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BOROUGH OF RAMSGATE.

ANNUAL REPORT 1955 - PORT HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.

SECTION I - STAFF.

Name of officer. Nature of appointment. Qualifications.

Cargin, H.M. Medical Officer of Health. Appointed March 1950 M.D., D.P.H.

Address. Public Health Department, Health Centre, Newington Road, Ramsgate. Phone Thanet 53542.

Home address.

11 Brockenhurst Road, Ramsgate. Phone Thanet 52981.

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

Ships from	Number.	Tonnage	No. inspected		No. reported as having, or having had during voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By MCH	By S.I.	
Foreign Ports	554	14737	-	12	-
Coastwise	799	25667	-	2	-
TOTAL	1353	40404	-	14	-

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE.

Passenger Traffic. Number of passengers INWARDS - 5
Number of passengers OUTWARDS - nil.

Cargo Traffic. Principal IMPORTS. General Cargoes, Timber and Wheat.

Principal EXPORTS. Scrap Metal.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive.

Maasluis, Gruvon, Rotterdam and Dunkirk.

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC.

NONE.

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY.

(1) Source of supply.

(a) For district.

Rain falling on an agricultural and sparsely populated area. Filtration through soil, sand and fissures in chalk to adits, thence to deep wells.

(b) For shipping.

Water for shipping is obtained from the town mains.

(2) Reports of tests for contamination.

Three samples are obtained by the Public Health Department each month, two from the adits of untreated water, and one from the mains of treated water, and these are submitted to the County Laboratories for bacteriological examination. In addition, one sample is submitted each quarter to the Public Analyst.

All results during 1955 showed that there was no evidence of sewage contamination.

(3) Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes.

Hoses used for shipping are stored in a closed barrow and flushed before use.

(4) Water Boats.

None in use.

SECTION VI. PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS 1952.(1) List of infected areas.

Close liaison is maintained between H.M. Customs and the Public Health Department, and information would be given should the Customs Officer have reason to believe that a ship was arriving from a foreign port named in the weekly list.

(2) Radio Messages.

The port has not been declared a Radio Transmitting Port under Regulation 12.

(3) Notifications otherwise than by Radio.

Notification is first received by H.M. Customs Officer, who in turn immediately forwards the information to Medical Officer of Health. All Declarations of Health are dealt with in this manner.

(4) Mooring Stations.

Proposals submitted to H.M. Customs and Harbour Authorities in 1935 are still in force, and are as follows :-

(a) Mooring Station within docks - the place of mooring, discharge or loading, the ship being shored off from the quay and so moored as to prevent contact with any other ship.

(b) Mooring Station outside docks - the outer middle ground bouy in the outer basin of the harbour in bad weather. In good weather, the Ramsgate Roads.

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(5) Arrangements for -(a) Hospital accomodation.

Cases of infectious disease, other than smallpox, accomodated at Isolation Hospital, Haine, Ramsgate, under control of Isle of Thanet Hospital Management Committee, S.E. Regional Hospital Board.

(b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts.

Contacts proceeding out of the area - Would be advised to report to the Medical Officer of Health of the district of their destination, and confirmation sent by this Department.

Local contents would be dealt with by this Department.

(c) Cleansing and Disinfection etc.

The services of the Disinfection Staff of this Department would be available, and all clothing etc. dealt with at the Disinfecting Station.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX.(1) Name of Isolation Hospital.

The Rivers Hospital (Long Reach), Dartford.

(2) Transport.

By Kent County Council Ambulance Service.

(3) Consultant.

Dr. Rex Fletcher,
30 Cheriton Gardens,
FOLKESTONE.

(4) Laboratory Diagnosis.

Central Public Health Laboratories, Colindale N.W.9.

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE.

No international arrangements are in operation. Posters stating location and time of the V.D. Clinic held at Margate General Hospital are displayed in all public conveniences.

The days and times of clinics are :-

Men - Tuesday and Fridays 11 - 12 noon.
Women - Tuesday and Fridays 10 - 11 a.m.

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

NIL.

(5) Laboratory

(a) Hospital Examination

Cases of infectious diseases, other than smallpox, accompanied by lesions on Hospital Examination, under control of the State Health Department, and under control of the State Health Department, and under control of the State Health Department.

(b) Laboratory Examination

As stated previously, the two main laboratories are the State Health Department and the State Health Department, and the results of their examination are sent by this Department.

Local control will be held by this Department.

(c) Clinical and Pathological

The services of the Division of Staff of this Department shall be available, and all of the staff will be at the Division of Staff.

SECTION VII - SUMMARY

(1) How the Laboratory

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SECTION IX - SUMMARY

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SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA.

NONE.

SECTION XI - MEASURES AGAINST PLAGUE.

NONE.

SECTION XII- MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS
FROM FOREIGN PORTS.(1) Procedure for inspection.

All ships from foreign ports are normally inspected by the Sanitary Inspector. The services of the Rodent Operator are available if required.

(2) Arrangements for bacteriological examination.

It has not been found necessary to make special arrangements.

(3) De-ratting.	}	The Port is not a designated approved port nor an approved port.
(4) Rat Proofing.		
Table E.		
Table F.		

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.TABLE G.

<u>Nature and number of inspections.</u>	<u>Notices served :-</u>		<u>Result.</u>
	<u>Statutory</u>	<u>Other</u>	
Routine inspections by Sanitary Inspector:-	14	-	-

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELLFISH) REGULATIONS 1934 & 1948.

The Pegwell Bay (Shellfish) Regulations have been in operation since December 1925. These Regulations prohibit the sale of cockles taken from a prescribed area in Pegwell Bay until they have been subjected to sterilisation by steam under pressure for at least six minutes, the sterilisation must be carried out by the Local Authority or in a manner approved by the Medical Officer of Health,

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS.

Not applicable.

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS.

There are no arrangements in operation for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease. Should such an eventuality arise, all arrangements would be carried out by the Local Authority under the personal supervision of the Medical Officer of Health.

J. W. Cargill
Medical Officer of Health.

12th January 1956.

SECTION I - GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF INVESTIGATION

NOTE

SECTION II - INVESTIGATION OF CASES

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SECTION III - INVESTIGATION OF CASES

(1) Procedure for investigation.
All cases from foreign ports are normally investigated by the sanitary inspector. The services of the Robert Gossard are available if required.

(2) Arrangements for bacteriological examination.

It has not been found necessary to make special arrangements.

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| (3) Deputing. | { | The Port is not a designated port. |
| (4) Not Investigated. | | |
| Table 1. | | Port. |
| Table 2. | | |

SECTION III - INVESTIGATION OF CASES FOR HUSBANDS

TABLE 1

Nature and number of investigations.	Investigation	Result
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Routine investigations

by sanitary inspectors:-

SECTION XIV - INVESTIGATION OF CASES (HUSBANDS) INVESTIGATION 1934 & 1935

The Robert Gossard (Husband) investigations have been in operation since December 1933. These investigations provide the rate of infection from a given area in Robert Gossard until they have been subjected to examination by steam under pressure for at least six minutes. The examination must be carried out by the local authority or in a room approved by the Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION XV - INVESTIGATION OF CASES

Not applicable.

SECTION XVI - INVESTIGATION

There are no arrangements in connection with the Robert Gossard on shore of persons who have died on board ship. Investigations should be carried out by the local authority under the general supervision of the Medical Officer of Health.

H. W. Cooper

Medical Officer of Health