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# Annual Report of Port of Sandwich, Kent, 1961

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111. Passenger Traffic Inward ) nil Total

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Coastwise - oil, beach and gravel) 33,920

Exports - nil

Principal ports of origin: Sweden, Danzigk Essex.

lV. Inland Barge Traffic Nil.

# V. Water Supply

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- 4. No Water Boats use the area.
- VI. A list of the infected areas is maintained and revised at the Medical Officer of Health's Canterbury Office on the basis of the Weekly Epidemiological Record. Revisions are sent to the Chief Public Health Inspector Sandwich, Customs Ramsgate (Manston) and R.A.F. Medical Officer Manston, Ramsgate.
  - 2. There is no arrangement for radio pratique.
  - 3. As all ships pass through the Ramsgate Custom's area pratique is considered on a declaration of health presented to Ramsgate Customs on first contact.

The Medical Officer of Health is in touch with Customs Ramsgate through these and other duties (Aircraft Manston, Eastry R.D.)

- 4. There is now no declared mooring station on the River, that part of Richborough Wharf previously designated being inserviceable. The arrangement is to apply controls where berthed.
  - 5. (a) Infectious Diseases Hospital Haine Isolation Hospital Ramsgate

(b) Surveillance and follow-up of contacts will be arranged as required through Medical Officers of Health of destination. No passenger traffic occurs.

- (c) Gaseous disinfection can be provided for disinfection of ships.

  Cleansing of persons would be carried out on board ship.

  There is now no cleansing station or bath house in the Borough.

  Steam disinfection is available at Haine Isolation Hospital.
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- 2. The Canterbury Ambulance Station provides a Smallpox Ambulance and crew and these men are kept up to date in their vaccinal state.
- 3. Smallpox Consultant is Dr. J. P. Marsden, Rivers Hospital Dartford 23231 or 22443.
- 4. Laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox through the Public Health Laboratory Service, Maidstone or Colindale.
- VIII. Venereal Diseases clinics are held in Ramsgate, Margate and Dover and details of clinics and times are displayed in the Public Health Department, Guildhall, Sandwich and in public conveniences.
  - IX. There were no cases to report under table D in 1961.
    - X. No cases of malaria occurred in the ships using the port.
  - XI. No measures were taken against plague as no black rats have been identified.
  - XII. 1. Ships from foreign ports are visited and rat certificates checked. Inspections are carried out on suspicion of infestation.
    - 2. The Public Health Laboratory, Maidstone would be used for rat examination.
      - 3. The district is not approved for de-ratting.

Table E - nil

Table F - nct applicable.

- XIII. Twenty four ships were visited for routine inspection. No detailed rat surveys were carried out and it was not found necessary to serve notice on any owners.
  - XIV. There are no shellfish layings in the Port Health district.

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