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NEWHAVEN PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PORT MEDICAL OFFICER

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st DECEMBER 1959.

Public Health Department,  
Lewes House,  
High Street,  
LEWES, Sussex.

April, 1960.



NEWHAVEN PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31st DECEMBER, 1959

To the Members of the Newhaven Port Health Authority.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Port Health Report for Newhaven for the year 1959.

Passenger traffic between Newhaven and Dieppe extended from 20th March to 3rd November, 1959. During 1959 the total number of inward passengers (alien and British) which arrived at the Port was 186,269 as compared with 183,158 in 1958, whilst outward passengers numbered 184,561 as against 184,731 in 1958.

In 1959 the number of inward aliens arriving at the Port was 39,146.

The annual numbers of inward aliens arriving at Newhaven from 1945 to 1959 are given in the following table:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Inward Aliens</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Inward Aliens</u>
1945	17,911	1953	51,084
1946	26,376	1954	54,652
1947	31,551	1955	58,410
1948	41,412	1956	49,934
1949	48,127	1957	43,330
1950	49,521	1958	41,030
1951	51,918	1959	39,146
1952	52,104		

Of the 39,146 aliens who arrived at the Port in 1959, fifty-eight were refused permission to land by the Immigration Officer, 38,339 were inspected by a Medical Inspector and 749 were subjected to detailed medical examinations. None were found to be physically incapacitated, undesirable for medical reasons or lunatic, idiot or mentally defective.

The scheme whereby four medical inspectors are employed on rota in inspecting aliens was continued in 1959. This scheme, initiated in April 1957, has worked well in that administration has been made easier and there was reasonable coverage.

The total tonnage entering Newhaven Port in 1959 was 552,843 as compared with 612,215 tons in 1958. In 1959 the numbers of ships entering the Port were 962 from foreign ports and 249 coastwise.

Imports in 1959 amounted to 173,218 and were comprised chiefly of coal, building and roadmaking material, coke and patent fuel, fruit, vegetables and other foodstuffs, timber, iron and steel.

Exports in 1959 amounted to 43,567 tons and were comprised chiefly of iron, steel, vehicles and vehicle parts, machinery and building and road materials.

There were no cases of notifiable or other infectious disease on ships in 1959.

It is with regret that I have to record the death in August of Dr. E.J. Neill, who for some years has acted as one of the four medical inspectors employed on rota at the Port.

I have to thank Drs. Alexander, Kirker and Barton for their help in the medical inspection of aliens.

Lastly I want to tender my thanks to you for your help and encouragement during the year.

Yours obediently,

G.M. DAVIDSON LOBBAN.

M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,

Port Medical Officer of Health &  
Medical Inspector of Aliens.

Year	Number of Aliens	Number of Aliens	Number of Aliens
1937	1,000	1,000	1,000
1938	1,000	1,000	1,000
1939	1,000	1,000	1,000
1940	1,000	1,000	1,000
1941	1,000	1,000	1,000
1942	1,000	1,000	1,000
1943	1,000	1,000	1,000
1944	1,000	1,000	1,000
1945	1,000	1,000	1,000
1946	1,000	1,000	1,000
1947	1,000	1,000	1,000
1948	1,000	1,000	1,000
1949	1,000	1,000	1,000
1950	1,000	1,000	1,000
1951	1,000	1,000	1,000
1952	1,000	1,000	1,000
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000
1954	1,000	1,000	1,000
1955	1,000	1,000	1,000
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000
1957	1,000	1,000	1,000
1958	1,000	1,000	1,000
1959	1,000	1,000	1,000
1960	1,000	1,000	1,000
1961	1,000	1,000	1,000
1962	1,000	1,000	1,000
1963	1,000	1,000	1,000
1964	1,000	1,000	1,000
1965	1,000	1,000	1,000
1966	1,000	1,000	1,000
1967	1,000	1,000	1,000
1968	1,000	1,000	1,000
1969	1,000	1,000	1,000
1970	1,000	1,000	1,000
1971	1,000	1,000	1,000
1972	1,000	1,000	1,000
1973	1,000	1,000	1,000
1974	1,000	1,000	1,000
1975	1,000	1,000	1,000
1976	1,000	1,000	1,000
1977	1,000	1,000	1,000
1978	1,000	1,000	1,000
1979	1,000	1,000	1,000
1980	1,000	1,000	1,000
1981	1,000	1,000	1,000
1982	1,000	1,000	1,000
1983	1,000	1,000	1,000
1984	1,000	1,000	1,000
1985	1,000	1,000	1,000
1986	1,000	1,000	1,000
1987	1,000	1,000	1,000
1988	1,000	1,000	1,000
1989	1,000	1,000	1,000
1990	1,000	1,000	1,000
1991	1,000	1,000	1,000
1992	1,000	1,000	1,000
1993	1,000	1,000	1,000
1994	1,000	1,000	1,000
1995	1,000	1,000	1,000
1996	1,000	1,000	1,000
1997	1,000	1,000	1,000
1998	1,000	1,000	1,000
1999	1,000	1,000	1,000
2000	1,000	1,000	1,000

