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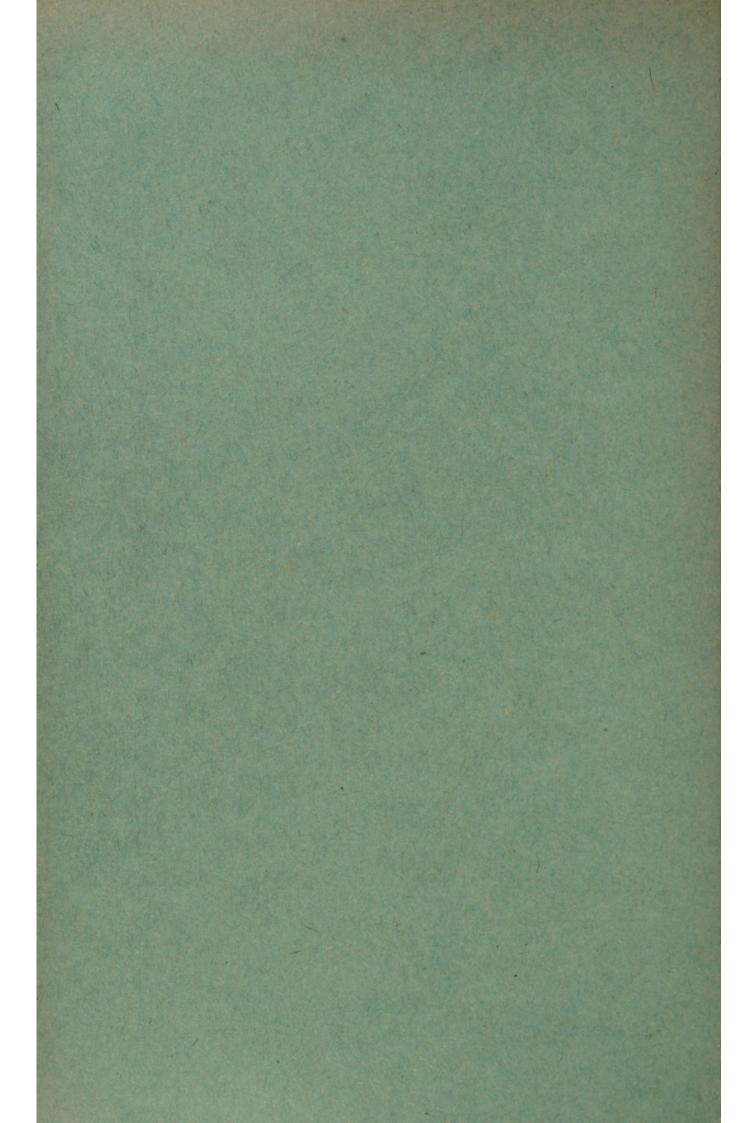
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Wellingborough Rural District.

Summary of Vital Statistics, 1951.

Area (acres)					33,115
Population 1931 (Census)					12,760
Population 1951					13,000
Number of separate dwellings occ	upied 1	931 (censu	ıs)		3,558
" "	-,, -1	951			4,326
Rateable value 1951				£	59,477
Product of a penny rate, 1951					£221
Live Births		Total	Male	Female	Rate
Legitimate		170	88	82	
Illegitimate		7	4	3	
		177	92	85	
					13.61
Stillbirths		Total	Male	Female	Rate
Legitimate		9	6	3	
Illegitimate		- ;	-		
		9	6	3	
					0.69
		Total	Male	Female	Rate
Deaths (all causes)		186	107	79	14.30
Deaths from Business Cause					Rate
Deaths from Puerperal Causes					Nil.
Puerperal and post-abortive s Other puerperal causes					IVII.
Other puerperar causes				_	
Total				-	Nil.
Infant Mortality-rate per thous	sand liv	e hirths			
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		Total	Male	Female	Rate
Legitimate		6	5	1	
Illegitimate		1	1	-	
Total		7	6	1	39.54
Deaths from Cancer (all ages					22
" " Measles (all ages)					Nil.
" " Whooping Cough					Nil.
" " Diarrhoea (under	2 years)			Nil.

Wellingborough Rural District Council.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

SWANSPOOL, WELLINGBOROUGH.

July, 1952.

To the Chairman and Councillors of the Rural District Council of Wellingborough.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my fourth Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the district for the year 1951.

The Vital Statistics for the area show only slight variation from those for the previous year. The Birth Rate 13.61 was slightly lower than that for 1950, when it was 13.81.

The Death Rate was 14.30 and shows an increase on that for the previous year when it was 12.83. No deaths occurred from Puerperal causes. The Infant Mortality Rate was 39.54 which showed a slight increase on that for the previous year, although the same number of infant deaths were recorded. The fact that the number of Births in 1951 was 6 below that recorded in 1950 accounts for this difference in the Rate. The Rate was higher than that for England and Wales which was 29.6.

It will be seen from Section F, which deals with Infectious Diseases, that the Commoner Infectious Diseases showed a fall during the year. There were 70 cases of measles compared with 152 in the previous year and 10 cases of Scarlet Fever against 32 in the previous year. Whooping Cough showed an increase, 52 cases being notified compared with 25 in the previous year. 12 cases of Dysentery were notified as against 2 in 1950 and there were three cases of Food Poisoning. This is the 5th year in which no case of Diphtheria has occurred. The immunisation state of the child population is being maintained on a satisfactory level, and credit is due to parents for this satisfactory state of affairs.

The number of infants being vaccinated compares very unfavourably with those immunised, only 44 infants out of a total of 177 births received primary vaccination. Every effort should be made to have this number increased and thus protect the young population against this serious disease.

