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NEWHAVEN PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PORT MEDICAL OFFICER

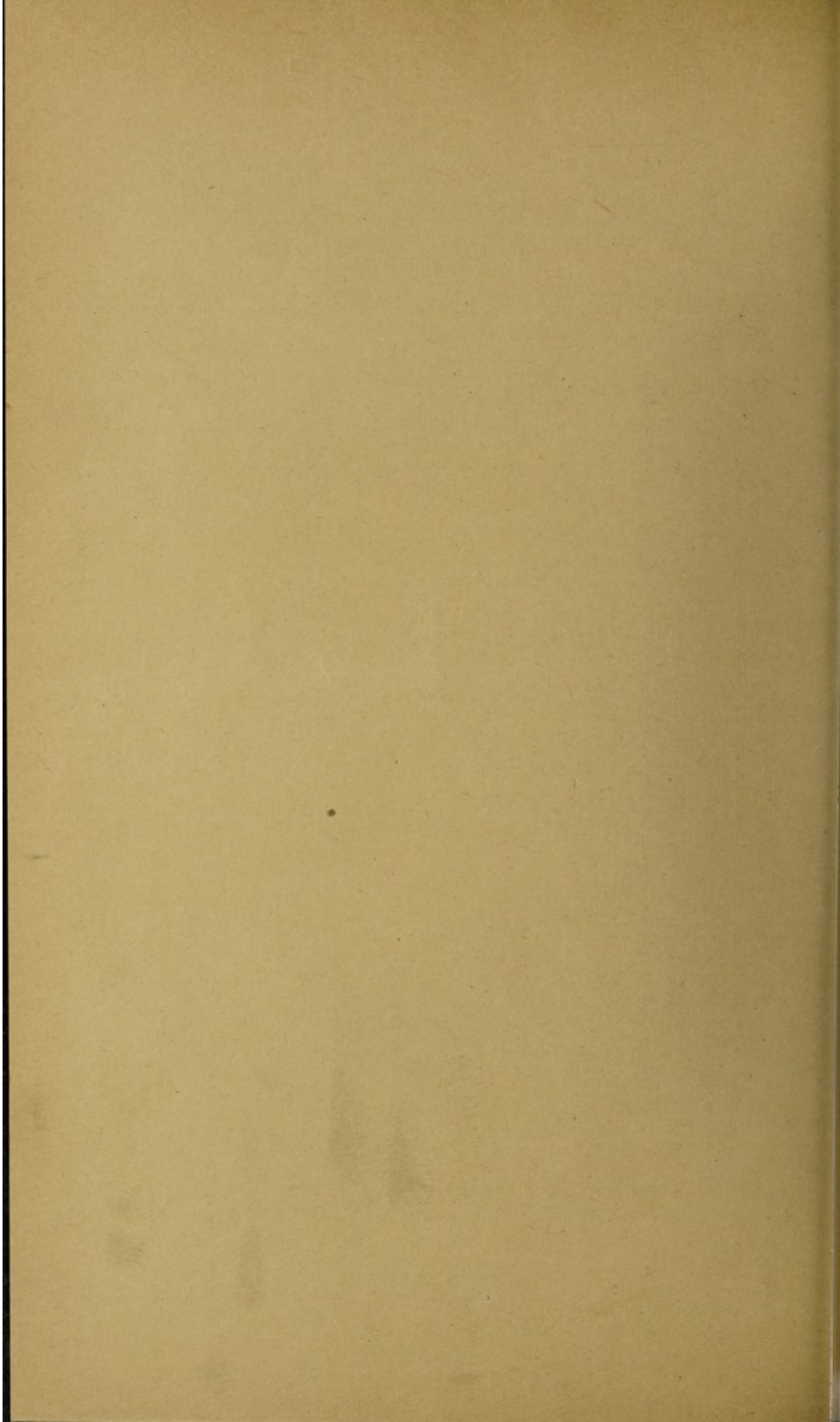
FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st December, 1964.



Public Health Department,
The Grange,
Southover,
LEWES, Sussex.

March, 1965.



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To the Members of the Newhaven Port Health Authority

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Port Health Report for Newhaven for the year 1964.

