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PENZANCE (HAYLE DIVISION) PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY  
ANNUAL REPORT OF PORT MEDICAL OFFICER & PORT HEALTH INSPECTOR

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To Chairman and Members of the Port Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I present the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1963, which as usual takes the form specified by the Ministry.

Although no cases have occurred to warrant any action, it was ten years ago when arrangements were made under the Regulations for co-ordinated action should there be any case of infectious disease reported on board ship and the matter was again taken up with the Dock Undertakers this year in order that such arrangements were not lost sight of.

In June a few cases of smallpox occurred at Stockholm as a result of an imported case. Stockholm was temporarily declared a locally infected area. Close watch was kept on shipping from the Continent and on the weekly epidemiological records of W.H.O. until the area was declared clear.

During the year there was a slight increase in the amount of coastwise shipping using the port accounted for by the hard winter and increased stocks of coal required by the Electricity Generating Station.

A correction is necessary on the 1962 Annual Report for numbers and tonnage of shipping. This will be made on minuted copies and the Ministry etc. advised.

The Mortuary which catered for 19 bodies during the year was renovated in accordance with the Committee's instructions and is now in a satisfactory condition for the comparatively limited use to which it is put.

The Committee were informed of the various schemes put forward by the Council's Consultant Engineers for the modification and improvement of the town sewerage system and the alternative methods for sewage disposal. This was a matter in which the Committee were naturally interested as the outfalls of all the alternatives under consideration were to discharge into the dock or river estuary and either scheme would be a major improvement on the present discharge of crude sewage.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

P.E. Morris,

Port Medical Officer.





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FOR THE YEAR 1963

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 Doctor
J.W. Hitchens.	Port Health Inspector	1st October 1952	P.H.I. Cert. M & F.I. Cert. R.S.I. & S.I.E.J.B.	Chief Public Health Inspector West Penwith R.D.C.

Address and Telephone Number of Port Medical Officer of Health: "Bonaer", Hayle 2315

SECTION II - Amount of Shipping entering the District during the year  
Table "B"

<u>Ships from</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>No. inspected by</u>		<u>No. of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.</u>
			<u>M.O.H.</u>	<u>P.H.I.</u>	
Foreign Ports	16	4075	5	Nil	Nil
Coastwise	273	158903	21	Nil	Nil
Total	289	162978	26	Nil	Nil

SECTION III - Character of Shipping and Trade during year

Passenger Traffic	(Number of passengers	INWARDS	-	Nil
	"	OUTWARDS	-	Nil
Cargo Traffic	(Principal Imports	....	Coal, Cement, Potatoes, Sulphur, Oil, Timber.	
	(Principal Exports	....	Scrap Metals.	
Principal Ports from which ships arrive		....	Blythe, Goole, Port of London, Fawley, Barry, Belfast, Bayonne, Rathmullen.	

SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic

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



SECTION VWater Supply

- (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 satisfactory.
- (3) Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes ... One person charged by Dock Undertakers to maintain water points and equipment in satisfactory condition.
- (4) Number and sanitary conditions of water boats and powers of control by the Authority ... Nil
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SECTION VIPublic Health (Ships) Regulations 1952/61

- (1) List of infected areas (Reg. 6) - Weekly records of Quarantinable Diseases are received and amendment of the list as applied to the Home Trade Ports made as and when required. 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:-
- (a) Hospital Accommodation for infectious diseases - County Isolation Hospital, Truro, through No.1. Health Area Office, Penzance.
- (b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts - Through normal channels of Public Health Department of Rural District Council and 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
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SECTION VIISmallpox

- (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. - Dr. D.L. Johnson (Area M.O.H) & Dr. St. John Brooks (West Cornwall Hospital) are the consultants who would be contacted and would arrange laboratory diagnosis and transport.
- (3) Name(s) of smallpox consultant(s)
- (4) Facilities for Laboratory diagnosis.



SECTION VIII - Venereal 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 at 3 p.m.  
Customs Offices advise contact direct with M.O.H's surgery or Health Dept., West Penwith R.D.C. Penzance.

SECTION IX - Cases of Notifiable and other  
Table "D" Infectious Diseases on Ships

<u>Category</u>	<u>No. of cases during the year</u>			<u>No. of ships concerned</u>
	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Passengers.</u>	<u>Crew</u>	
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

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 certificate                                       |
| (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 or other approved Port.     |
| (4) Progress in the ratproofing of ships.  | - Nil   |

Table "E"

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

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Table "F"

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

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SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for Nuisances

Table "G"

Inspections and Notices

<u>Nature and Number of</u> <u>Inspections</u>	<u>Notices served</u> <u>Statutory Notices.</u>	<u>Other Notices</u>	<u>Results of</u> <u>Serving Notice</u>
As in Table "B"	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total 26	Nil	Nil	Nil

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SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shell-Fish)  
Regulations 1934 - 1948

Not applicable.

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SECTION XV - Medical Inspections of Aliens

Not applicable.

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SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous

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

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