From Section C, which deals with the Sanitary Circumstances of the area, it will be seen that the situation in the villages with regard to a safe piped water supply is very satisfactory. An account of the different schemes, either under construction, or completed, with regard to the disposal of Sewage, is also given. We have now reached a period when attention will have to be given to some of the older Sewage Disposal systems as with time the situation has deteriorated.

In the Section dealing with Housing it is suggested that a start should be made when suitable opportunities arise, of dealing with unfit houses.

The year under review has been a very busy one, as will be seen from some of the activities recorded in this Report, but my work has been considerably assisted by the help and assistance which I have received from the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee and the Officials of the Council. I should like to express my appreciation for the ever ready assistance I have received from the Clerk, Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, and to thank Mr. Sheffield and Mr. Cowles for information supplied for this Report. The compilation of this Report and the Statistical Tables requires a very considerable amount of clerical assistance and I am grateful to Miss Pearson for her help in the production of this Report.

Your obedient servant,

P. X. BERMINGHAM, Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area.—The Rural District of Wellingborough covers an area of 33,115 acres. There are 18 parishes in the area and the villages are well separated. The density of population is one person per 2.6 acres.

Population.—The Registrar General, in his returns for 1951 estimates the mid-year home population as 13,000. This shows a decrease of 250 on that for the previous year. This difference must be due to the fact that a Census has recently been taken. Deaths outnumbered births by 9 during the year.

Deaths.—186 deaths occurred during the period. The death rate for the year was 14.30 per thousand of the estimated population. This shows an increase on the rate for the previous year which was 12.83. The rate for England and Wales for the year 1951 was 12.5. A Classification of the Causes of Death in accordance with the International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948, will be found in Table No. 1, page 16.

Deaths from selected causes giving rates per thousand of the popula-

tion, will be found in Table 2, page 17.

Births.—177 births were recorded during 1951 and this gives a Birth Rate of 13.61 per thousand of the population. The rate for the previous year was 13.81. The Birth Rate for England and Wales for 1951 was 15.5.

Stillbirths.—Nine stillbirths were recorded and this gives a rate of 0.69 per thousand of the population. The rate for the previous year was 0.15, when two stillbirths occurred. The rate for England and Wales for 1951 was 0.36.

Illegitimate Births.—Seven illegitimate births were recorded, 4 male and 3 female. This gives a rate per thousand live births of 39.54. The rate for the previous year was 32.78.

Maternal Mortality.—No deaths occurred during the year under this heading.

Infant Mortality.—Seven infant deaths were recorded during the year and this gives an Infant Mortality Rate of 39.54 per thousand live births. The rate for the previous year was 38.25. Although in both years the same number of deaths occurred the rate for 1951 is higher due to the fact that a lower number of births were recorded in that year. The rate for England and Wales for 1951 was 29.6. Six of the infant deaths occurred in males and one in a female child.

Neonatal Mortality.—All seven infant deaths come under this heading as they occurred within 28 days of independent existence. This makes the rate for Neonatal Mortality the same as for the Infant Mortality. Table No. 11, page 22 shows the cause of death of children under one year.

It will be noted that this sub-division of the Infant Mortality Rate accounts for the majority of deaths of Infants under one year. It has not shown the same decline over the last 50 years as that of the Infant Mortality rate.

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Laboratory.—The Emergency Public Health Laboratory at Northampton General Hospital, which comes under Dr. Hoyle, affords the necessary facilities for the examinations connected with the control of infectious diseases. Routine water samples are also sent to this laboratory and milk and ice-cream samples are also examined here. Specimens, now, can also be sent to the laboratory at Kettering Hospital, where Dr. Voss is in charge.

Diphtheria Anti-toxin.—Supplies of Anti-toxin are now available for use by General Practitioners in the area at the following places:

Wellingborough Hospital. Northampton General Hospital. Rushden House Sanatorium. Rockingham Road, Kettering.

Ambulance Facilities.—This service comes under the County Council, who employ a voluntary Ambulance Service of the S. John's Brigade. The Urban and Rural area of Wellingborough are served by two divisions of this Brigade, one in Wellingborough with three ambulances and the second in Finedon with one ambulance. Infectious Disease cases are removed by the Northampton S. John's Ambulance Brigade which deals with the conveyance of Infectious Diseases cases for admission to the Harborough Road Hospital.

Nursing in the Home.—The area is covered as follows:

Miss Stoddart ... Bozeat, Easton Maudit, Grendon

Miss Robinson ... Gt. Doddington, Hardwick, Mears Ashby,

Sywell, Wilby

Miss Burridge ... Earls Barton, Ecton

Miss Meadwell Gt. Harrowden, Lt. Harrowden, Isham

Orlingbury.

Mrs. Bierne ... Irchester, Lt. Irchester

Miss Greenfield Newton Bromswold (area 3)

Miss Harper ... Strixton, Wollaston

This service comes under the County Council and a summary of the work carried out during the year will be found in the Annual Report for the County. I had hoped to supply details of the work done for the information of the local Councillors who, naturally, are interested in this important work in their area, but unfortunately details of this work are not made available to the Districts.

Hospitals.—There are no hospitals in the district, but the area is served by the Northampton General Hospital and Kettering Hospital. Midwifery cases are dealt with at the Park Hospital, Wellingborough and the Barratt Maternity Home, Northampton.

Infectious Disease cases are sent to the Harborough Road Hospital,

Northampton.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.—Infant Welfare Centres are held in the following villages: Earls Barton, Bozeat, Irchester, Wollaston. These clinics are held twice a month and are attended by a doctor once per month. Immunisation against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough is carried out in connection with these clinics.

Ante-natal and Post-natal Clinics.—Northampton County Buildings Monday and Wednesday mornings of each week. Similar clinics are held at Rushden on Tuesday mornings and Wellingborough on Thursday mornings.