The year saw the introduction of the car ferry service to Dieppe on 1st June and for the first time for several years, the service was continued during the winter period. This increase in the service caused problems in regard to the medical inspection of Aliens and Commonwealth Immigrants. To cover the car ferries at the peak of the season, temporary appointments of Medical Inspectors were made and an 'on call' system adopted. Apart from a few teething troubles the system worked well with the regular Inspectors attending the arrival of the daily passenger boat on which the bulk of the aliens were crossing. Certain difficulties are anticipated in 1965 when the two new French car ferries, Villandry and Valencay are added to the service. The three car ferries will provide a round-the-clock service in the peak season.

Passenger traffic between Newhaven and Dieppe extended from 19th March to 31st December. During the year the total number of inward passengers (Alien, Commonwealth Immigrants and British) which arrived at the port was 194,974 (186,566 in 1963) whilst outward passengers numbered 200,549 (190,244 in 1963)

A total of 75,684 Aliens arrived during 1964 compared with 68,207 in 1963 and of these 51 were refused permission to land by the Immigration Officer, 75,342 were seen by a Medical Inspector and 291 were subjected to detailed medical inspection. One Alien was refused permission to land on medical grounds.

Of the 5070 Commonwealth Immigrants who arrived at the Port in 1963 one was refused permission to land by the Immigration Officer, 5062 were seen by a Medical Inspector and 7 were subjected to a detailed medical inspection. None were refused permission to land on medical grounds.

The total tonnage entering Newhaven Port in 1964 was 814,715 as compared with 620,659 tons in 1963. In 1964 the numbers of ships entering the Port were 1,116 from foreign ports and 486 coastwise.

Imports in 1964 amounted to 328,548 tons and were comprised chiefly of coal, building and roedmaking material, coke and patent cuel, fruit, vegetables and other foodstuffs, timber, iron and steel. The increase of 29,610 tons over the 1963 total of 298,938 tons was entirely due to the increase in the amount of building and roedmaking material imported.

Exports in 1964 amounted to 73,747 tons and were comprised chiefly of iron, steel, vehicles and vehicle parts, machinery and building and road materials.

No cases of infectious disease involving ships were notified during the year.

I have to thank all the doctors who helped in the medical inspection of Aliens and Mr. Harrison, the Port Health Inspector, for their help and assistance. My thanks are also due to H.M. Customs and Immigration Authorities and all other Departments associated with the work of the Port Health Authority for their co-operation and assistance throughout the year.

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

Yours obediently,

J. L. COTTON,

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

Port Medical Officer
and Medical Inspector of Aliens

SECTION I

STAFF

TABLE A

NAME OF OFFICER	NATURE OF APPOINTMENT	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	QUALIFICATIONS	ANY OTHER APPOINTMENT HELD
r.J.L.Cotton	Port Medical Officer and Medical Inspector of Aliens	1.11.1960	M.B., Ch.B. M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.	M.O.H. E.Sussex United Districts
r.R.Alexander	Deputy Port Medical Officer Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens	27.1.1957	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.	-
r.C.S.Barton	Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens	25.8.1959	M.A., B.Sc. L.M.S.S.A. D.R.C.O.G.	-
r.H.P.Hutchinson	Temporary Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens	1.7.1964. to 30.9.1964	M.R.C.S., M.R.C.P., M.A., M.B., Ch.B.	-
r.H.O.Pezeshgi	Temporary Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens	1.7.1964. to 30.9.1964.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	-
r.M.H.Draisey	Temporary Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens	19.3.1964 to 30.9.64.	M.B., B.S.Lond.	-
r.D.J.S.Pendlebury	Temporary Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens	1.5.1964. to 30.9.64.	M.A., M.B. B.Chir.	-
r.W.P.Harrison	Port Health Inspector and Food Inspector	5.3.1945.	Cert.R.S.I. & S.I.J.B. Cert.R.S.I. Meat and Foods M.R.S.H. B.O.T.Cert. Master Mariner	Public Health Inspector Newhaven U.D.C.
ssD.D. Southgate	Part-time Clerk in Port Health Department	28.9.1963. to 11.10.1964.	-	-

