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To the Chairman and Members of the Port Sanitary Authority.

Sir,

I have the honour to present my report of the work of the Port Sanitary Authority of Portsmouth during the year 1946.

The total number of foreign and coastwise ships entering the port last year shows a marked decrease as compared with the previous year.

There were no cases of infectious disease reported in the area during the year.

I desire to express my thanks to the King's Harbour Master and to H.M. Collector of Customs and staff for their cordial co-operation and valuable assistance during the year.

It is again my pleasure to record my appreciation of the excellent service readily and willingly given me by the Port Sanitary Inspector.

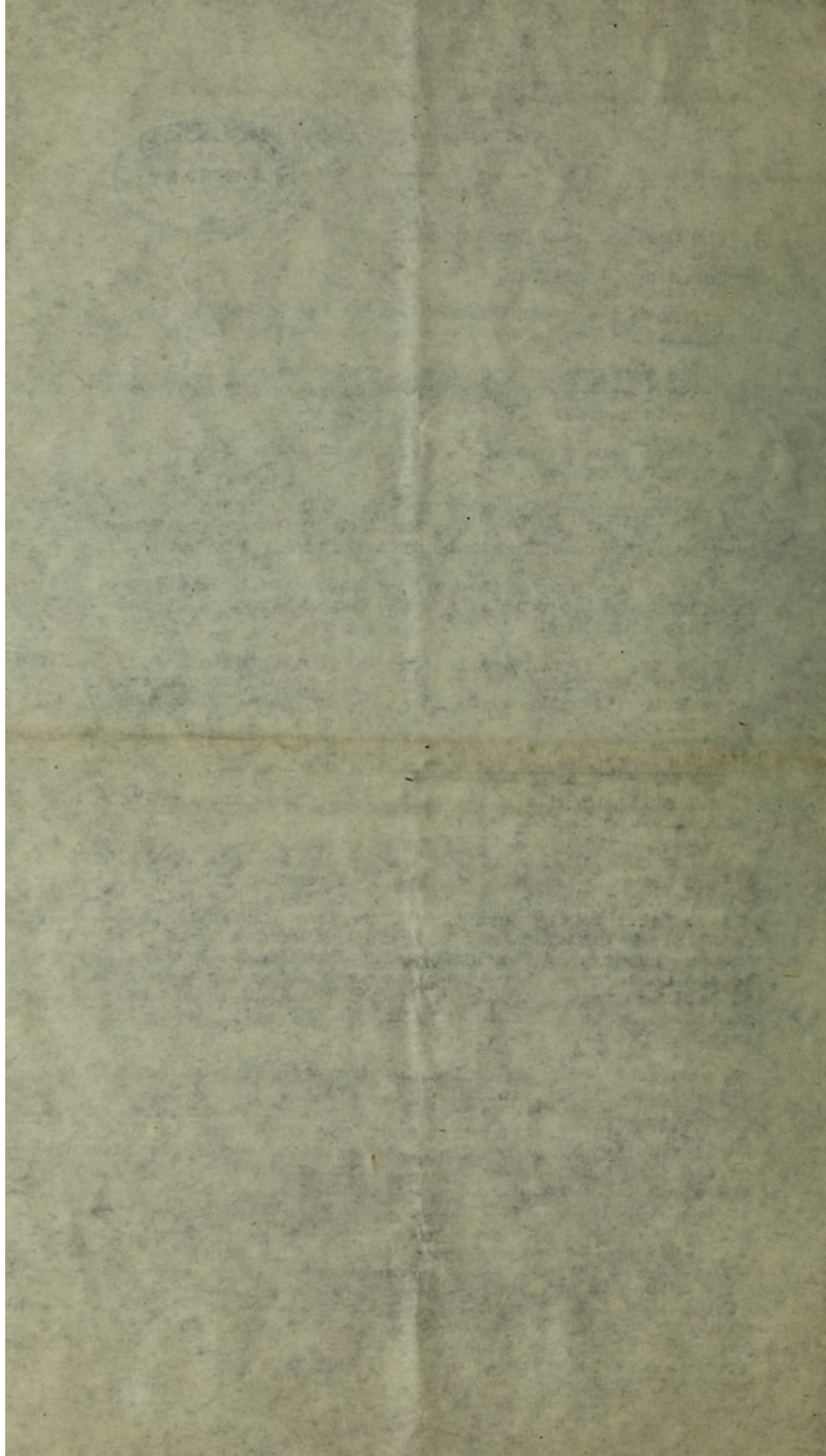
To the Chairman and Members of the Portsmouth Port Sanitary Authority my thanks are due for their unfailing sympathy and support in all matters relating to Port Sanitation throughout the year.

