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PENZANCE (HAYLE DIVISION) PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY
ANNUAL REPORT OF PORT MEDICAL OFFICER AND PORT HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1957



Section I - Staff

Table "A"

| <u>Name of Officer</u> | <u>Nature of Appointment</u> | <u>Date of Appointment.</u> | <u>Qualification</u> | <u>Any other appointment held.</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|
| P.E. Morris. | Port Health Medical Officer. | 1st April, 1952. | M.B. Ch.B. | Police Surgeon Certifying Factory Dr. |
| J.W.Hitchens. | Port Health Inspector. | 1st October, 1952. | Public Health Inspect. Cert. Meat & Foods Inspect. Cert.R.S.I. & S.I.E.J.B. | Chief Public Health Inspect. West Penwith R.D.C. |

Address and Telephone Number of Port Medical Officer of Health:- "Bonear",
 Hayle 2315.

Section II - Amount of Shipping entering the District during the year.

| <u>Ships from</u> | <u>Numbers</u> | <u>Tonnage</u> | <u>Number Inspected</u> <u>By M.O.H.</u> | <u>By P.H.I.</u> | <u>No. of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|---|------------------|---|
| Foreign Ports. | 6 | 1409 | 4 | 3 | NIL. |
| Coastwise. | 399 | 85401 | 32 | 4 | NIL. |
| Total | 405 | 86810 | 36 | 7 | NIL |

Section III - Character of Shipping and Trade during the year.

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| Passenger Traffic | (Number of passengers INWARDS - Nil. (Number of passengers OUTWARDS - Nil. |
| Cargo Traffic | (Principal Imports ... Coal, Oil, Timber, Sulphur Cement, Potatoes & Animal Feeding Stuffs. (Principal Exports ... Scrap Metals, Boxed Fuses) |
| Principal Ports from which ships arrive... | Barry, Port Talbot, Fawley, Avonmouth, Mersey Ports, Goole, Blyth, River Thames, Belfast, Baltic Timber Ports. |

Section IV. Inland Barge Traffic.

Number and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic - Nil.

| <u>Section V. Water Supply</u> | |
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| (1) Source of supply for (a) the district ... | mains supply from Mellanear filtered and chlorinated. |
| (b) shipping ... | supply pipes taken through the docks with water points at intervals at dock side. |
| (2) Reports of tests for contamination ... | Samples taken showed contamination |
| (3) Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes ... | Works of protection asked for and commenced. |
| (4) Number and sanitary conditions of water boats and powers of control by the Authority ... | Nil. |

| <u>Section VI. Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952.</u> | |
|--|--|
| (1) List of infected Areas (Reg.6) | - Weekly records of Quarantinable Diseases are now received and amendment of the list as applied to the Home Trade Ports made monthly. This information is supplied to Pilots and Customs Officers, where circumstances warrant. |
| (2) Radio Messages | - This is not a radio transmitting or receiving Port but arrangements are made with the dock owners to forward any radio messages they may receive in connection with infectious diseases. |
| (3) Notifications otherwise than by radio | Arrangements made with Pilots and Customs Officers for notification and despatch of "Declarations of Health". |
| (4) Mooring Stations | - Stations have with approval of Harbour Master and Customs Officers been sited in the bay. |
| (5) Arrangements for:- | - County Isolation Hospital, Truro through No.1 Health Area Office, Penzance. |
| (a) Hospital Accommodation for infectious diseases. | |
| (b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts | - Through normal channels of Public Health Department of Rural District Council & No.1. Health Area Office. |
| (c) Cleansing and Disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles. | - Disinfection of ships carried out under direction of Port Health Inspector. No facilities for personal cleansing. Clothing etc. steam disinfected at West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance by arrangement. |

| <u>Section VII - Smallpox</u> | |
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| (1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which cases are sent from the district. | - Smallpox Hospital, Liskeard. |
| (2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance etc. | - Contact Dr. Pierson, M.O.H. Plymouth, or Plymouth Ambulance Bureau (Tel.No. Plymouth 4101). |
| (3) Name(s) of smallpox consultant(s) available. | - Dr. W.A. Lister, 7, The Crescent, Plymouth. (Tel.No.Plymouth 5701) Dr. C. Seward, 20, West Southernhay, Exeter (Tel.No.Exeter 2110) |
| (4) Facilities for Laboratory diagnosis. | - Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro. |

Section VIIIVeneraal Disease

Location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen.

