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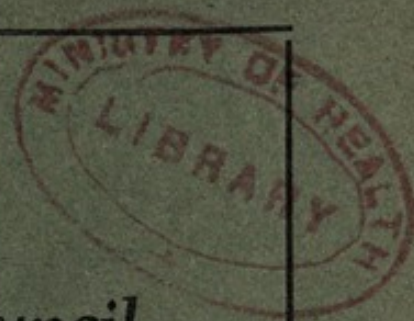
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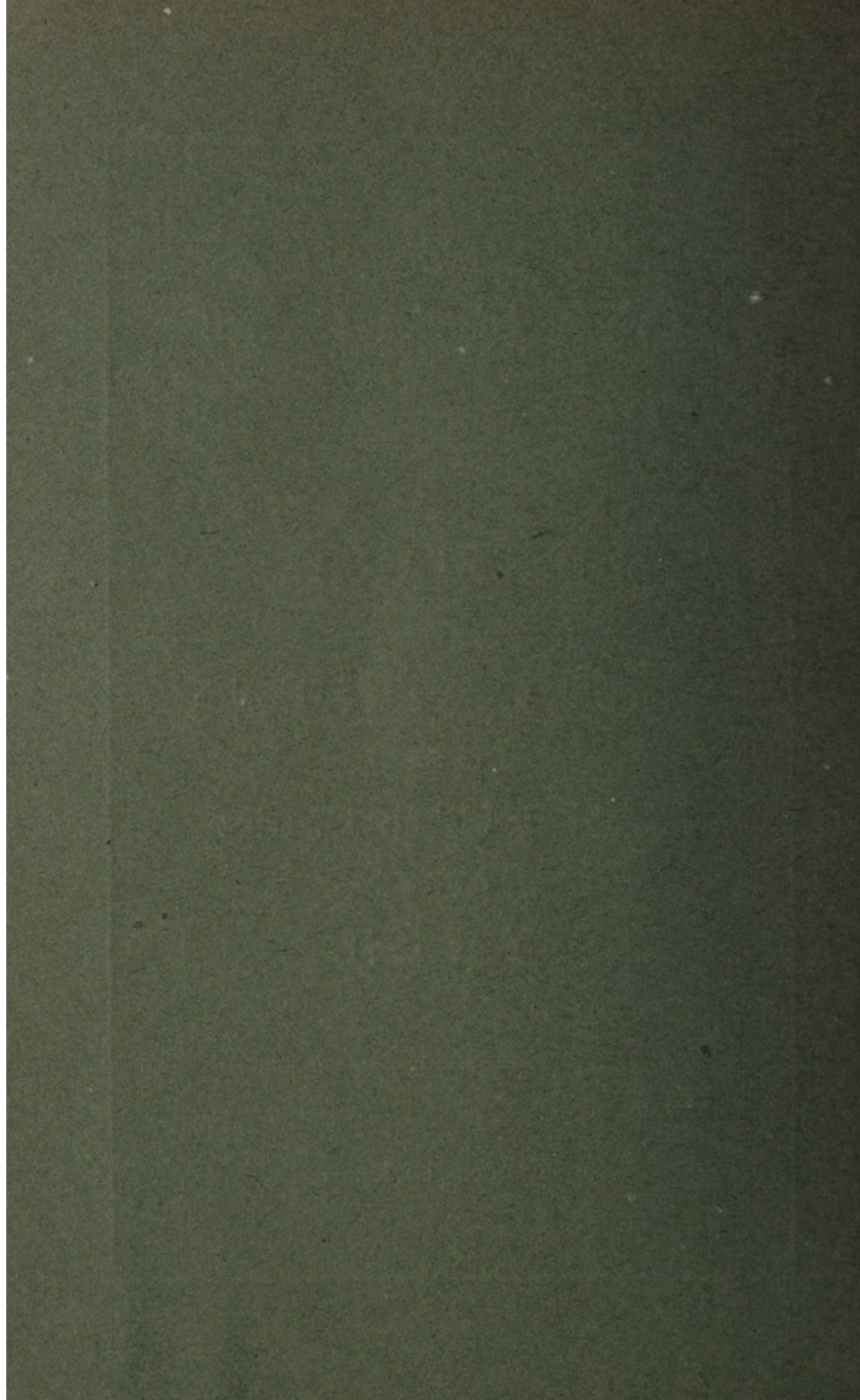
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to the  
Spalding Urban District  
for the  
Year 1941

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Public Health Officers  
of the  
Spalding Urban District Council

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Medical Officer of Health :  
J. R. MUNRO, M.D.

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Public Health Officer :  
L. A. GORNALL, F.I.A.S.S., M.R.S.I.

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Meat Inspector :  
S. A. SHARMAN



# REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1941

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE SPALDING URBAN  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

I beg to hand you my Report for 1941.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	7,825
Resident Population	...	...	...	...	13,820
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1941)	...	...	...	...	4,111
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	£70,091
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	£274 14s. 2d.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Live Births.

	For		For	
	I.M., etc.		B.R.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Legitimate	110	116	104	109
Illegitimate	7	10	7	10
Total	117	126	111	119

### Still Births.

	For		For	
	I.M., etc.		B.R.	
Legitimate	6	2	5	2
Illegitimate	0	0	0	0
	6	2	5	2

Birth Rate per 1,000 Estimated Population ... 16.6

### Deaths.

Total	M.	F.
175	82	93

Death Rate per 1,000 Estimated Population ... 12.6

There were no deaths from Puerperal or other Maternal Causes.



