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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH


for the

YEAR 1959



E. J. Gordon Wallace, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

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PORTLAND URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

R E P O R T

on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the

PORTLAND URBAN DISTRICT

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1959

Council Offices,
PORTLAND,
Dorset.

July, 1960

To the Chairman and Members of the
Portland Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

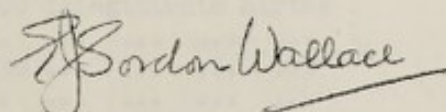
I have the honour to submit for your information and consideration my Report for the year 1959 on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Urban District.

There was a sharp outbreak of Sonne Dysentery during the first quarter of the year when 66 cases were notified. The infection was brought to the Island by a family which came from Wiltshire where the infection was prevalent. Energetic measures were taken in an endeavour to prevent its spread but these seemed to be of little avail - an experience which has been fairly general throughout the country. Eventually it was agreed that children suffering from diarrhoea due to this cause should stay away from school only during the acute phase of the illness. So far as other infectious diseases were concerned nothing happened which is worthy of special note.

The Standardised Birth Rate (16.92) per 1,000 population was approximately the same as in previous years while the Standardised Death Rate (10.07) was somewhat lower. Live births exceeded the number of deaths by 49.

It is again a pleasure to place on record my appreciation of the courtesy and consideration which has been extended to me by the Council throughout the year. I am also most grateful to my fellow officials and to the Council staff generally for their helpful co-operation. In particular Mr. Williams, your Public Health Inspector and Miss M. Otter, part-time clerical assistant (later succeeded by Miss W. P. Harler), have helped greatly to promote the efficiency of the Public Health Department.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,



Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Department Staff

1. Medical Officer of Health, Health Centre, Weymouth. Tel. WEYMOUTH 1645.

E. J. Gordon Wallace, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

2. Public Health Inspector:

Mr. P. A. Williams, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.

3. Clerk (part-time):

Miss M. Otter. (resigned May, 1959).

Miss W. P. Harler (commenced July, 1959).

4. Sanitary Labourer/Rodent Operator:

Mr. T. Llewellyn.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (land and internal water)	2,905
Population (mid 1959) (Estimated by Registrar General)	12,600
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1960	£122,802
Sum represented by Penny at 1st April, 1960 ...	£496
No. of houses inhabited at 1st April, 1960 (exclusive of Government properties)	2,512
Shops assessed with private dwelling accommodation	94
Licensed Premises, hotels or boarding houses ...	35
Total	<u>2,641</u>

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:

Total Births	148
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	11.75
* Comparability Factor (births)	1.44
Standardised Birth Rate per 1,000 population ...	16.92

Live Births: 146

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	69	72	141
Illegitimate	3	2	5
TOTAL	<u>72</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>146</u>
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population			11.59

Still Births: 2

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	1	1	2
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	1	1	2

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births 13.5

DEATHS: 97

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
	49	48	97
Death Rate per 1,000 population ...	...	...	7.3
* Comparability Factor (deaths) ...	...	...	1.38
Standardised Death Rate ...	...	...	10.07

Deaths of Infants under 1 year:

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	1	2	3

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks:

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	1	1	2

Deaths of Infants under 1 week:

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	1	1	2

Infant Mortality Rate

All Infants per 1,000 live births ...	20.55
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate births...	21.27
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate births	Nil
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate ...	13.7
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate ...	13.7
Peri-Natal Mortality Rate ...	27.4
Maternal Mortality Rate ...	Nil

* Comparability Factor. This is worked for each District by the Registrar General.

In G.R.O. Circular (M.O.H.) No. 3/1960 dated 14th April, 1960 the Registrar General states "The area comparability factors for use with crude birth and death

rates contain adjustments for boundary changes and make allowance for the way in which the sex and age distribution of the local population differs from that for England and Wales as a whole. In addition, the death rate area comparability factors have been adjusted specifically to take account of the presence of any residential institutions in each area. When local crude birth and death rates are multiplied by the appropriate area comparability factor, they are comparable with the crude rate for England and Wales or with the corresponding adjusted rate for any other area".