JURISDICTION OF THE PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.

The limits of the jurisdiction of the Port Sanitary Authority are as follows:-

"So much of the Port of Portsmouth as lies to the east of a line drawn due south from the most southerly point of the pier of the L. & S.W. Railway Co. at Stokes Bay to a point 50° 46' N. lat.; to the west of a line drawn due south to the same parallel of latitude from the south eastern extremity of the common boundary of the Parishes of Havant and Warblington; and to the north of a line drawn due west along the same parallel of latitude from the point at which the line lastly hereinbefore mentioned meets the said parallel to the point secondly hereinbefore mentioned.

Together with the waters of the said Port of Portsmouth within such limits, and the place which may from time to time be appointed for the Customs Boarding Station for such part of the said Port, and the place which may from time to time be appointed for the mooring and anchoring of ships for such part of the said Port, under any Regulations for the prevention of the spread of diseases issued under the Authority of the Statutes in that behalf, and the place which may from time to time be appointed, with our Consent, for the mooring or anchoring of any floating hospital provided by the said Sanitary Authority; and, for the purpose of any such Regulations as aforesaid, shall also extend to any ship which, in pursuance thereof, or of any directions given thereunder, shall be moored or anchored at the place appointed thereunder as aforesaid, or which shall be on its way thither, together with the docks, quays, wharves, rivers, creeks, streams, channels, roads, bays and harbours within the aforesaid limits."



I. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT DURING THE YEAR.TABLE A.

Num- ber	Tonnage	Number Inspected			Number reported to be defective	Number of vessels on which defects were remedied	Number of Vessels reported as having or having had, during the voyage infectious disease on board
		By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Sanit- ary Inspect- or				
<u>FOREIGN</u>							
(Steamers	31	12,701	1	26	9	9	0
(Motor							
Sailing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fishing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>COASTWISE</u>							
(Steamers	440	199,908	0	197	59	59	0
(Motor							
Sailing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fishing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total							
Foreign	471	212,609	1	223	68	68	0
& Coast- wise							

II. CHARACTER OF TRADE OF PORT.

There was no passenger traffic during the year.

CARGO TRAFFIC. The Principal imports were coal, cement, stone, oil, timber and general cargo traffic from France, Sweden, Belgium, Holland, Finland and Norway.

III. SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY.

The water used in the Docks is supplied by the Portsmouth Water Company. Vessels in dock are supplied from hydrants on the quay from the same source. There is one water boat ("Eclair") in use; it is in good sanitary condition, and periodically inspected.

With regard to the supply of drinking water to ships arriving at and leaving the port, the following precautions are taken before water is supplied.

When the water is turned on it is allowed to run through the hydrants for a while and then the hose is connected and the water allowed to run through the hose in the same way. When the quantity of water needed has been supplied the hose is disconnected, the water allowed to run through, and the hose replaced in the store, where it is locked up safely. The hydrants are locked and covered up also, and the area in the vicinity of the hydrants and hose pipes is kept scrupulously clean by washing down.

IV. PORT HEALTH REGULATIONS, 1933.

1. Arrangements for dealing with Declarations of Health.

Declarations of Health, which must be filled in and signed by the Master of every ship arriving from a foreign port are obtained -

- (a) in respect of vessels from non-infected ports, by the Customs Officer, who forwards them to the Port Medical Officer.
- (b) in respect of vessels from infected ports by the Port Medical Officer. Vessels are visited in dock by the Port Sanitary Inspector as soon as possible after docking.