Outpatient facilities are afforded by the Hayway Hospital, Rushden, where consultants from Northampton and Kettering are in attendance on certain days of the week. The following list shows Outpatient Clinics

held at this hospital:

Gynaecological 1st and 3rd Monday morning. 2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoon.

Medical ... 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Monday afternoon. Surgical ... 1st, 2rd, 3rd and 4th Tuesday afternoon.

E.N.T. ... 2nd and 3rd Wednesday morning.

1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday afternoon.

Eyes ... 1st and 3rd Thursday morning.
Orthoptist ... Every Wednesday morning.

Every Thursday morning and afternoon.

Urological ... 2nd and 4th Wednesday afternoon.

Physiotherapy Monday afternoons.

National Assistance Act, 1948.—Persons in need of Care and Attention. Under Section 47 of this Act the Council is responsible for the removal to suitable premises of persons in need of Care and Attention. This Act deals with persons suffering from chronic diseases, or being aged, infirm or physically incapacitated living under insanitary conditions, and unable to devote to themselves, or receive from persons with whom they reside, proper care and attention. Such removals can only be made for a prescribed period. No action was found necessary under this Act during the year. It is endeavoured not to make use of this Act, but in suitable cases, by persuasion, to get the persons to go into such hospitals voluntarily.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.—The Wellingborough Rural Area receives its water supply from a number of different sources. The area, as will be seen from a map, is rather widespread and so the different villages come into:

(1) the area covered by the Mid-Northants. Water Board.

(2) the area covered by the Higham Ferrers and Rushden and Wellingborough Rural Water Board.

Two of the villages have their own water supply, but these now have been taken over by the Higham Ferrers and Rushden Water Board. The following villages receive a supply from the Mid-Northants. Water Board:

Orlingbury, Little Harrowden, Hardwick and Isham. The Isham supply was supplemented by the Isham Well, but this well is not now used. The village of Isham now receives a filtered and chlorinated water supply.

The Higham Ferrers and Rushden Water Board supply the following villages with a filtered and chlorinated water supply: Bozeat, Part of Great Doddington, Ecton, Irchester, Mears Ashby, Strixton, Wollaston, Wilby.

During the year the village of Wilby was connected up to the Great Doddington Water Tower and the existing well supply to the village was discontinued. The Earls Barton supply now comes under this Board also, but the existing springs and River Gravels are maintained. This water is chlorinated but not filtered. Grendon and Easton Maudit receive a supply from springs situated near the village of Grendon. This water is now chlorinated by the Board.

Sywell receives a treated water supply from the Northampton Borough.

Newton Bromswold has a piped and treated water supply from Oundle and Thrapston Rural District.

A number of houses in the parish of Great Doddington receive a piped water supply from a private well. Samples from this well have proved unsatisfactory and the tenants have been advised to avail themselves of a supply from the Water Board.

With regard to Great Harrowden, some of the houses in the village have a private supply from the Hall.

From the above it will be seen that the Rural area is well catered for with regard to a piped water supply and that in the majority of instances the water is both filtered and chlorinated.

Since my last report the Grendon and Ecton supply has been Chlorinated and Wilby has had a treated supply laid on.

Copies of routine water samples taken by the Higham Ferrers and Rushden Water Board are supplied to me regularly, and so the situation with regard to the purity of the water can be constantly observed. The Mid-Northants. Water Board do not supply copies of samples taken and so it is necessary to take samples in the area from time to time. If an unsatisfactory sample is obtained the Board is notified immediately.

Table No 14 showing the results of samples taken in the area during the period will be found on page 26.

Sewage Disposal, Drainage and Sewerage.—Considerable activity has taken place in the area with regard to Sewage Disposal Works, during the period. The laying of sewers and the construction of a Sewage Disposal Plant at Bozeat was proceeded with.

The scheme connecting the existing outfall sewer in Wilby to the new Swanspool Valley Sewer in the district, was approved in principle by the Ministry. This does away with the former method of disposal which was land irrigation. This system did not work satisfactorily and consequently pollution of the Swanspool brook was taking place.

The sewage scheme at Isham for the extension of the outfall sewer to connect with the main Kettering outfall sewer received Ministry approval and a starting date was given for early 1952.

Orlingbury, Little Harrowden and Great Harrowden—the scheme in connection with these parishes has now commenced and is progressing satisfactorily.

At Grendon negotiations still continue with regard to the provision of a Sewage Works.

With regard to existing works, the situation in some instances is not satisfactory. The method of disposal at Earls Barton consists of land irrigation. This system is not working satisfactorily and the question of the provision of new sewers and some alternative method of disposal will have to be considered in the future. The Irchester disposal system is also land irrigation, and this will require attention in the future. Wollaston has a modern works but some difficulty has been experienced with regards to Trade effluents. This matter is being investigated, and some extension to these works may be necessary at some future date.

Swimming Baths.—There are two open air swimming baths in the area, one at Wilby and a second at Overstone. Water for both baths is filtered and chlorinated and has a 3—4 hour turn over. Routine samples taken for bacteriological examination showed the water to be very satisfactory. Free chlorine was present in about .5 parts per million. Frequent visits were paid to the Wilby Pool as this is used by schools in the area.

Disinfection.—Disinfection following cases of infectious diseases was carried out as required. Liquid and gaseous disinfectants were used. The Authority does not possess a Steam Disinfector but if articles require steam disinfection, this can be arranged with the Rushden Urban District who have such an apparatus.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.-Nine premises were dealt with.

Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919, Infestation Order, 1943.—Action was taken as found necessary with regard to the destruction of Rats and Mice. Under the new Act, Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, a part-time Rodent Operator was appointed for the area and commenced duties in May, 1951.