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES - PORTLAND URBAN DISTRICT - 1959

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	3	3
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	3	-	3
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	6	6
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	6	4	10
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-	1
16. Diabetes	-	1	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	9	12
18. Coronary disease, angina	11	3	14
19. Hypertension with heart disease	1	2	3
20. Other heart disease	8	8	16
21. Other circulatory disease	3	2	5
22. Influenza	1	-	1
23. Pneumonia	1	1	2
24. Bronchitis	3	2	5
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	1	-	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	4	7
33. Motor vehicle accidents	1	-	1
34. All other accidents	2	3	5
35. Suicide	-	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
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TOTAL	49	48	97

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious Diseases notified during the year, shown as quarterly totals:-

	<u>March</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>Total</u>
					<u>1959</u>
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	-	1
Whooping Cough	-	-	1	-	1
Paralytic Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Paralytic do.	-	-	-	-	-

	<u>March</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>1959</u>
Measles	3	4	5	-	12
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-
Sonne Dysentery	66	-	-	-	66
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-
Para-typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal infection	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	1	-	1
Tuberculosis Respiratory	4	1	-	1	6
Tuberculosis Non-Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-

FOOD POISONING

One case of food poisoning was reported and on investigation Salmonella St. Paul was isolated.

The young woman concerned lunched regularly at a canteen at a large government establishment, but no further cases were reported, or were known to have occurred. There was no association with pork or pork products.

FOOD

(i) General

(a) As a result of an invitation for the Public Health Inspector to visit the main Food Store in H.M. Naval Base, Portland, 46 lbs. of lamb chops supplied from a Weymouth shop were voluntarily surrendered, and portions were taken before a Justice of the Peace and a condemnation certificate obtained. This was reported to the County Council, as the Food and Drugs Authority, with the result that the Company supplying the lamb was prosecuted under Section 8 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 and was fined £30 with £20 14s. 0d. costs.

(b) A loaf of bread was purchased in the Grove Area from a baker's van, and was brought to the Council Offices, after being cut. A large piece of cardboard was embedded in it. This was referred to the Food and Drugs Authority with the result that the dealers were prosecuted and fined £10 with £2 10s. 0d. costs under Section 2 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

(ii) Meat

(a) Meat Premises. There are no registered slaughterhouses in the District and all meat for human consumption in the Island is slaughtered in adjacent areas. Regular visits were made by your Public Health Inspector to Butchers' shops. The covered metal-lined vans used for bringing meat to the Island have been inspected periodically and found to be maintained in good condition.

One man was registered as a slaughterman, and employed mainly outside the District or in slaughtering for private consumption and not for re-sale.

(b) Sausage and Cooked Meat Premises. Twenty-eight visits were made to the eight premises used for small production or sales in conjunction with butchers' shops. All were found to be maintained satisfactorily.

Work on maintaining conditions required by the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955, continued and twenty visits were made to bakehouses cooking meat products or premises where meat products are sold.

(iii) Milk

The only grades of milk permitted to be retailed in Portland are Tuberculin Tested, Pasteurised and Sterilised. There is no pasteurising plant on the Island - but there are two local producers of Tuberculin Tested milk which is pasteurised in Weymouth.

The main suppliers of milk are Messrs. Lovell's Creameries Ltd., and the Weymouth & District Co-operative Society who were licensed as Supplementary Dealers.

Under the Milk (Special Designations) or Milk (Pasteurised & Sterilised) Regulations, 1949, the following licences were issued by the Council:-

<u>Tuberculin Tested</u>		<u>Pasteurised</u>		<u>Sterilised</u>
<u>Dealers or</u>	<u>Supplementary</u>	<u>Dealers or</u>	<u>Supplementary</u>	<u>Supplementary</u>
<u>Purveyors</u>	<u>Dealers</u>	<u>Purveyors</u>	<u>Dealers</u>	<u>Dealers</u>
16	2	16	2	1

During the year the Public Health Laboratory at Dorchester examined sixteen samples of T.T. Pasteurised Milk, and two samples of Pasteurised Milk, all of which were reported to be satisfactory.

(iv) Ice Cream. There are no manufacturers of ice cream within the Urban District, pre-packed supplies being obtained from manufacturers on the mainland. The forty-three premises registered for the sale of ice cream were inspected and the freezing apparatus checked and these conformed with the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1947. No loose ice cream was sold within the area.

(v) Summary

(i) Food premises within the area are as follows:-

Butchers Shops	8
Bakers Shops	6
Bakeries	5
Greengrocers	13
General Provision Shops	35
Confectionery Shops	21
Works Canteens	3
School Canteens	4
Hotels	6
Licensed Premises	34
Salvation Army Hostel	1
Cafes	9

(ii) The following premises were registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955:-

(a)	For the sale of ice cream	43
(b)	For the manufacture of sausages	8
(c)	Cooked Fish Shops	4

(vi) Byelaws & Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955. With regard to the handling and wrapping of food, the Dye-laws made in 1950 under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, have been of a useful complement to the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955. There were no prosecutions under the Regulations, or Bye-laws.

