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BOROUGH AND PORT OF SANDWICH.Port Health Report - 1953.

In accordance with Form Port 20 this report only shows changes occurring during 1953 and figures concerning shipping etc.

I Staff: No change.

II

Ships From	No.	Tonnage	Inspections		I.D. on Board
			M.O.	P.S.I.	
Foreign Ports	1	245	1	1	-
Coastwise	60	7,482	-	3	-
Total	61	7,727	1	4	-

III No passenger traffic occurred.

Cargo traffic: Cargoes are of timber, p.o.l., paraffin and spirits. There is no export at present, but developments at Richborough may result in export as well as import traffic.

The ships arrive from Thames-side and Scandinavia.

IV No inland barge traffic occurs.

V There has been no change in Water supply arrangements.

VI No changes in P.H. (Ships) Regulations 1952 procedure.

VII No changes made in hospital, laboratory or ambulance arrangements. On the retiral of Dr. F.L. Cassidi as Smallpox Consultant, the Ministry of Health has appointed Dr. Rex Fletcher, Maypole Cottage, Hawkinge, Kent, Tel. Hawkinge 370. (From 1.6.54. Tel. Folkestone 2688)

VIII The location of in-patient facilities are unchanged but the times are now as follows:

Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury.	- Tuesdays and Fridays. Females 2.30 - 3.30 p.m. Males 5.0 - 6.30 p.m.
General Hospital, Margate.	- Tuesdays and Fridays. Females 10 - 11 a.m. Males 11 a.m. - 12 noon.
General Hospital, Ashford.	- Wednesdays and Saturdays. Females 10 - 11 a.m. Males 11 a.m. - 12 noon.
Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover.	- Mondays and Thursdays. Females 5 - 6 p.m. Males 6 - 7 p.m.

IX No cases of notifiable disease occurred in shipping during the year.

X and

XI. No cases of plague or malaria were identified.

XII No change in information previously given. The only foreign going vessel visiting the port produced a satisfactory rat certificate and showed no signs of infestation.

XIII The general inspections of Coastwise shipping were carried out and no statutory or other notices were found necessary.

XIV No change in Shellfish arrangements from 1952.

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