Public Cleansing.—The scheme for the collection of refuse is as follows:—

Parish			Day				Tip
Bozeat			Tuesday				Irchester
Doddington, Gre	at	***	Wednesday			777	Irchester
Earls Barton			Thursday and	Friday			Earls Barton
Easton Maudit			Monday		***	***	Irchester
Ecton			Wednesday				Earls Barton
Grendon			Tuesday				Irchester
Hardwick			Wednesday				Irchester
Harrowden, Grea	t		Wednesday				Irchester
Harrowden, Little	e		Thursday				Irchester
Irchester			Monday and	Wedneso	lay		Irchester
Isham			Monday				Irchester
Mears Ashby			Monday		***	***	Earls Barton
Newton Bromswo	old		Alternate Wed	lnesdays			Irchester
Orlingbury		***	Thursday			***	Irchester
Strixton			Tuesday				Irchester
Sywell	****		Wednesday			***	Earls Barton
Wilby			Thursday				Earls Barton
Wollaston			Tuesday				Irchester

Table No. 13, page 25, gives further details of work carried out by the Sanitary Inspector during the year.

Caravan Rally.—The Caravan Club of Great Britain and Ireland held its Rally at Overstone Park for the first time in 1951. Between 500—600 caravans assembled for this Rally and arrangements with regard to water supplies, sewage disposal, disposal of sullage water and refuse were made by the Rural Authority.

Mr. Cowles is to be congratulated on his efforts as the standard of hygiene was extremely good and gave complete satisfaction to those in charge of the Rally. The result of this was that arrangements were made for this Rally to be held once again at Overstone in 1952.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

Sixty-one houses were completed during the year which is three more than was built in 1950. All these houses were of the traditional type. The post war building programme up to the end of December, 1951, was as follows:—

Number of houses approved by the Ministry 391, of these 325 were completed and the remainder were in various stages of erection. Of the 325 houses completed 20 are Swedish Timber houses, 20 Airey type and the remainder traditional.

Two allocations of houses were received during the year, the last one being mainly in connection with the 1952 housing programme, but before the end of the year a considerable number of these houses was under construction.

The total number of houses approved by the Ministry during the year was 64. 12 licences for the erection of houses by private enterprise were issued during the year and 8 houses were completed.

A licence was issued for the conversion of Ancaster House, Wilby, into two dwellings. Work was completed by the end of the year.

The conditions under which people are living at Newton Bromswold Camp were constantly kept under review and as families were re-housed, so the huts they had occupied were rendered incapable for use as dwellings.

The total number of live applicants on the Council's housing list at the end of the year was 651, which shows an increase of 81 over the figure for the previous year. It was felt by the Housing Committee that this number represented an inflated figure of applicants and instructions were given that early in 1952, the housing list should be revised.

The allocation of houses in the district to be erected on behalf of the Council during the year, was made in the parishes where sites were readily available, thus ensuring that work could proceed quickly and efficiently.

One additional road contract was commenced during the year; this was to form an extension to an existing site.

During the year, with a view to reducing the cost of houses, certain omissions were made from the standards used in the construction of earlier type Council houses. Amongst these items were the omission of the first floor W.C., also some cupboards in bedrooms and a reduction in the height of ceilings from 8ft. to 7ft. 6ins. Towards the end of the year the new type plans were produced showing the reduced total area in the houses without a reduction in the sizes of rooms.

Table No. 12, page 24, gives a summary of a Housing Survey carried out in 1946. From this it will be seen that it was then considered a large number of houses were unfit for human habitation. During the War, work on the construction of homes for the people ceased, and our post war programme is endeavouring to make up for this gap. Although we may not yet have reached the time when we can consider taking action with regard to Clearance Areas, it is my opinion that now, when families are re-housed by the Council from unfit property, this property should not be let again and the necessary procedure with regard to condemning and demolition should be carried out. This means that at least a start will be made on this problem of unfit houses.

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supplies.—No milk samples were taken by this authority during the year. The reason for this was that the Council were of the opinion that as samples are taken by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the County Council, it was unnecessary for further samples to be taken. Producers of milk come under the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and their inspectors sample supplies. The County Council are the Licensing Authority for pasteurisation plants and milk sampling from these sources is carried out by their inspectors. With regard to the results of these samples, for the year 1951, we have no knowledge. It is my opinion that milk samples should be taken by us as this is the only way that the situation can be kept under observation locally, and I suggest that we should revert to our previous arrangements whereby samples in the area were taken by the Sanitary Inspector.

Food Premises.—The following visits of Inspections were made by the Sanitary Inspector:—

Visits to Slaughterhouses	 	 	138
Visits to Butchers Shops	 	 	46
Visits to Bakehouses	 	 ***	20
			204

During the year 950 lbs. of tinned and other foods were condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Meat Inspection.—The Rushden Abattoir, which comes under the Ministry of Food, serves the greater part of the area. Carcases are inspected at this abattoir before being passed as fit for human consumption. Meat supplies for Isham and Ecton are received from Kettering and Northampton.

261 pigs and sheep slaughtered under licence for private consumption were inspected at the time of slaughter by the Sanitary Inspector. 131 lbs. were condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Clean Food Drive.—An effort was made to institute a Clean Food Drive for the area. A Committee was formed and the matter was discussed and it was decided that the area should be divided up, several parishes forming each division, and these different divisions to be dealt with separately. The first phase of the Drive was to be the spreading of propaganda with regard to a higher standard of food hygiene. This was to be brought about by film shows and lectures. One such show was given at Great Doddington, but unfortunately the film unit has now ceased to function.

It is hoped however, to persevere with this scheme and for lectures and film shows to be given to certain food manufacturing concerns in the area.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Smallpox.—No cases were notified.

Scarlet Fever.—10 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year. This shows a considerable fall on the previous year when 32 cases occurred. Of these 10 cases, 5 were removed to Harborough Road

Hospital. Table No. 7, page 19, shows the monthly incidence of notifiable diseases and from this it will be seen how scattered the cases of Scarlet Fever were during the year.