SECTION I - STAFF

TABLE A.

NAME OF OFFICER	NATURE OF APPOINTMENT.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	QUALIFICATIONS	ANY OTHER APPOINTMENT HELD.
G.M. Davidson B. Lobban.	Port Medical Officer and Medical Inspector of Aliens.	15.5.1945	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., F.R.S.I., F.R.I.P.H., F.S.M.O.H.,	M.O.H., East Sx. United Districts. Physician (Inf. Diseases). Brighton & Lewes Hospital Group. S.E. Met. Reg. Hospital Board
G. Kirker	Asst. Medical Inspector of Aliens	5.4.1957	M.B., D.Ch., B.A.O. Dub.	-
E.J. Neill	Asst. Medical Inspector of Aliens	27.1.1957 Died - 11.8.1959	M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	-
R. Alexander	Asst. Medical Inspector of Aliens	27.1.1957	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.	-
C.S. Barton	Asst. Medical Inspector of Aliens	25.8.1959	M.A., B.Sc., L.M.S.S.A., D.R.C.O.G.	-
H. Harrison	Port Public Health Inspector and Food Inspector	5.3.1945	Cert. R.S.I., & S.I.J.D., Cert. R.S.I. Meat & Foods M.R.S.H., B.O.T. Cert. Master Mariner.	Public Health Inspector to the Newhaven U.D.C.
R.K. Osborne	Part time Clerk in Port Health Dept.	4.10.1954	-	-
B. Croucher	Nurse/Attendant to Medical Inspector of Aliens.	15.6.1956	-	-

Address and Telephone  
number of the Medical  
Officer of Health:-

Lewes House,  
School Hill,  
LEWES, Sussex.

Lewes: 1282

# SECTION II

Amount of shipping entering the district  
during the year

Ships from:-	Number	Tonnage	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.
			by the M.O.H.	By the P.H.I.	
Foreign Ports	962	483,444	6	57	Nil
Coastwise	249	69,399	-	59	Nil
T O T A L	1,211	552,843	6	116	Nil

Additional Yachts 4,028 15,100

# SECTION III

Character of shipping and trade during the year

## TABLE C.

### Passenger Traffic.

Number of Passengers	INWARD	186,365
	OUTWARD	182,633

### Principal IMPORTS

	Tons
Coal, coke and patent fuel	101,777
Building and roadmaking material	21,869
Fish	150
Fruit and vegetables	5,922
Other food and provisions	1,003
Iron and steel	2,440
Timber	5,936
Chemicals and chemical fertilisers	3,672
Raw wool	782
± Other commodities	29,667
TOTAL	173,218

± Includes Motor vehicles  
over one ton  
under one ton  
motor cycles & caravans

758  
4,419  
620  
5,797

Principal EXPORTS	Tons.
Iron and steel	12,673
Oil and spirit, mineral and motor	125
Building and road materials	2,518
Machinery	2,522
* Vehicles and vehicle parts	10,584
Woollen goods	228
Other textiles	49
Chemicals and chemical fertilisers	534
Other commodities	14,334
TOTAL	43,567

* Includes Motor vehicles	
over one ton	3,079
under one ton	2,907
Motor cycles	602
	6,588

#### Principal ports from which ships arrive.

The main trade of the Port is with Dieppe and near Continental Ports but there are also arrivals from German, Baltic and Scandinavian Ports with general cargo and timber.

