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PORT HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, 1964

The following report is the record of Port Health Administration for the year 1964, detailed in form and sequence in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health contained in Form Port 20 and Circular 33/52.

As a result of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952, the form and scope of the report were revised, and the full details are only required every five years; the last quinquennial report was for 1960, and the intermediate years will be covered by a shorter report. In the year under review certain sections, marked with an asterisk, are therefore omitted as there has been no change to record; but the sectional headings are retained to ensure continuity.

* SECTION 1 - STAFF

Table A

NO CHANGE

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

Table B

<i>Ships from</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Tonnage</i>	<i>Number Inspected</i>		<i>Number of ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board</i>
			<i>By the Medical Officer of Health</i>	<i>By the Public Health Inspector</i>	
Foreign Ports	30	677	—	1	—
Coastwise ...	40	6,377	2	7	—
TOTAL ...	70	7,054	2	8	—

In addition, local fishing and sailing vessels made 547 visits (total tonnage, 5,001) to the harbour and frequent inspections of these have been made. 1,121 tons of fish were examined during the year.

SECTION III—CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

PASSENGER TRAFFIC ...	{ Number of passengers INWARDS Number of passengers OUTWARDS }		This is not a port approved under the Aliens Order, 1920.
CARGO TRAFFIC ..	{ Principal IMPORTS. Principal EXPORTS. }	Coal China Clay	(1 cargo) (1 cargo)
PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrived in 1964— Roscoff, Douarnenez, Cherbourg, Caen, Ostend, Amble and general coastwise.			

SECTION IV—INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

There is no inland barge traffic in the area.

*SECTION V—WATER SUPPLY

(1) *Source of Supply for (a) the District, and (b) Shipping.*

NO CHANGE

(2) *Reports of Tests for Contamination.*

Analysis of drinking water taken from Dock Area.

During the year 4 samples of drinking water were taken from the harbour area, and were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Exeter, for bacteriological examination; on analysis, the samples were found as follows—

Bacteriological Examination

No. of samples taken	No. of presumptive coliform organisms per 100 ml.				Faecal Coli present	No. of samples unsatisfactory	No. of samples satisfactory
	Less than 1	1-2	3-10	More than 10			
4	2	—	2	—	—	2	2

SECTION VI—PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1963

NO CHANGE

SECTION VII—SMALLPOX

- (1) *Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent from the District.*

During 1964, the recommendation of the Regional Hospital Board that Upton Pyne Smallpox Hospital should be closed, was approved by the Ministry of Health.

In future, the first line reception hospital for cases from the counties of Devon and Cornwall will be the Smallpox Hospital, Liskeard, Cornwall. (Telephone Liskeard 2385.) This hospital is staffed from the Scott Isolation Hospital, Plymouth. (Telephone Plymouth 51437.) Resident Physician – Dr. D. F. Johnstone.

Should additional accommodation be required, Lee Mill Smallpox Hospital, near Plympton, is designated as a second line hospital.

- (2) *Arrangements for transport of such cases to that Hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the Authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.*

The ambulance is arranged by a telephone message to the Plymouth City Ambulance Service (Telephone Plymouth 64101).

All members of the crew are fully vaccinated.

- (3) *Name of Smallpox Consultants available:*

DR. J. MACRAE, Ham Green Isolation Hospital,
Ham Green, Bristol

Tel. No.: Bristol 31165 Home Tel. No.: Nailsea 81.

DR. W. H. ST. JOHN-BROOKE, West Cornwall Hospital,
Penzance, Cornwall.

Tel. No.: Penzance 2382. Home Tel. No.: Cockwells 356.

- (4) *Facilities for Laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.*

Specimens for Laboratory diagnosis are sent to the Central Public Health Laboratory (Virus Reference), Colindale Avenue, The Hyde, N.W.9.

*SECTION VIII—VENEREAL DISEASE

NO CHANGE

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

TABLE D

Category	Disease	No. of cases during the year		No. of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports ...	—	—	—	—
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	—	—	—	—
Cases landed from other ports	—	—	—	—

A short account should be given of the measures taken on the arrival by ship of (a) any case of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus, or relapsing fever included in Table D; (b) any suspected case of any such disease.

NIL

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS OF THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

NIL

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

NIL

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

(1) *Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.*

Enquiries are made by the Public Health Inspector from all Masters of vessels using the Port concerning the presence of rats and, if present, of signs of unusual mortality among the rats. Owing to the small size of the vessels, and of the nature of the cargo carried, it is uncommon to find any evidence of rat infestation.

Systematic inspections are made of the ships and quays with special reference to the presence of rat runs, excreta, damage to foodstuffs, etc.

- Arrangements for the Bacteriological or Pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.