West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance -
V.D. Clinic every Thursday 4 p.m. -
6 p.m. Psychiatric clinic every
Thursday each month 3 p.m. by
appointment.

Customs Offices advise contact
direct with M.O.H's surgery or
Health Department, West Penwith
R.D.C. Penzance.

Section IX.
Table "D"

- Cases of Notifiable and other
Infectious Diseases on ships.

| <u>Category</u> | <u>No. of cases during the year</u> | | | <u>Number of ships concerned.</u> |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| | <u>Disease</u> | <u>Passengers.</u> | <u>Crew.</u> | |
| Cases land 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. |

Section X.

- Observations on the occurrence of
Malaria in ships.

No ships from areas of epidemic malaria visited the Port and I have no observations to make on its occurrence in those ships from foreign Ports visiting Hayle.

Section XI

- Measures taken against ships
infected with or suspected for plague.

No measures necessary.

Section XII

- Measures against rodents in
ships from Foreign Ports.

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| (1) Procedure for inspection | - Routine examination. Validity of deratting or deratting exemption certificates. |
| (2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents etc. | - Public Health Laboratory Service, Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro. No rodents sent for examination during the year. |
| (3) Arrangements for deratting ships, methods used etc. | - Hayle is not an approved Port for this purpose. If necessary ships directed to Falmouth. |
| (4) Progress in the ratproofing of ships. | - Nil. |

Table "E"

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from Foreign Ports - Nil.

Table "F"

Deratting Certificates & Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from Foreign Ports.

Nil.

Section XIII - Inspection of ships for Nuisances.

Table "G"

Inspections and Notices.

| <u>Nature and Number of Inspections.</u> | <u>Notices served</u> | | <u>Results of serving notice.</u> |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | <u>Statutory Notices.</u> | <u>Other Notices</u> | |
| As in Table "BB | Nil. | Nil. | - |
| <u>Total</u> | 39 | 2 | Complied with |

Section XIV. - Public Health (Shell - fish) Regulations 1934 - 1948

Not applicable.

Section XV - Medical Inspections of Aliens

Not applicable.

Section XVI - Miscellaneous

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease. - Port M.O.H. in conjunction with District M.O.H. institute procedure prescribed by Section 162 P.H.A. 1936.

Mortuary.

During the year 16 bodies have been placed in the mortuary.

Dock Installations

The sanitary facilities and canteens provided by Messrs. Harvey & Co., were visited and found clean and satisfactory.

The dock area continues to be disinfested against rats by the Health Dept. for Messrs. Harvey & Co., on a recharge basis quarterly.

Water Supplies Because of the liability of contamination of the water points on North Quay, Messrs. Harvey & Co. were asked to provide dust-proof covers and detachable caps to the outlets. This work has not yet been completed and out of the total of 16, some 3 are still outstanding. A new mobile reel and hose has been provided for use of drinking water to vessels.

In October, 1957, a report was received from the Port Health Authority at Barry that a water sample taken from M.V. Kindrence was contaminated. The ship was met on docking at Hayle and instructions given for emptying and sterilizing the system. Works of an engineering character were required and these were undertaken while the ship was at Hayle but owing to the necessity for the ship to sail, pending clearance of the fresh water, instructions were given to the Master to ensure that drinking water was boiled. The works proved satisfactory and after some test samples, the Master was advised of the safety of the supply. The Barry Port Health Authority were kept advised of the position.

There was a suspected case of dysentery reported from the same ship but there was no confirmation although the matter was taken up with the M.O.H. of the man's home district.