(vii) Cafes and Food Premises. One hundred and thirty-four visits were made to Hotels and Cafes and other food premises such as confectioners, works and school canteens etc. Opportunity was taken during these visits to follow up the items required during the previous year under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, and Food Hygiene Regulations.

Nine informal notices were issued during the year, requiring such items, as, (a) through ventilation for a shop and stores; (b) construction of grease traps in a hotel kitchen; (c) repair and improvement of drainage to a fried fish shop; (d) removal of two wrongly placed drain interceptors; (e) internal rendering of damp bakery wall; (f) destruction of cockroaches and ants; (g) repairs to walls of grocer's shop; (h) renewal of catchment trays to a potato washer in a canteen; (i) nail brushes and wash basins in a food stall.

WATER SUPPLY

All houses in the District have a main water supply pumped from the Friar Waddon borehole where the supply is chlorinated.

Fifty samples of the Public Water Supply were submitted for bacteriological examination and were reported on as follows:-

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Suspicious</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Total</u>
Council Offices	25	-	-	25
Friar Waddon	22	3	-	25
	<u>47</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50</u>

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS 13th February, 1960.

Appearance: Clear, colourless
Smell: None.
Reaction: pH 7.3

	<u>Parts per Million</u>
Free Carbon Dioxide	20
Ammonia (as N)	
Free	0.016
Albuminoid	0.02
Chlorine (as Chlorides)	30.5
equivalent to Sodium Chloride	54
Oxygen absorbed (4 hrs.)	0.19
Nitrogen in Nitrite	Absent
Nitrogen in Nitrate	2.0
Total Solids	333
Loss on ignition	30
Hardness: Temporary	214
Permanent	36
Total	250

Mineral Analysis

Lead	Pb	Less than 0.1
Copper	Cu	Less than 0.1
Iron	Fe	0.03
Calcium	Ca	94
Magnesium	Mg	4
Sodium	Na	14
Potassium	K	0.6
Carbonate	CO ₃	128
Sulphate	SO ₄	18
Chloride	Cl	31
Nitrate	NO ₃	9

These are likely to be combined somewhat as follows:

Calcium Carbonate	CaCO ₃	214
Calcium Sulphate	CaSO ₄	26
Magnesium Chloride	MgCl ₂	16
Sodium Chloride	NaCl	31
Sodium Nitrate	NaNO ₃ with a little KNO ₃	10
Ignition Loss		30
Undetermined		6
		<u>333</u>

In forwarding their report, Messrs. Waterfall & O'Brien, Analytical Chemists said, "The organic purity of the water is well maintained. Variations in the chloride figure are plainly not due to sewage contamination but probably to small infiltrations from the sea".

HOUSING ACTS 1936-1957

During the year the under-mentioned properties were represented as unfit for habitation and action was taken by the Council as indicated.

No. 63 Wakeham	-	Closing Order made
No. 65 Wakeham	-	Closing Order made
No. 78 Wakeham	-	Closing Order made
No. 58 Mallams	-	Closing Order made

Action taken re houses officially represented in previous year.

No. 112 Wakeham. - Specifications of works were carried out and undertakings given by the owners were cancelled by the Council.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, SECTION 269

One licence to use an individual caravan (on land to the north of Weston House in Weston Road) for residential use was issued during the year.

A licence was issued to Messrs. Pennsylvania Castle Ltd., to use the paddock adjoining Pennsylvania Castle as a site for twelve caravans. Toilets and showers were constructed for this site.

A new site was licensed for ten caravans in the grounds of 154 Wakeham owned by Mr. D. Ballinger. A Sanitary Block was constructed.

Nineteen visits were made to the caravan sites during the year, and satisfactory standards were maintained at all times.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, SECTION 47 NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No formal action was taken under these Acts but nineteen visits were paid to aged or infirm persons, and help or guidance given as needed.

Arrangements were made to admit one elderly infirm person immediately to hospital where he died shortly afterwards.

PUBLIC HEALTH (INFECTIOUS DISEASES) REGULATIONS, 1953

It was not necessary for me to issue any notices on behalf of the Council under these regulations.

THE DISEASE OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD) ORDER, 1957

The County Council delegated powers to this Council under this Order, but their inspector visited to check conditions. Eight visits were made by

your Public Health Inspector to the four pig keepers' premises licensed, when conditions were found to be satisfactory, all swill being boiled before use.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

One shop was licensed under this Act.

Two visits were paid by your Public Health Inspector and conditions were found to be satisfactory. Two visits were also made to the Annual Portland Fair concerning live prizes.