Diphtheria.—This is the fifth year for which no case of Diphtheria has been notified in the area. This situation is due to the protection infants receive from immunisation and not due to the fact that the Diphtheria Bacillus is absent from our population. If we are to keep up our excellent record parents must continue to avail themselves of the opportunity of having their children immunised.

Diphtheria Immunisation.—Immunisation clinics are held at the Child Welfare Clinics throughout the area. On the 31st December, 1951, immunisation figures for the area were as follows:—

Immunisation in Relation to Child Population.

Number of children who had completed a full course of Immunisation at any time up to 31st December, 1951.

Age at 31,12,51 i.e. born in yr	Under 1 1951	1 1950	2 1949	3 1948	4 1947	5 to 9 1942-1946	10 to 14 1937-1941	Total under 15
Number Immunised	7	101	125	156	153	668	738	1,948
Estimated mid-year population 1951			1,046			1,	649	

Number of children immunised during the year 1951 :—

Under 5 years 5—14 years Booster Doses

123 3 79

Above figures do not take into account the number of children immunised by private arrangements.

Vaccination.—The number of vaccinations carried out during the year was as follows:—

	Under 1	1-4	5-14	15 or over	Total
Primary	44	3	5	9	61
Re-vaccinatio	on —	1	2	17	19
					-
					80

The figures for the previous year were as follows :-

	Under 1	1-4	5-14	15 or over	Total
Primary	25	14	5	12	56
Re-vaccination	n —	-	1	26	27
					83

From this it will be seen that the number of infants vaccinated showed an increase and that the total number of primary vaccinations carried out during the year was 5 more than that of the previous year. The figures for re-vaccination show a fall, and the total for the year is 3 less than for the previous year. It will also be seen how unfavourably the vaccination figures compare with those for immunisation against Diphtheria. When one considers that 177 live births were recorded during the year and only 44 of these were vaccinated, it brings to mind the fact that the community as a whole, is not being protected against Smallpox. Each year we read in the National Press of an outbreak occurring in some part of the country. Fortunately, so far, this has not affected us, except on occasions when we have contacts in the area from affected parts. This always causes a certain amount of concern as contacts have to be kept under surveillance for a certain period and action taken with regard to their associates. It is my firm opinion that every effort should be made to increase our vaccination figures and thereby protect the community against this serious disease.

Puerperal Pyrexia.—One case occurred during the year. The previous year there were no cases.

Poliomyelitis.—One case was notified in May. No further cases occurred. The case was removed to Harborough Road Hospital. In the previous year there was also one case.

From the statistical tables it will be seen that one death occurred from Poliomyelitis, but this was not the case notified during the year, but an old case who had died a number of years after contracting the disease.

Influenza.—Eight deaths were recorded from this disease, 5 males and 3 females. In the previous year there were two deaths from this cause.

Pneumonia.—12 cases were notified and 11 deaths giving Pneumonia as the primary cause of death, were recorded. In the previous year there were 28 cases of Pneumonia and 13 deaths.

Erysipelas.—No cases were notified during the year. Two cases occurred in the previous year.

Measles.—70 cases were notified compared with 152 in the previous year. The maximum number of cases (26), occurred in May. Two cases were removed to hospital. No deaths from this cause occurred.

Whooping Cough.—52 cases were notified compared with 25 cases in the previous year. The maximum number of cases occurred in November. One case was removed to hospital. No deaths occurred from this cause.

Dysentery.—12 cases were notified compared with 2 in the previous year, the highest number being recorded in March, when there were 6 cases.

Food Poisoning.—Three cases were recorded, one in May and two in August.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.—No notifications were received during the year.

Typhoid.—One case of Typhoid Fever occurred during the year. As the final diagnosis was made in hospital the notification was sent to the Borough of Northampton. The case occurred in a person living in close proximity to the River Nene and it is possible that the source of infection was from the river.

No further members of the household were affected and subsequently all were inoculated with T.A.B.

Tuberculosis.—13 new cases were notified, 11 (7 males and 4 females) were of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 2 (1 male and 1 female) of Non-pulmonary tuberculosis.

Three deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis (2 males and 1 female) were recorded during the year. The age incidence of new cases and

deaths will be found in Table No. 6, page 19.

In 1950, there were 7 new cases of Tuberculosis and 6 deaths. The Mortality Rate for the disease in the area was 0.23 per thousand of the population, and shows a decrease on the Rate for the previous year which was 0.45. The Rate for England and Wales for 1951 was 0.31. Nine persons were admitted to Rushden House Sanatorium from the Rural area and 4 were discharged during the year. At the end of the year there were 76 persons on the Tuberculosis register for the area:—

Pulmonary Tuberculosis Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis	Males 36 7	Females 26 7	Total 62 14
Market Comments of the Comment	-	_	
	43	33	76

Tables Nos. 6—10, pages 19—22, give details concerning Infectious Diseases and Tuberculosis.

SECTION G.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Table No. 15, page 27, gives form 572 (Revised) abridged, and from it will be seen the numbers of factories on the register, numbers of inspections made and action taken during the year.

Sanitary conveniences—action was found necessary with regard

to two premises, sanitary conveniences for which were insufficient.

On the whole the sanitary conditions in factories in the area were

satisfactory.

With regard to factories where mechanical power is not used, no serious complaints were received concerning cleanliness, number employed, temperature, ventilation or drainage of floors.

During the period no action was necessary in respect of home work,

(Sections 110 and 111).

SECTION H.

STATISTICAL TABLES, 1951.

TABLE No. 1.

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1951.