2. Telegraphic address.

To avoid delay in notifying inward vessels requiring special attention, the telegraphic address "Portelth" suggested by the Ministry of Health, has been adopted by the Port Sanitary Authority.

3. Mooring Stations.

Under Article 10 of the Port Health Regulations, 1933, the following mooring stations have been established, with the concurrence of the Kings' Harbour Master and the Commissioners of Customs and Excise; these were subject to variation by the Commander in Chief, owing to war conditions.

(a) OUTER MOORING STATION.

An area about half a mile north-west of Mother of Bank Spit.

(b) INNER MOORING STATION.

The upper reaches of Portsmouth Harbour.

This agreement is subject to the following understandings:

(1) That the mooring place referred to at (a) above is for ships with cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus fever or smallpox on board, and that at (b) for all other unhealthy ships not within a standing exemption.

(2) That a standing exemption from detention under Article 14 has been granted by the Medical Officer of the Port Sanitary Authority in respect of any ship which -

(i) has called at a port or seaboard included in the weekly return of infected or suspected ports or seabords, but reports "all well" during the voyage, or arrives with no sickness on board, unless a written notice to the contrary has been delivered to the Customs Officer by or on behalf of the Medical Officer of the Port Sanitary Authority.

(ii) has on board a case of minor infectious disorder, namely, chickenpox, measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, enteric fever, erysipelas, malaria, dysentery, pneumonia, tuberculosis, mumps or cerebro-spinal fever.

(3) That when necessary the Port Sanitary Authority will convey the Customs Officers to the mooring place referred to as (a) above, free of expense to the Crown.

4. Arrangements for dealing with cases of Infectious Diseases etc.

Cases of dangerous infectious disease are removed to the smallpox hospital at Elson, or to the City Infectious Diseases Hospital.

All other cases of infectious disease are removed to the City Infectious Diseases Hospital by means of the Corporation Motor Ambulance Service.

Contacts of Infectious Diseases Cases.

(a) Living in the City. If not removed to hospital they are kept under observation by the Sanitary Inspector.

(b) Proceeding to an address outside the City. The Medical Officer of Health of the place of destination is advised.

A consulting room and waiting room are available at the docks for medical examination.

Personnel and clothing are disinfected at the Infectious Diseases Hospital. Provision can be made for the temporary accommodation of persons who may have to be detained pending further examination.

Arrangements are made at the Venereal Diseases Clinic, Saint Mary's Hospital, for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal diseases among sailors.

TABLE C.

There were no cases of infectious diseases landed from vessels.

TABLE D.

There were no cases of infectious disease occurring upon the voyage but disposed of prior to the vessel's arrival.

V. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS.

All vessels arriving from abroad are examined periodically by the Port Sanitary Inspector. Rats are caught periodically on the quays, wharves, warehouses, etc., in the vicinity of the Port, per Table F. A Trained rat-catcher is employed.

When necessary rat guards are placed on ropes between ships and the quays. The Port is not approved for the deratisation of ships.

RATS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR (In vessels)

TABLE E.

<u>Number of Rats</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Black	30
Brown	-
Species not recorded	-
Examined	-
Infected with Plague	-

4. Arrangements for dealing with cases of infection.

Cases of infectious diseases are reported to the smallest hospital at which, up to the City Infectious Diseases Hospital.

All other cases of infectious diseases are reported to the City Infectious Diseases Hospital by means of the Central Infectious Diseases Service.

Contacts of Infectious Diseases Cases.

(a) Living in the City. If not removed to hospital they are kept under observation by the Sanitary Inspector.

(b) Proceeding to an address outside the City. The Medical Officer at Health of the place of destination is advised.

A consulting room and waiting room are available at the Office for Medical Consultation.

Personnel and clothing are disinfected at the Infectious Diseases Hospital. Provision can be made for the temporary accommodation of persons who may have to be detained pending further examination.