## Death Rate of Infants under One Year of Age.

	Total	M.	F.
	9	5	4
Death Rate per 1,000 Live Births ...	...	...	37

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## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

### 1.—Public Health Officers of the Authority.

1. Medical Officer of Health (part time) J. R. Munro, M.D.
2. Public Health Officer (whole time) L. A. Gornall, F.I.A.S., M.R.S.I.
3. Meat Inspector, S. A. Sharman.

#### Staff.

Mr. F. Tero, Assistant Sanitary Inspector has been serving with the Royal Army Medical Corps (Field Hygiene Section) since September, 1940, and is now on active service.

#### Closet Accommodation.

During the year 1 pail closet and 2 vault closets have been converted to the water carriage system and 6 cesspools abolished.

#### Public Cleansing.

The collection of house refuse is carried out on modern lines by mechanical low loading vehicles and disposal is by means of Front Feed Refuse Destructor.

The salvage of materials required by industry for the war effort is carried out energetically and the sale of this salvaged material realised £1,628 10s. 3d. for the year.

#### Eradication of Bed Bugs.

During the year twelve premises have been treated with "Zaldecide" for the eradication of Bed Bugs. One very bad case required several applications and the complete stripping of wood fittings in bedrooms before eradication was completed.

Other premises known to have been previously infested have been kept under observation.



## HOUSING STATISTICS

### 1.—Inspection of Houses during the Year.

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	86
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	103
(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... ..	12
	(b)	Number of inspections made for this purpose	16
(3)		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ..	none
(4)		Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) ... ..	80

### 2.—Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notice.

Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... ..	80
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### 3.—Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

#### A.—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ..	none
(2)	Number of houses which were rendered fit after service of such notices :	
	(a) By Owners ... ..	none
	(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... ..	none

#### B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notice has been served requiring defects to be remedied ... ..	none
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :	
	(a) By Owners ... ..	none
	(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... ..	none



C.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... .. none
- (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... .. none

D.—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made none
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... .. none

**Housing Act, 1936; Part IV. (Overcrowding).**

Nothing being possible with regard to the provision of houses for the abatement of overcrowding, the few remaining cases are of necessity still unabated.

Number of houses overcrowded at end of year ... ..	4
Number of families dwelling therein ... ..	4
Number of persons dwelling therein ... ..	39
Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... ..	none
Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... ..	none
Number of persons concerned in such cases ... ..	none
Dwelling houses which have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ... ..	none

Section E.

(a) **Milk Supply.**

Inspection of cowsheds has been carried out during the year, but no improvement of the standard has been possible on account of War conditions.



(b) **Slaughter-houses.**

Only one slaughter-house is now in use in the Urban Area, this being at New Bond Street, and regular inspection has been made.

During the year the following meat has been condemned:—

22 Beasts (whole).  
31 Pigs (whole).  
6 Sheep (whole).  
480 lbs. Beef.  
55 lbs. Mutton.  
289 lbs. Pork.  
132 lbs. Brawn (Tinned).  
102 lbs. Bacon.  
31 Beast Livers.  
28 Beast Head and Tongues.  
49 Sheep Livers.  
3 Pigs Heads.  
2 Calves (whole).

During the year the following have been slaughtered:—

7986 Sheep.  
380 Beast.  
375 Pigs.  
23 Calves.

**TABLE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR  
1941.**

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases sent to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever ... ..	28	28	1
Whooping Cough ... ..	81	1	0
Diphtheria ... ..	4	4	0
Erysipelas ... ..	7	1	0
Measles ... ..	162	0	0
Pneumonia ... ..	16	0	1
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	3	0	0
Ophthalmic Neonatorum ... ..	5	0	0

**DIPHTHERIA PROPHYLAXIS**

During 1941, 412 children have been immunised.

Under 5 years of age ... .. 211  
Over 5 and under 15 years of age ... .. 201



## TUBERCULOSIS

### Analysis of New Cases and Deaths from Tuberculosis.

Age Periods.			NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
			Respira- tory.		Non-Respira- tory.		Respira- tory.		Non-Respira- tory.	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1	...	...	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..
" 5	...	...	..	0	..	3	..	..	..	..
" 15	...	...	0	..	1	0	0	..	..	1
" 25	...	...	2	..	0	..	1	..	..	..
" 35	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
" 45	...	...	0	2	..	..	0	..	..	..
" 55	...	...	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 65	...	...	1	1	..	..	2	0	..	...
			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	...	...	4	3	1	3	4	2	0	1

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. R. MUNRO.



## Causes of Death during Year 1941.

Causes of Death.	Male.	Female.
All Causes .....	82	93
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers .....	0	0
Measles .....	0	0
Scarlet Fever .....	0	1
Whooping Cough .....	0	0
Diphtheria .....	0	0
Influenza .....	0	1
Encephalitis Lethargica .....	0	0
Cerebro-spinal Fever .....	0	0
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System .....	4	2
Other Tubercular Diseases ...	0	1
Syphilis .....	1	0
General Paralysis of the Insane, Tabes Dorsalis ...	0	0
Cancer, malignant disease ...	12	14
Diabetes .....	0	2
Cerebral Hæmorrhage, &c. ...	7	10
Heart Disease .....	14	19
Aneurysm .....	0	0
Other Circulatory Diseases ...	6	4
Bronchitis .....	6	1
Pneumonia (all forms) .....	0	1
Other Respiratory Diseases ...	1	1
Peptic Ulcer .....	1	0
Diarrhœa, &c. (under 2 years)	0	0
Appendicitis .....	2	0
Cirrhosis of Liver .....	0	0
Other Diseases of Liver, &c.	0	0
Other Digestive Diseases .....	1	1
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	0	0
Puerperal Sepsis .....	0	0
Other Puerperal Causes .....	0	0
Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, Malformations, &c. ....	5	2
Suicide .....	0	1
Other Violence .....	2	7
Road Traffic Accidents .....	2	0
All other causes .....	18	25