	Causes of Death		Male	Female	Total
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory		2	1	3
2.	Tuberculosis, other		_	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease		_	_	-
4.	Diphtheria		_	-	-
5.	Diphtheria Whooping Cough		-	_	-
6.	Meningococcal infections		-	-	-
7.	Acute poliomyelitis		1	_	1
8.	Acute poliomyelitis Measles		-	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic disease	s	_	_	_
0.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach		1	1	2
1.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus		3	2	5 5 3
2.	Malignant neoplasm, breast		_	2 5 3	5
3.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus		_	3	3
4.	Other malignant and lymphatic neop		3	4	7
5.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia		_	_	141
6.	Diabetes		1	_	1
7.	Vascular lesions of nervous system		17	11	28
8.	Coronary disease, angina		11	9	20
9.	Hypertension with heart disease		2	1	3
0.	Other heart disease		23	20	43
1.	Other heart disease Other circulatory disease		5	4	9
2.	Influenza		5	3	8
3.	Pneumonia		5 7	4	11
4.	Bronchitis		6	4	10
5.	Other diseases of respiratory system		_		_
6.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum		1	_	1
7.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea		i	_	i
8.	Nephritis and nephrosis		i	1	2
9.	Hyperplasia of prostate		1	1	2
0.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion			_	
1.	Congenital malformations		1	1	2
2.	Other defined and ill-defined disease		12	5	17
3.	Motor vehicle accidents		1	_	1
4.	A 11		3		3
5.			0		0
6.	Homicide and operations of war				
	Tronnelde and operations of war	•••			
			107	79	186

DEATHS FROM SELECTED CAUSES.

TABLE No. 2.

Year	Non- Pulmonary Tuberculosis			nonary rculosi s	Car	ncer	Hear	uses of t and Vessels	Pneu and Respi	nchitis imonia other iratory eases
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
1946	2	.15	5	.39	22	1.75	61	4.86	20	1.59
1947	2	.16	3	.23	25	1.96	93	7.31	17	1.33
1948	nil		5	.39	19	1.48	87	6.81	13	1.01
1949	nil		3	.23	16	1.23	89	6.86	22	1.69
1950	2	.15	4	.30	29	2.18	89	6.71	18	1.35
1951	nil	1-	3	.23	22	1.69	75	5.76	29	2,23

COMPARISON OF STILLBIRTHS, ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS AND MASCULINITY OF BIRTH.

TABLE No. 3.

	Stillbirths	per 1,000	Manisimas	Male births per 1,000 live female births	
	Population of all	Total births (live and	lllegitimate births per 1,000 live births		
Year	ages	still)			
1946	.39	22,32	105.02	1027.77	
1947	.39	22.02	58.55	1055.55	
1948	.54	30.56	72.07	947.36	
1949	.38	23.80	51.28	1029.70	
1950	.15	10.81	32.78	1033.3	
1951	.69	48,38	39.54	1082	

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1951 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

TABLE No. 4.

				Deaths					
	Estimated	Births		Und	Under 1 year		All ages		
Year	Population Population	No.	Rate per 1,000	No.	Rate per 1,000	No.	Rate per 1,000		
1946	12,530	219	17.47	15	68.49	152	12.13		
1947	12,720	222	17.45	7	31.49	189	14.85		
1948	12,760	222	17.39	13	58.55	153	11.99		
1949	12,960	205	15.81	8	39.02	172	13,27		
1950	13,250	183	13.81	7	38,25	170	12,83		
1951	13,000	177	13.61	7	39.54	186	14,30		

BIRTH RATES, CIVILIAN DEATH RATES, ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY AND CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR WELLINGBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT AND ENGLAND AND WALES, 1951.

TABLE No. 5.

Rates per 1,000 Home	England and Wales Population	Wellingborough Rural District
Live Births	15.5	13.61
Stillbirths	0,36	0 69
Deaths		
All causes	12.5	14.30
Typhoid Fever	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough	0.01	0,00
Diphtheria	0.00	0.00
Tuberculosis	0.31	0.23
Influenza	0.38	0.61
Smallpox	0.00	0.00
Acute Poliomyelitis and		
Polioencephalitis	0.00	0.07
Pneumonia	0.61	0.84
Notifications		
Typhoid Fever	0.00	0,00
Paratyphoid Fever	0.02	0,00
Meningococcal Infection	0.03	0.00
Scarlet Fever	1.11	0.76
Whooping Cough	3.87	4.00
Diphtheria	0.02	0.00
Erysipelas	0.14	0,00
Smallpox	0.00	0.00
Measles	14.07	5,38
Pneumonia	0.99	0.92
Acute Poliomyelitis		
(incl. Polioencephalitis)		
Paralytic	0.03	0.07
Non-Paralytic	0.02	0.00
Food Poisoning	0.13	0.23
Rates per 1,000 Live	Births	THE RESERVE
Deaths		
All Causes under 1 year		
of age	29.6	39,54
Enteritis and Diarrhoea		
under 2 years of age	1.4	0.00

NEW CASES OF AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS, 1951.

Table No. 6.

		New C	ases			Dea	aths		
Age Periods	Respi	ratory	Non		Respin	atory	Non- respiratory		
	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male	
—1	-	-	-	-	-	_	_	-	
—5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
—15	1	1	_	-	-	-	-	-	
—25	1	1	-		_	-	_	-	
—35	2	1	1	-	_	-	-		
-45	2	-	-	-	2	1	_	-	
55	1	_	-	1	-	-	_	-	
65	-	1	-	-	_	-	_	-	
65—	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	_	
TOTAL	7	4	1	1	2	1	_	_	

MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES. (Other than Tuberculosis) 1951.

Table No. 7.

