmouth, but for Plague, Cholera or Yellow Fever, special arrangements would be made.
- b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts would be carried out by the Port Health Inspector and the Medical Officer of Health.
- c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles. Arrangements for the cleansing and disinfection of persons, clothing and other articles would be made to meet the situation.

# SECTION VII - Smallpox

- 1. Smallpox cases in this district are sent to the Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford, Kent.
- 2. Ambulance facilities for smallpox cases are available at the Chichester, Horsham and Worthing Ambulance Stations, under the control of the County Council. All ambulance crews are vaccinated every year.
- 3. Dr. W.S. Parker, Medical Officer of Health for Brighton, is the nearest Smallpox Consultant.
- 4. Specimens for pathological examination can be sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Brighton.

#### SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease

Clinics for the treatment and diagnosis of Venereal Disease are held as follows: -

CHICHESTER - St. Richards Hospital Vednesday = 6 - 7.p.m.

PORTSMOUTH - St. Mary's Hospital (Ward C.2)

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday = 9.30.p.m. mid-day, and 4.30 - 7.p.m.

Monday = 4.30. - 7.p.m.

Wednesday = 2 - 4.p.m. and 4.30. - 6.30.p.m.

WORTHING - Worthing Hospital, Lyndhurst Road. Wednesday = 3 - 6.p.m. Friday = 2 - 5.p.m.

#### SECTION IX

Cases of Notifiable and Other Infectious Diseases on Ships

There have been no cases of notifiable or other infectious disease on any ships visiting this Port.

#### SECTION X

Observations on the Occurrence of Malaria in Ships

No case of malaria has been reported to the Port Medical Officer during the year.

#### SECTION XI

Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague

No case of plague has been reported to the Port Medical Officer during the year.

#### SECTION XII

Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports

No rodents were destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

No rat infested vessels have entered the port.

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De-ratting certificates and de-ratting exemption certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

As from let August, 1962, Littlehampton was approved as a port for the purpose of issuing both de-ratting and de-ratting exemption certificates under the provisions of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952/1961.

No. of De-ratting Certificates issued					Number of De-ratting	Total
	After fumigation with				Exemption	Certificates issued
HCN	Other fumigant (state method)	After trapping	After poisoning	Total	Certificates issued	
-	-	-	-	-	7	7

#### SECTION XIII

#### TABLE G

#### 4 Inspections and notices

Nature and number of inspections		Notices served	Result Serving notices	
		Statutory notices Oth		
Foreign	29	None	4	Not known
Coastwise	36	None :	2	Not known
TOTAL	65	Nil	6	of Pages

Unfortunately, because ships proceed to other ports and do not necessarily re-visit Littlehampton, it is frequently not possible to learn whether unsatisfactory conditions have been reminded. Nevertheless, the inspection followed up by a request for appropriate action must result ultimately in the desired improvement.

#### SECTION XIV

Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations, 1934 and 1948.

There are some very small winkle beds at the mouth of the River Arun which are not used. No shell fish are collected for sale and no infection has been traced to the eating of shellfish during the year.

#### SECTION XV

Medical Inspection of Aliens

Not applicable.

# SECTION XVI

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Miscellaneous

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

This matter has never arisen but arrangements would be made to meet the circumstances should they arise.

I am grateful to Lieutenant Commander Diaper, the Harbour Master, and Mr. A.G. Pollard, the Customs Officer, for their continued co-operation and for keeping the Health Department informed of any activity in the Port.

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I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F. COCKCROFT

Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the Littlehampton Fort Health Authority.

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