LETHAL CHAMBER FOR ANIMALS

The cabinets loaned to the Council by the R.S.P.C.A. for the humane destruction of cats and dogs were available at the Council's Wide Street Depot on Saturday mornings from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. and Wednesday afternoons from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. This service continued to give good service to the District. During the year 49 dogs or puppies and 66 cats or kittens were humanely destroyed. Electricity was used for dogs and chloroform for cats.

DEALERS IN OLD METALS

Three persons were registered to deal in scrap metals under the Public Health (Amendment) Act, 1907, but there were no Marine Stores Dealers. Five visits were made to check stores and books during the year.

MINES AND QUARRIES ACT, 1954, SECTION 151 PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, SECTION 92

Sixteen visits were made by the Public Health Inspector to inspect fences surrounding quarries.

Letters to the three largest quarry companies caused several extensive improvements to fences near public footpaths.

The dangerous condition of the boundary walls of quarries adjoining the County Road at Wide Street was reported to the Council by the Public Health Inspector. The disused quarry land at the boundaries of the road were ascertained to be Crown property, but at the end of the year the dangerous condition had not been remedied.

FACTORY ACTS 1937 to 1959

PART I OF THE ACT

INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number on Register</u>	<u>Number of</u>		
		<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
(i) Factories in which secs. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by local authorities...	40	48	8	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority.....	28	36	5	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding out-workers' premises)...	4	9	-	-
TOTAL.....	72	93	13	-

Cases in which DEFECTS were found

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Number of cases in which defects were found</u>				<u>No. of cases in which prosecu- tions were instituted</u>
	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred To H.M. Inspec- tor</u>	<u>By H.M. Inspec- tor</u>	
Want of cleanliness.....	4	4	-	-	-
Overcrowding.....	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation..	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.....	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient.....	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.....	4	4	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.....	1	1	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act.....	3	3	-	-	-
TOTAL	13	13	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

<u>Nature of Work</u>	<u>Section 110</u>			<u>Section 111</u>		
	<u>No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c)</u>	<u>No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council</u>	<u>No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists</u>	<u>No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises</u>	<u>Notices served</u>	<u>Prose- cutions</u>
Wearing) Making apparel) etc.,	5	-	-	-	-	-
Stuffed toys	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	6	-	-	-	-	-

DRAINAGE AND GENERAL WORK ETC.

The Health Department continued to supervise existing private drainage repairs and new drainage (including the new Council houses). All premises other than Government buildings were tested by water pressure or smoke machine in the presence of your Public Health Inspector. A good standard of work was maintained by both Council employees and Contractors.

Drains and private sewers in the area were cleared where required by the Council's Sanitary Labourer, who in addition to this work carried out all rodent destruction throughout the area, disinfections and disinfestations of buildings, disposal of unwanted cats and dogs, the spraying of the Council's Tip and other miscellaneous duties, e.g. sewer flushings etc.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Portland has approximately 2,650 houses and Business premises and with a few exceptions these are sewered into four outfalls at Chiswell, Chere, Portland Bill and Sheat. Apart from a small area at Pennsylvania Castle, all the sewage from Tophill enters the sea by natural fall, but in the Underhill district automatic sewage pumps are employed. The Grove area consisting of the Borstal Institution and its Officers' Quarters and the Grove School, and two large houses are sewered directly into the sea by the Borstal Institution's private outfall.

The Admiralty have private outfalls from the dockyard and naval establishments adjoining.

The Royal Air Force Station (now the Admiralty Hostel and Caravan Site) and the large Admiralty buildings at Southwell are however connected to the Council's sewers.

During the year new extension sewers were laid to the 14 houses and 12 flats constructed by the Council on the Verne Common Estate (named Mantle Close and Rhodes House respectively).

At Easton a private estate of 11 bungalows was constructed with an entrance from Clarence Road.

In both instances, prior to these extensions the sewers had been working to full capacity at times of flood, and it is considered that additional sewers should be considered if such development continues.

FLOODING AT SOUTHWELL

The minor works put in hand to relieve this have reduced the difficulty but until the sewers in the area have been enlarged, flooding of the road during heavy storms will undoubtedly continue.

RODENT CONTROL

During the year 25 visits were made by your Public Health Inspector in connection with rodent control.

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food methods of destruction were used and their Divisional Rodent Inspector checked the work. Twice during the year all the non-tidal and unflooded portions of the sewerage systems were test-baited and poison-baited according to the Ministry Inspector's advice.

During the year the Council accepted on repayment, the control of rats and mice in the County Council's Schools within the district. This system has proved economic, only one infestation of mice in a canteen requiring attention.

One man was employed part-time (20 hours per week) on rodent destruction work, and the rat population was kept at a low level.

