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BOROUGH OF RAMSGATE

ANNUAL REPORT 1965 - PORT HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.

SECTION I - STAFF

<u>Name of officer.</u>	<u>Nature of appointment.</u>	<u>Qualifications</u>
BROCKLEHURST, G.L.	Medical Officer of Health. Date of appointment 1st April, 1962.	M.D., D.P.H.
Address:	Public Health Department, Municipal Buildings, Ramsgate.	Telephone - Thanet 53311.

SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

<u>Ships from</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Tonnage.</u>	<u>No. inspected</u>	<u>No. reported as having</u>
			<u>By MOH. By PHI.</u>	<u>or having had during</u>
				<u>voyage, infectious</u>
				<u>disease on board.</u>
Foreign ports	999	109,375	-	14
Coastwise	1,278	8,000	-	-
TOTAL	2,277	117,375	-	14

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE

Passenger traffic: Number of passengers inwards 32,725

Number of passengers outwards 32,720

Cargo traffic:

Principal Imports - Motor vehicles, timber, wheat
and fertilizer.

Principal Exports - Motor vehicles and spares.

Principal ports from which ships arrive:

Passenger traffic - Day Trips Calais, Boulogne & Dunkirk.

Motor Vehicles - Antwerp and Emden.

Wheat and Fertilizer - Rotterdam, Amsterdam and Antwerp.

Timber - Baltic ports.

Yachts - Ostend, Calais and near continental ports.

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

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

All results 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(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 the Medical Officer of Health. All Declarations of Health are dealt with in this manner.

(4) Mooring Stations

Proposals submitted by 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 of 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 buoy in the outer basin of the harbour in bad weather. In good weather, the Ramsgate Roads.

(5) Arrangements for -(a) Hospital accommodation

Cases of infectious disease, other than Smallpox, accommodated at Haine Hospital, Ramsgate, under control of Isle of Thanet Hospital Management Committee.

(d) Shipping.

Water for drinking is obtained from the town water.

(2) Preparation of food for consumption

Four samples are obtained by the Public Health Department each month, two from the city of untreated water, and two from the city of treated water, and these are submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination. In addition, one sample is submitted each quarter to the Public Analyst for chemical analysis.

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

(3) Precautions taken against contamination of food and beverages

Meat used for shipping was stored in a closed barrel and finished before use.

(4) Water Supply

None in use.

SECTION VI. PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIP) REGULATIONS(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) Notification of arrivals from by Radio

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

(4) Working Station

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

(a) Working Station within docks - the place of working, storage of loading, the ship being moved off from the quay and so moved as to prevent contact with any other ship.

(b) Working Station outside docks - the outer while ground bay in the outer basin of the harbour is bad weather. In good weather, the Harbour Roads.

(5) Arrangements for(a) Medical accommodation

Cases of infectious diseases, other than diphtheria, accommodated at H.M. Hospital, H.M. Prison, under control of the H.M. Prison Medical Management Committee.

(●) 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 contacts would be dealt with by this Department.

(c) Cleansing and Disinfection etc.

The services of the Disinfecting 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 River Hospital, Joyce Green, Dartford.

(2) Transport

By Kent County Council Ambulance Service.

(3) Consultant

Not yet appointed.

(4) Laboratory Diagnosis

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

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE

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

The day and times of clinics are :-

Fridays: Females 10 - 11 a.m.

Males 11 a.m. - 12 noon.

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

NIL.

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON OCCURRENCES OF MALARIA

NONE.

SECTION XI - MEASURES AGAINST PLAGUE

NONE.

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 contacts would be dealt with by this Department.

(c) Quarantine and disinfection etc.

The services of the Disinfecting 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 River Hospital, Joyce Green, Dursley.

(2) Transport

By Kent County Council Ambulance Service.

(3) Consultant

Not yet appointed.

(4) Laboratory Elements

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

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE

No international arrangements are in operation. Patients seeking out location and that of the V.D. Clinic held at Margate Women's Hospital are displayed in public conveniences.

The day and time of clinics are :-

Fridays: Females 10 - 11 a.m.

Males 11 a.m. - 12 noon.

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NIL.

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON OCCURRENCES OF MALARIA

NONE.

SECTION XI - MEASURES AGAINST PLAGUE

NONE.

SECTION XIII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN
SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

(1) Procedure for inspection

All ships from foreign ports are normally inspected by the Public Health 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.

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|-------------------|---|---|
| (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.

Nature and number of inspections.	Statutory.	Notices served:		Result.
		Other.		
Routine inspections by P.H. Inspectors 14	-	-	-	-

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELLFISH) REGULATIONS 1934 and 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.

[Signature]
Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Department,
Municipal Buildings,
RAMSGATE.

18th January, 1966.

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All ships from foreign ports are normally inspected by the Public Health Inspector. The services of the Public Health Inspector are available if required.

(2) Arrangements for bacteriological examination

It has not been found necessary to make special arrangements.

- (3) De-testing
(4) Rat proofing.
Table A.
Table B.
- The port is not a designated approved port for an approved port.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR MICE. TABLE 3.

Nature and number of inspections.	Statutory.	Other.	Result.
Routine inspections by P.H. Inspectors in -	-	-	-

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPPING) REGULATIONS 1917 and 1925

The Fowling Bay (Shanghai) Regulations have been in operation since December 1925. These Regulations provide the sale of cockles taken from a prescribed area in Fowling 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 diseases. 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.

Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Department,
Municipal Buildings,
HAWKESBURY.

18th January, 1926.