Arrangements are made at the Venereal Diseases Clinic, Saint Mary's Hospital, for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal diseases under advice.

7. VESICULAE

There were no cases of infectious diseases landed from Vesicula.

8. VESICULAE

There were no cases of infectious diseases occurring upon the voyage but diagnosed at arrival in the vessel's arrival.

9. VESICULAE

All vesiculae arriving from Vesicula are examined thoroughly by the Port Sanitary Inspector. Tests are carried out on the day, tissues, when possible, are in the vicinity of the Port, but later. A special inspector is employed.

When necessary, test results are placed on report between ships and the quay. The test is approved for the disinfection of ships.

10. VESICULAE

(In Vesicula)

TABLE 1.

Number of Cases		Total
Black	10	10
Brown	10	10
Specimen not examined	10	10
Examined	10	10
Infected at Vesicula	10	10

TABLE I.

RATS DESTROYED IN DOCKS, QUAYS, WHARVES, WAREHOUSES

<u>Number of Rats</u>	<u>Total</u>
Black	7
Brown	36
Species not recorded	-
Examined	-
Infected with Plague	-

VI. HYGIENE OF CARGO SPACES.

TABLE J.

<u>Nationality of Vessel</u>	<u>No. Inspected during year</u>	<u>Defects of original construction</u>	<u>Structural defects through wear and tear</u>	<u>Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health</u>
British	197	-	-	59
Other Nations	26	-	-	9

VII. FOOD INSPECTION.

The importations of foodstuffs are small in amount, these being chiefly potatoes, vegetables, butter, margarine, bacon, flour and wheat. During the year no adverse reports were made by the Veterinary Officer and Food Inspector.

Shell-fish - There is no oyster-laying within the area of the Port Health Authority.

During the year no action was taken under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937, the Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food) Regulations, 1925 to 1940, and the Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations, 1926, the Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations, 1934, and the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 (Section 39).

The number of livestock landed at the docks from the Isle of Wight was 277 (Horses 111, Cattle 106, Calves 4, Sheep 50 and Pigs 6). During the inspections of livestock no clinical evidence of the existence of any contagious or notifiable diseases was found.

I have the honour to be, Mesdames & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A.B. WILLIAMSON, M.D.,

Medical Officer of Health,
City and Port of Portsmouth.

20th March, 1947.

Station	Time	Remarks
1st	10:00	Departure
2nd	10:15	Arrival
3rd	10:30	Departure
4th	10:45	Arrival
5th	11:00	Departure
6th	11:15	Arrival
7th	11:30	Departure
8th	11:45	Arrival
9th	12:00	Departure
10th	12:15	Arrival
11th	12:30	Departure
12th	12:45	Arrival
13th	13:00	Departure
14th	13:15	Arrival
15th	13:30	Departure
16th	13:45	Arrival
17th	14:00	Departure
18th	14:15	Arrival
19th	14:30	Departure
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22nd	15:15	Arrival
23rd	15:30	Departure
24th	15:45	Arrival
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26th	16:15	Arrival
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28th	16:45	Arrival
29th	17:00	Departure
30th	17:15	Arrival
31st	17:30	Departure
32nd	17:45	Arrival
33rd	18:00	Departure
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36th	18:45	Arrival
37th	19:00	Departure
38th	19:15	Arrival
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73rd	04:00	Departure
74th	04:15	Arrival
75th	04:30	Departure
76th	04:45	Arrival
77th	05:00	Departure
78th	05:15	Arrival
79th	05:30	Departure
80th	05:45	Arrival
81st	06:00	Departure
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83rd	06:30	Departure
84th	06:45	Arrival
85th	07:00	Departure
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90th	08:15	Arrival
91st	08:30	Departure
92nd	08:45	Arrival
93rd	09:00	Departure
94th	09:15	Arrival
95th	09:30	Departure
96th	09:45	Arrival
97th	10:00	Departure
98th	10:15	Arrival
99th	10:30	Departure
100th	10:45	Arrival

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