The second secon															
Disease			January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	_	10
Pneumonia			3	4	5	_	-	-	-	_	-	-	_	-	12
Measles			8	5	9	7	26	8	3	-	_	3	1	-	70
Whooping Cough			_	8	5	5	1	4	-	2	1	_	20	6	52
Erysipelas				_	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia			-	_	_	_	-	-	1	_	-	_	-	_	1
Diphtheria			_	_	_	_	-	_	-	_	-	_	_	-	-
Dysentery			2	3	6	1	-	-	-	_	-	_	-	-	12
Enteritis			-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-
Food Poisoning			-	-	-	_	1	_	-	2	-	-	-	-	3
Ophthalmia Neona	itoru	m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
Poliomyelitis			_	_	-	_	1	_	_	-	-	_	-	_	1
Typhoid			-	_	-	-	-	_	-	_	_	_	-	-	-
TOTAL			14	21	26	14	30	13	5	5	1	4	22	6	161

AGE INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

(Other than Tuberculosis) 1951.

TABLE No. 8.

Disease	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-10	-15	-20	-35	-45	-65	65-	All Ages	Removed to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	-	_	1	1	1	5	_	1	1	_	-	_	10	_5	-
Pneumonia	-	-	1	1	1	1	_	-	2	-	2	4	12	_	11
Measles	5	8	11	8	12	24	2	_	-	-	-	-	70	2	-
Whooping Cough	1	3	7	5	6	26	4	-	-	-	-	_	52	1	_
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1		-	-	1	_	_
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	_	-	-	_	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	3	1	2	1	_	3	-	1	. 1	12	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	_	-	-	1	-	-	-	_	2	-	-	3	-	_
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	_	_	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	_	-	-
Para-typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	_	_	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1
TOTAL	6	11	20	18	22	58	7	1	7	3	3	5	161	9	12

INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

(other than Tuberculosis)

IN INDIVIDUAL PARISHES, 1951.

Table No. 9.

Parish	Scarlet Fever	Pneumonia	Measles	Whooping	Erysipelas	Puerperal Pyrexia	Diphtheria	Poliomyelitis	Food	Dysentery	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Para- typhoid	TOTAL
Bozeat	 3	3	2	-	-	-	-	_	1	2	-	_	11
Doddington, Great	 _	1	2	2	_	_	_	-	-	3	-	-	8
Earls Barton	 1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	4
Easton Maudit	 -	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	5
Ecton	 _	-	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	8
Grendon	 2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	4
Hardwick	 -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	1
Harrowden, Great	 -	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	2
Harrowden, Little	 -	1	6	-	_	_	-	_	-	-	-	_	7
Irchester	 _	-	1	13	-	1	_	-	_	-	-	_	15
Irchester, Little	 -	-	10	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	_	10
Isham	 -	-	16	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	_	_	21
Mears Ashby	 _	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	_	-	_	-
Newton Bromswold	 -	-	3	1	_	-	_	-	-	_	-	_	4
Orlingbury	 _	_	-	1	_	-	-	-	_	-	_	_	1
Strixton	 _	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_	-	_	_	_
Sywell	 2	_	6	-	_	-	_	-	_	_	_	_	8
Wilby	 _	1	3	-	_	-	_	-	_	_	_	_	4
Wollaston	 2	4	11	24	_	-	_	-	-	7	-	-	48
Totals	 10	12	70	52	_	1	_	1	3	12	_	_	161

MEASLES AND WHOOPING COUGH AGE AND SEX INCIDENCE.

TABLE No. 10.

	Mea	sles	Whooping Cough				
Age Periods	Males	Females	Males	Females			
-6 months	_	1	_	-			
—12 months	1	3	-	1			
—18 months	1	1	1	2			
-2 years	3	3	_	_			
—2½ years	4	4	-	5			
—3 years	2	1	1	1			
-4 years	4	4	1	4			
-5 years	7	5	4	2			
-10 years	- 11	13	13	13.			
—15 years	1	1	2	2			
15 years—	-	_	_	-			
ALL AGES	34	36	22	30			
TOTALS		70		52			

CAUSES OF DEATH OF CHILDREN UNDER ONE YEAR.

TABLE No. 11.

				Ages in	Weeks		
	Causes of Death	-1	-2	-3	-4	5-52	Total
1.	Congenital malformations	2	-	-	-	-	2
2.	Diseases of Early Infancy— Congenital debility and icterus	_	_	3-11	_	-	_
	Premature Birth	1	-	-	-	-	1
	Injury at Birth	1	-	-	-	-	1
	Atelectasis	3	-	-	-	-	3
	Others	-	-	_	-	-	-
3.	Diseases of Respiratory System	-	_	-	-	_	_
4.	Diseases of Digestive System	_	-	_	_	_	_
5.	Diseases of Nervous System	-	-	_	_	_	_
6.	Tuberculosis diseases	_	-	-	_	-	_
7.	Infectious Diseases	_	-	_	_	-	_
8.	Syphilis	-	-	_	_	_	_
9.	Overlaying	-	_	_	_	_	-
10.	Other Violence	_	_	_	-	_	_
11.	All Other Causes	_	-	_	_	_	-
132	Totals	7	_	_	_	-	7

SUMMARY OF HOUSING SURVEY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1946.