The examinations, if required at any time, will be made through the Public Health Laboratory Service at Exeter.

None has so far been required.

- (3) Arrangements in the District for deratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

Any ship requiring deratting is referred to Plymouth for the necessary measures, and the next port of call of the vessel is notified.

- (4) Progress in the rat-proofing of ships.

This has not been required owing to the limited nature of shipping entering the port.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

NIL.

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

This table does not apply as Torquay is not an approved port under Article 52 of the International Sanitary Regulations.

SECTION XIII—INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G
Inspections and Notices

Nature and Number of Inspections		Notices served		Result of serving notices
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
General ...	8	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	8	—	—	—

***SECTION XIV—PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELLFISH)
REGULATIONS, 1934 and 1948**

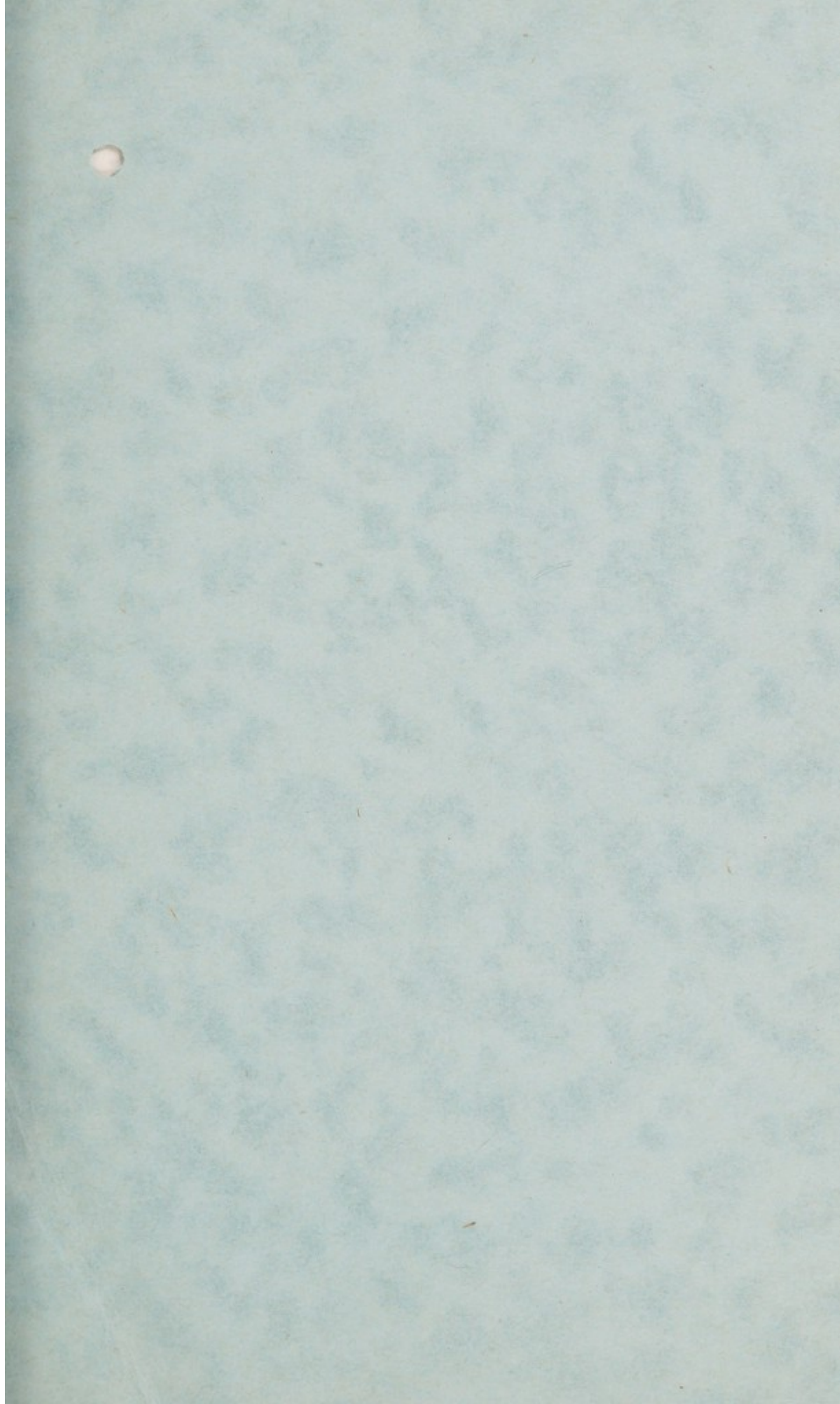
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***SECTION XV—MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS
(Applicable only to ports approved for the landing of aliens)**

NO CHANGE

***SECTION XVI—MISCELLANEOUS**

NO CHANGE



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