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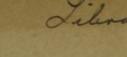
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CITY OF PORTSHOUTH





PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Public Health Department, 1 Western Parade, Portmouth,

To the Chairman and Members of the Port Health Authority.

Ledies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Report on the work of the Port Health Authority of Portsmouth during the year 1960.

SECTION I - STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Hature of appointment	Date of appointment	Qualifi- cations	Any other Appointment hold
	Port Medical Officer of Health			Medical Officer of Health and Principal School Medical Officer, City of Portamouth.
W.F. APPLETON	Chief Fort Health Inspector	1.1.52	F. R. S. H. , F. A. P. H. I.	Chief Public Health Inspector, City of Portamouth.

Address and Telephone Rumber of the Medical Officer of Health:

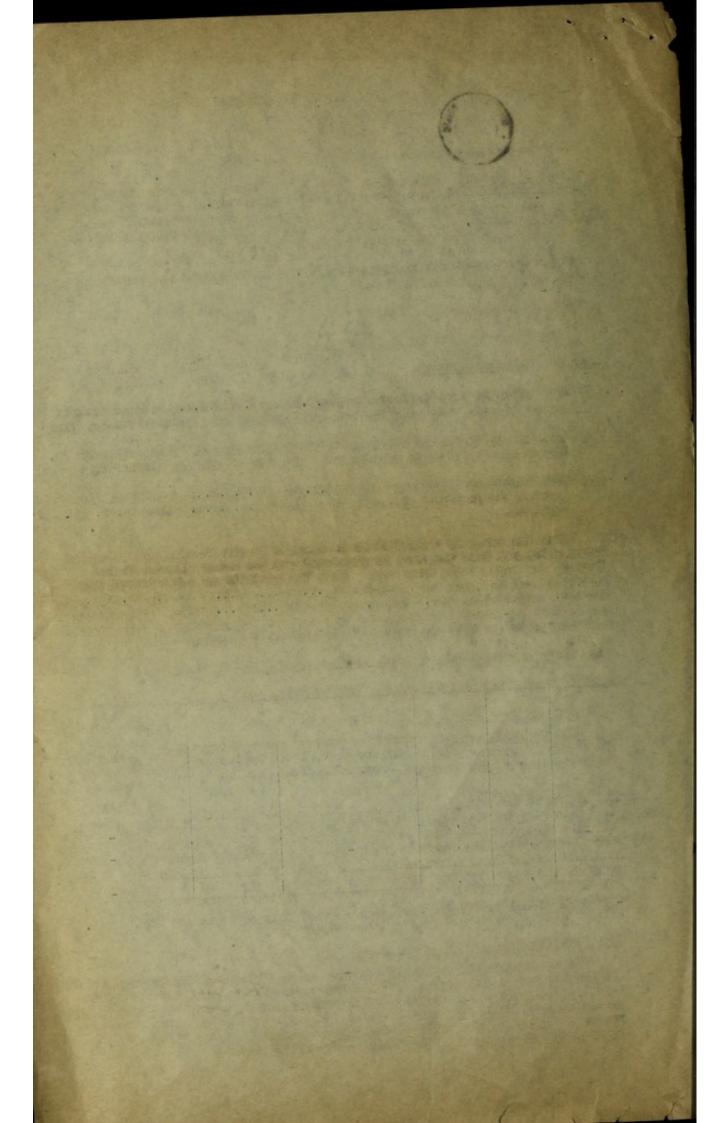
Official: 1 WESTERN PARADE, PORTSHOUTH 22251, Ext. 144.
Private: 73 HAVANT ROAD, COSHAM, PORTSHOUTH ... 76182

SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THIS DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tomage	Number Inspe	Number of ships reported as having,	
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Health Inspector	or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
Foreign Ports	408	99,064	2	59	- 10
Coastwise	4,885	896,445	W 1000	88	
TOTAL	5,293	995,509	2	147	

[#] Includes local traffic between Southempton, Inle of Wight and Portamouth.



SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

There was no passenger traffic during the year.

Carpo Traffic. The principal imports were coal, cement, stone, oil, timber, glassware, building materials, tomatoes, onions, potatoes, cauliflower, citrus fruits, apples, pears, peaches, muts, chocolate and general cargo traffic, from France, Italy, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Sweden, Finland, Norway, North Africa, Spain and Channel Islands.

The principal exports were pitch, machinery, scrap iron, fertilisers, oxide, barley and general cargo.

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

There is no inland barge traffic.

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

- (1) The water used in the Docks is supplied by the Portsmouth and Gosport Water Company. Vessels in dock are supplied from hydrants on the cury.
- (2) Samples are taken periodically by the Public Analyst of the City of Portsmouth and reports submitted to the Medical Officer of Health.
- (3) 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 hydrents 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 hydrents are locked and covered up also, and the area in the vicinity of the hydrents and hose pipes is kept scrupulously clean by weahing down.

(4) There are two Admiralty water-boats, controlled by them.

SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) RECULATIONS, 1952

(1) List of Infected Areas

The weekly Ministry of Health record of quarantinable diseases is supplied to the Port Medical Officer of Health, the Chief Port Health Inspector and the Chief Preventive Officer, H.H. Customs and Excise.