FOR THE PERIO	D ENDED SIST DECEMBER, 1940.	
A Survey of Existing Hor	uses.	
1. Estimated number of	working class houses in the District	3,978
	rveyed to 31st December, 1946	3,089
	revealed by Officers :-	
(a) Satisfactory on al	ll respects	685
		1,060
	structural alteration or improvement—	1,000
	assistance under the former Housing	714
(Rural Workers)		714
	, structural alteration or improvement	
	stance under the former Housing (Rural	
Workers) Acts		11
	habitation and beyond repair at reason-	
able expense		619
(f) Number of house	es deemed to be overcrowded (for pur-	
poses of this state	ement it is not expected that rooms will	
be measured)		64
PERIOD EN	DED 31st DECEMBER, 1951.	
B.—Housing Programme.		
	oposed to be erected as approved by the	
Ministry of Healt		391
	concerning which lay-out plans and	001
	been approved by the Ministry of Health	-32
	es contained in such approved lay-outs	391
3. Superficial area plan	s approved, determined in accordance	
	4 of the Standards for New Houses	
	oint Committee :—	1
(a) Non-parlour type	es \(\) 2 bedrooms I type square feet \(\ldots \)	800
	3 ,, L ,, ,,	868
	3 " K " " " …	872
	3 ,, J ,, ,,	946
	{3 , H , , ,	937
	G " " " …	914
	F ,, ,, ,,	912
	D ,, ,, ,,	850
(b) Parlour type	2 hadrooma D	900
(0) 1 1) P	Dunlay F	903
4. (a) Number of house	s for which tenders have been invited	62
	s for which negotiated prices have been	0.22
obtained		329
	a areation of which have because	
	e erection of which have begun	391
D.—Temporary Accommoda	ation.	
	nority been allocated any temporary	
prefabricated hous	ses, if so, state number and type	No
(b) Number of sites s	ecured.	
2. Local Authority's site		
(a) Tenders invited?		
(b) Tenders accepted	?	
(c) Works begun ?		
(d) Sites completed?	Not applicable.	
3. Number of houses in		
(a) Assembly has beg		
(b) Assembly has been	ii completed	
	2.	

SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS, ETC.

Number of visits and inspections						1375
Slaughterhouses on Register						8
Number of Slaughtermen Licensed						15
Visits to Slaughterhouses						138
Visits to Butchers' Shops						46
Number of Bakehouses						18
Visits to Bakehouses						20
Food condemned as unfit for human		mption			108	
Premises Licensed to sell Ice Cream						38
Licences issued under Milk (Special			Orders	1949		10
Blocked sewers and drains						49
Insanitary drainage			***			22
Defective ventilating shafts						2
Insanitary ditches						10
Cecepoole cleaneed						36
Caravane inenacted						4
Insanitary Closet accommodation						10
Incanitary Achhine						
Offensive accumulations						4
Offensive effluvia				***		2
Smoke and duet nuicance		***		***		3
						2
Insanitary premises						3
Rat infested premises						34
Premises infested with bugs, etc.				***	•••	9
Animals kept as to be a nuisance		***	***			2
Nuisances from defects in houses :-						
Nulsances from defects in nouses :-						
Defective roofs						14
Defective paving						3
Dangerous stairs						2
Defective doors and windows						9
Plaster to repair						16
Damp and defective floors						14
Damp and defective walls						12
Defective eaves guttering						6
Defective sinks and wastes					•••	2
Dangerous chimneys		***				3
Dangerous eminieys				***		0
Notifications of Infectious Diseases			3			20
Number of rooms fumigated			***	***.	***	36
Samples of water taken					***	48
Defective wells						9
List of Outworkers						4
Licences for sites for moveable dwel	linge				•••	12

SUMMARY OF RESULT OF WATER SAMPLES TAKEN FOR BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.

Table No. 14.

Parish		No. of	1	RESULT	
ransn		Samples taken	Satisfactory	Suspicious	Bad
Bozeat		 3	_	_	3 (1*)
Doddington, Grea	at	 1		1	-
Earls Barton		 22	19	1	2
Easton Maudit		 -	-	_	_
Ecton		 -		-	_
Grendon		 10	4	2	4 (1*)
Hardwick		 2	1	1	-
Harrowden, Great	t	 -	-	-	-
Harrowden, Little		 -	_	-	_
Irchester		 _	_	_	
Isham		 8	4	2	2
Mears Ashby		 -	-	_	-
Newton Bromswo	ld	 1	1		-
Orlingbury		 	_	_	-
Strixton		 _	_	_	_
Sywell		 1	1	_	-
Wilby		 11	9	1	1
Wollaston		 4	1	2	1*
Wilby Swimming	Pool	 8	8	_	
Sywell Swimming	Pool	 1	1	-	
Totals		 72	49	10	13

[·] Well Water.

Copies of results of samples taken by the Rushden and Higham Ferrers Water Board are supplied regularly. Results of these samples are not given in above Table. The majority of samples taken give very satisfactory results.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937, for the year 1951.

PART I. OF THE ACT.

6.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

	Number		Number of					
Premises (1)	Number on Register (3)	Inspection (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)				
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which	48	23	7	_				
Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is	5	2	-					
enforced by the Local Authority (ex- cluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	_	_				
Total	53	. 25	7	_				

2.—Cases in which Defects were found.

	Number o	of cases in wh	ich defects w	ere found	Number of
Particulars (1)	Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Refer To H.M. Inspector (5)	By H.M. Inspector	cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	2	2	_	2	_
Overcrowding (S.2.)	_	-	-	_	_
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	_	_	-	_	_
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) Ineffective drainage of floors	2	2	-	2	
(S.6) Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	_	-
(a) insufficient	2 2	2	-	2	_
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2		2	_
(c) Not separate for sexes Other offences against the Act (not including offences re-	_	-	_	_	-
lating to Outwork)	1	1	_	_	_
TOTAL	9	9	_	8	

PART VIII. OF THE ACT. Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

	Section 110			Section 111		
Nature of Work (1)	No. of out- workers in August list re- quired by Sect. 110 (1) (c) (3)	No. of cases of default in send- ing lists to the Council (4)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (5)	No. of instances of work in un- whole- some premises (6)	Notices served	Prosecu-
Wearing apparel— Making, etc Cleaning and washing Box Making	57 1	=	=	=	Ξ	=
TOTAL	58	-	_	_	_	_