#### SECTION IV

##### Inland Barge Traffic.

This Ports is not used by Inland Barge Traffic.

#### SECTION V

##### Water Supply.

No change.

#### SECTION VI

##### Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952.

No change.

#### SECTION VII

##### Smallpox

No change

#### SECTION VIII

##### Venereal Diseases.

No change.

## 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
		Passenger	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	-	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	-	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships	-	Nil	Nil	Nil

Short account of measures taken on arrival by ship of (a) any cases of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus or relapsing fever excluded in Table D, and (b) any suspected cases of such disease.

No measures were required to be taken as there was:-

(a) No cases of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus, or relapsing fever and

(b) No suspected cases of such disease which occurred during the year.

## SECTION X

### Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships.

No cases of malaria arrived at the port, nor did any vessel report a case of malaria during the voyage.

## SECTION XI

### Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected of Plague

No measures were taken as there were no ships infected with or suspected of Plague.

## SECTION XII

### Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

#### 1. Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

Where possible the Public Health Inspector examines vessels for the presence of rats. A regular inspection is made in the case of Cross Channel vessels and an attempt is made to inspect thoroughly all foreign going ships.

#### 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.

Arrangements exist for the examination of rodents from ships when necessary at the Public Health Laboratory, Brighton.

No specimens were sent during 1959.

#### 3. Arrangements in the district for Deratting ships, the methods used and if done by a Commercial Contractor, the name of the Contractor.

The Port is a designated approved port for this purpose as from 1st May, 1957.

Trapping, poisoning and gassing are available. The Contractors carrying out this work are Associated Fumigators Limited and Ratsouris Limited.

#### 4. Progress in the rat-proofing of ships.

Ships using the port are mainly Cross Channel passenger and cargo vessels with a high degree of rat-proofing and little harbourage. Colliers entering the port have been found to be almost devoid of harbourage, while in the modern vessels rat-proofing is good.

If any excessive temporary harbourage is discovered the Master is required to abate same.

TABIE E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

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

SECTION XII (Cont)

TABLE F.

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

H.C.N.	<u>Other fumigant</u> <u>(State method)</u>	<u>After</u> <u>Trapping</u>	<u>After</u> <u>Poisoning</u>	TOTAL	Number of Deratting Exemption Certs. issued.	Total Certificates issued.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	8	8

SECTION XIII

TABLE G.

Inspection of ships for nuisances.  
Inspection & Notices

Nature and Number of Inspections.	<u>Notices Served</u>		Result of serving notice.
	<u>Statutory</u>	<u>Others.</u>	
Foreign going 57	Nil	2	-
Coastwise 59	Nil	1	1 complied
T O T A L : 116	Nil	3	1 complied

SECTION XIV

Public Health - Shell Fish

No change

SECTION XV

Medical Inspection of Aliens

1. List of Medical Inspectors of Aliens holding Warrants of Appointment

- (a) Dr. G.M.D. Lobban, Chief Medical Inspector of Aliens
- (b) Dr. G. Kirker, Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens
- (c) Dr. E.J. Neill, Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens (Died 11.8.1959)
- (d) Dr. R. Alexander, Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens
- (e) Dr. C.S. Barton, Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens (From 25.8.1959)

SECTION XV (Cont)

2. List of other staff engaged on this work.

Mrs. E. Croucher - Nurse/Attendant

3. Organisation of work.

The organisation of the work is such that the requirements of the Aliens Order, 1953 are met.

4. Nature and Amount of Aliens Traffic.

	TOTAL	Number inspected by the Medical Inspector	Number subjected to detailed examination by the Medical Inspector	Lunatic, idiot or mentally deficient	Undesirable for medical reasons	Physically incapacitated	Suffering from acute infectious disease	Transmigrants
(a) Total number of Aliens landing at the Port.	39,088	38,339	749	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Aliens refused permission to land by the Immigration Officer	58	58	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Transmigrants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Total Aliens arriving at the Port	39,146	38,397	749	-	-	-	-	-

# SECTION XV (CONT)

Total number of vessels carrying alien passengers ..... 333

Total number of vessels dealt with by the Medical Inspector ..... 333

5. No change.

# SECTION XVI

## Arrangements for Burial on Shore of persons who have died on board ship

No change