Number of visits of part-time rodent operative (Inspections and Treatment)	615
Infestations reported and eradicated	75
Baits laid (including prebaiting)	177
Sewer manholes test-baited	30
Sewer manholes poison-baited	36

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The Council maintained a weekly collection of house refuse throughout the year and also removed trade refuse. This work was under the control of the Council's Surveyor. One 'Karrier' 10 cubic yardside-loading covered lorry was used for refuse collection and a driver and four assistants were employed on this vehicle.

It is estimated that 3,800 tons of house and trade refuse were disposed of during the year. The Tip at Wide Street was maintained free from rats, by being regularly baited. This latter work was also checked by the Divisional Rodent Inspector from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food.

LICENSED PREMISES

The improvement of licensed premises commenced after the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955 continued and fourteen visits to check progress were made.

One further extension of sanitary accommodation resulted. At the end of the year only one licensed premises had no separate sanitary accommodation for ladies. This has since been remedied.

HOUSES LET IN LODGINGS

Under the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, thirty-five visits were made to houses let in lodgings. Due to the increase of Admiralty Staff in the area, much sub-letting occurred.

Inspections of furnished accommodation continued and resulted in two informal notices which were complied with.

UN SOUND FOOD VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED AND DISPOSED OF

<u>Food</u>	<u>No. of containers</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Cake	3	2 lbs.
Soup	9	6½ lbs.
Milk	2	3 lbs.
Tomatoes	29	23½ lbs.
Peas	4	3½ lbs.
Cherries	15	9½ lbs.
Beetroot	1	8 ozs.
Beans	4	3 lbs.
Pudding mixture	3	¾ lb.
Oranges	7	5 lbs.
Prunes	16	8 lbs.
Pineapple	14	25½ lbs.
Rice	1	1½ lbs.
Cream	2	1 lb.
Grapefruit	2	2½ lbs.
Peaches	19	12 lbs.
Coffee	2	1 lb.
Apricots	3	4½ lbs.
Jam	2	3 lbs.
Butter	1	1 lb.
Meat	16	41½ lbs.
Fish	5	4 lbs.
Pears	9	13½ lbs.

Condemned Food. Condemned Food is collected by Council transport after voluntary surrender has been agreed to in writing and is disposed of at the Council's Tip.

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS ETC.

Sanitary Defects, Nuisances investigated ...	80
Visits to verminous premises ...	30
Premises disinfested by Local Authority ...	30
Premises disinfested by Local Authority ...	12
Investigating Infectious Diseases ...	18
Visits to houses owned by Local Authority...	38
Visits to aged and infirm persons ...	19
Housing Survey Inspections ...	51
Investigating overcrowding or unsatisfactory conditions ...	45
Structural Defects and disrepair found ...	68
Interviews with owners, agents etc. ...	94
Dangerous or dilapidated structures ...	4
Notices issued or action taken ...	4
Smoke nuisances ...	2
Remedied after informal notice ...	2
Interviews with contractors ...	103
Revisits ...	107
Butchers' Shops and Meat Preparation Rooms ...	28
Bakehouses ...	20

Council house applicants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
Taxi inspections...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Provision Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Fish Fryers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Cafe and Hotel Kitchens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Canteens (including 3 school canteens)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Ice Cream premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Offices inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
School Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
School drainage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Pet Animals Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Shops for the purposes of Shops Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Milk Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Routine drinking water samples for bacteriological examination	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Waterworks visited re sampling	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Inspections of factories and workplaces	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	98
Petroleum Installations - Tests	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Factories re fire certificates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Petroleum Installations - Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Other matters in Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Visits re animals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Inspector's visits re rodents	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Visits to refuse tip	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Tip sprayed for flies etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Tip baited for rodents	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Complaints re refuse collection, dustbins etc. investigated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Visits to Caravan and camping sites	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Pig sties	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Cess-pools and Septic Tanks inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Septic Tank removed and drains connected to sewer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Houses let in lodgings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	173
Scrap Metal Dealers visited	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Drainage Inspections and tests:-								
Smoke	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Colour	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Water	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	98
Visits re drains	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	139
Quarries inspected for accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Quarries' fences inspected for danger	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Drains or sewers cleared	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	122
Food disposal certificates issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Matters reported to Food & Drugs Authority with prosecutions resulting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Visits re unsound foods	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Informal visits under Rent Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Certificates of Disrepair recommended	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Public Health Acts & Housing Acts:-								
Notices served - Informal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62
Formal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Notices complied - Informal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62
Formal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Total number of inspections made (By Public Health Inspector)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,664