NAME OF OFFICER	NATURE OF APPOINTMENT	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	QUALIFICATIONS	ANY OTHER APPOINTMENTS
Mrs.L.V.Harris	Part-time Clerk in Port Health Department	12.10.1964.	-	-
Mrs.A.E.Brown	Nurse/Attendant to Medical Inspector of Aliens	9.7.1960	-	-
Mrs.E.Lelliott	Nurse/Attendant to Medical Inspector of Aliens	1.6.1964.	-	-
Address and Telephone Number of the Medical Officer of Health		The Grange, Southover, LEWES, Sussex. Lewes 4282		

SECTION II

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

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	1,116	663,691	-	79	Nil
Coastwise	486	151,024	-	122	Nil
Total	1,602	814,715	-	201	Nil

Additional Yachts 1,588

SECTION III

CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

(Number of Passengers (as supplied by the Immigration Authority)
(Inward 194,974 Outward 200,549

Principal <u>IMPORTS</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Coal, Coke & Potent Fuel	105,508
Building, Roadmaking Material	166,886
Fruit & Vegetables	794
Other Food & Provisions	2,696
Raw Wool	162
Timber, other than pitwood & mining timber	14,766
Chemicals & Chemical Fertiliser	1,667
Other Commodities	33,077
Iron & Steel Manufactures	2,992
	<u>328,548</u>
Cars & Motor-cycles	15,071

EXPORTS

Building & Roadmaking Material	11,810
Machinery	2,534
Vehicles & Vehicle Parts	22,526
Iron & Steel Manufactures	12,538
Woollen Goods	298
Chemical & Chemical Fertiliser	780
Other Commodities	23,261
	<u>73,747</u>

Cars & Motor-cycles 21,724

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, Scandinavian and Mediterranean Ports with general cargo, timber and salt.

SECTION IV

INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

The port is not used by Inland Barge Traffic.

SECTION V

WATER SUPPLY

1. No change.
2. Fifty-seven samples from the British Railways well at Denton before chlorination and thirty-two samples from the main piped supply to the East Side of the Harbour after chlorination were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory by British Transport Commission. All the samples were bacteriologically satisfactory after chlorination.
3. No change.
4. 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
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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

a) No cases of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus or relapsing fever occurred on ships arriving during the year.

b) No suspected cases of such disease occurred on ships arriving during the year.

SECTION X

OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

No case 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

Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

Where possible the Port Health Inspector or the Rodent Operator examines vessels for the presence of rats. A regular inspection is made in the case of the 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 1964.

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.

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.

TABLE 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

TABLE F

DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION

CERTIFICATES ISSUED DURING THE YEAR FOR SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

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

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 79	Nil	Nil	Nil
Coastwise 122	Nil	2	2 complied
TOTAL 201	Nil	2	2 complied

SECTION XIV

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL FISH)

No change

SECTION XV

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS AND COMMONWEALTH IMMIGRANTS

1. List of Medical Inspectors holding Warrants of Appointment (at 31.12.64.)

- (a) Dr. J. L. Cotton, Port Medical Officer of Health.
- (b) Dr. R. Alexander, Deputy Port Medical Officer of Health.
- (c) Dr. C. S. Barton.

2. List of other staff engaged on this work.

Mrs. A. E. Brown - Nurse/Attendant
Mrs. E. Lelliott - Nurse/Attendant.

3. Organisation of work.

The organisation of the work is such that the requirements of the Aliens Order, 1953, and Commonwealth Immigrants Act, 1962, are met.