(2) Redio Messages

The telegraphic address "Fortelth", suggested by the Ministry of Health, has been adopted by the Fort Health Authority for radio communication between them and shipping entering the district. The master of a ship equipped with a radio transmitting apparatus must, if there are any circumstances on board requiring the attention of the Medical Officer, send a wireless message to "Fortelth", Fortsmouth, stating the name of his vessel and the time on the 24-hour clock she is expected to arrive. This message must be sent off not more than 12 hours and not less than 4 hours before the arrival of the ship.

(3) Notifications otherwise than by Radio

The master of a ship not fitted with a radio transmitting apparatus must notify the Fort Health Authority, whenever practicable, before arrival and otherwise ismediately on arrival, of any circumstances requiring the attention of the Medical Officer. International flag signals may be used for this purpose. These messages would normally be received by an officer of H.M. Customs and transmitted to the Medical Officer of Health.

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- (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 Portmouth 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 examption.
- (2) That a standing exemption from detention has been granted by the Medical Officer of the Port Health Authority in respect of any ship which -
 - (1) has called at a port or seaboard included in the weekly return of infected or suspected ports or seaboards, 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 Health Authority.
 - (11) has on board a case of minor infectious disorder, namely, chickenpox, measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, enteric fever, erysipelas, malaria, dysentery, pneusonia, tuberculosis, numps or cerebrospinal fever.
- (3) That when necessary the Fort Health Authority will convey the Customs officers to the mooring place referred to as (a) above, free of expense to the Crown.

(5) Arrengements for -

- (a) Hospital accommodation. Cases of infectious diseases are removed to Priorsdean Hospital by means of the Municipal Ambulance Service.
- (b) Surveillance. Contacts of infectious diseases cases:
 - (i) Living in the City. If not removed to hospital they are kept under observation by the public health inspector.
 - (ii) Proceeding to an address outside the City. The Medical Officer of Health of the place of destination is advised.

 Accommodation is available at the docks for the medical examination of suspected cases if necessary.
- (c) Cleansing and Disinfection. Personnel and clothing are disinfected at Priorsdean Hospital. Provision can be made for the temporary accommodation of persons who may have to be detained pending examination. Cleansing of ships is carried out by the disinfecting staff of the Health Department.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

- (1) Cases of smallpox are at present removed to the smallpox hospital at Crebwood, near Winchester, but in the near future this hospital will be superseded by Weyhill Hospital, near Andover.
- (2) Cases are conveyed by the Portsmouth Municipal Ambulance Service, the vaccinal state of the ambulance crows being: 30 vaccinated in 1960, 1 in 1958, 5 in 1957, 3 in 1955, 10 not known.

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- (3) The smallpox consultant is Dr. I.M. McLechlan, Physician Superintendent, Priorsdean Hospital, Portsmouth (Tel. 22351).
- (4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox exist, by arrangement with the Portsmouth and Isle of Wight Area Pathological Service, at the Central Laboratory, Priorsdean Hospital, Portsmouth.

SECTION VIII - VEIGEREAL DISEASE

Confidential treatment can be obtained free at Ward C.2, Saint Mary's Hospital, Milton Road, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 5 to 7 p.m. (no appointment needed). In-patient accommodation is available at one of the general hospitals in the City. Cards giving the above information regarding out-patient treatment are supplied by the Medical Officer of Health to the Harbour Master for distribution to shipping entering the Port.

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS

TABLE D

Catogory	Disease Number of during the			Rubor	
		Passengers	Czrew	of ships concorned	
Cases landed from ships from foreign					
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports, but have been disposed of before arrival					
Cases landed from other ships			-		

SECTION X - OPSERVATIONS ON THE OCCUPRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

No malaria occurred in ships during the year.

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLACEE

No plague or suspected plague occurred in ships during the year.

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM PUREIGN PORTS

- (1) Vessels arriving from abroad are examined periodically by the Port Health Inspector. Rat disinfestation is carried out by the Rodent Control Section of the Health Department in the port area.
- (2) Basteriological or pathological examination of rodents can be carried out at the Central Laboratory, Priorsdean Hospital; none was examined during the year.
- (3) The Port is not approved for the deratting of ships and, by agreement with Southempton Fort Health Authority, this is undertaken by them.

 12 deratting examption certificates were issued during the year.
- (4) When necessary, rat guards are placed on ropes between ships and quaye.

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TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports:

Cateroxy							Runber
Black rats							*
Brown rats		***	***	***	***		
Species not known	***				***		
Sent for exemination	***			***	***	***	
Infected with plague				***	***		W. 100

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Examption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

(Not applicable)

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G Inspections and Notices

Nature and Number	Notices	Result of	
of Inspections	Statutory Notices Other Notice		serving Notices
Princry 84	- 75	33	31 complied with
Others 63		-	
Total 147		33	31 complied with

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELLFISH) RECKLATIONS, 1934 and 1948

There are no shellfish layings within the area of the Port Health Authority.

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS (APPLICABLE ONLY TO PORTS APPROVED FOR THE LANDING OF ALIENS)

(Not applicable)

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

No special arrangements, other than those made by the shipping agents, exist at present for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease.

I desire to express my thanks to the Queen's Harbour Master and H.M. Collector of Customs and their staff for their cordial co-operation and valuable assistance during the year, and to record my appreciation of the excellent service rendered by the Chief Port Health Inspector.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Medical Officer of Health, City and Port of Portsmouth.

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