4. (a) 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 Dis.	Transmigrants.
(a) Total number of Aliens landing at the Port.	75,633	75,342	291	-	1	-	-	-
(b) Aliens refused permission to land by the Immigration Officer.	51	51	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Transmigrants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Total Aliens arriving at the Port.	75,684	75,393	291	-	1	-	-	-

4. (b) Nature and Amount of Commonwealth Immigrants 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 Commonwealth Immigrants landing at the Port	5,069	5,062	7	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Commonwealth Immigrants refused permission to land by the Immigration Officer	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Transmigrants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Total Commonwealth Immigrants arriving at the Port	5,070	5,063	7	-	-	-	-	-

Total number of vessels carrying alien and Commonwealth
Immigrants passengers 683

Total number of such vessels dealt with by the Medical
Inspectors 683

The annual number of inward aliens arriving at Newhaven from 1945 to 1964 are given in the following table:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Inward Aliens</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Inward Aliens</u>
1945	17,911	1955	58,410
1946	26,376	1956	49,934
1947	31,551	1957	43,330
1948	41,412	1958	41,030
1949	48,127	1959	39,146
1950	49,521	1960	40,440
1951	51,918	1961	44,610
1952	52,104	1962	46,558
1953	51,084	1963	68,207
1954	54,652	1964	75,685

The annual numbers of Commonwealth immigrants arriving at Newhaven from July, 1962, when the provisions of the Commonwealth Immigrants Act, 1962, came into force, are given in the following table:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Commonwealth Immigrants</u>
1962	4,004
1963	5,390
1964	5,070

5. Accommodation for Medical Inspection and Examination

Although work was started on the renovation of the medical examination rooms during the early part of the year, progress has been pathetically slow. One room has been half completed and left for months in an unfinished state, depriving the medical inspectors of much needed space. The other room is still untouched.

It is hoped that British Railways who undertook this work, can see their way to finishing these alterations with the minimum of delay.

SECTION XVI

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BURIAL ON SHORE OF PERSONS WHO HAVE DIED ON BOARD SHIP

No change.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC, 1964

INCOMING

Month	Alien	British	Commonwealth	Total
JANUARY	20	22	1	43
FEBRUARY	26	29	4	59
MARCH	3,037	1,658	202	4,897
APRIL	12,339	15,382	366	28,087
MAY	14,980	5,853	255	21,088
JUNE	8,436	11,322	521	20,279
JULY	19,872	18,673	739	39,284
AUGUST	11,947	32,728	1,490	46,165
SEPTEMBER	3,289	23,095	998	27,382
OCTOBER	800	4,271	392	5,463
NOVEMBER	318	648	67	1,033
DECEMBER	620	539	35	1,194
TOTAL	75,684	114,220	5,070	194,974

OUTGOING

JANUARY	24	21	3	48
FEBRUARY	36	27	3	66
MARCH	1,232	11,455	317	13,004
APRIL	14,362	7,134	224	21,720
MAY	14,978	7,334	271	22,583
JUNE	7,716	15,459	610	23,785
JULY	10,246	31,605	852	42,703
AUGUST	16,680	32,371	1,038	50,089
SEPTEMBER	7,816	13,201	475	21,492
OCTOBER	909	2,154	124	3,187
NOVEMBER	233	395	10	638
DECEMBER	538	667	29	1,234
TOTAL	74,770	121,823	3,956	200,549

PASSENGER TRAFFIC 1964

INCOME

Month	Alleg	British	Commonwealth	Total
JANUARY	20	23	1	44
FEBRUARY	26	29	4	59
MARCH	3,037	4,482	202	7,721
APRIL	12,332	17,385	366	29,083
MAY	14,230	2,623	222	27,075
JUNE	16,436	17,322	321	34,079
JULY	19,072	18,672	739	38,483
AUGUST	21,767	20,728	1,400	43,895
SEPTEMBER	25,289	22,092	603	48,084
OCTOBER	25,400	4,271	398	30,069
NOVEMBER	318	643	67	1,028
DECEMBER	41,620	29	32	41,681
TOTAL	25,664	116,280	5,070	146,914

OUTGOING

JANUARY	20	21	3	44
FEBRUARY	26	27	3	56
MARCH	1,232	21,422	212	22,866
APRIL	14,369	2,134	234	16,737
MAY	14,780	27,324	271	42,375
JUNE	17,716	12,472	610	30,808
JULY	10,246	11,602	682	22,530
AUGUST	16,680	16,321	1,038	34,039
SEPTEMBER	2,816	13,201	672	16,689
OCTOBER	2,222	2,122	124	4,468
NOVEMBER	222	322	10	554
DECEMBER	228	602	22	852
TOTAL	74,770	121,622	3,920	199,312