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WEYMOUTH PORT
HEALTH AUTHORITY.

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER 1951.

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E.J. GORDON WALLACE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
Port Medical Officer.





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PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

HEALTH CENTRE,
WESTHAM ROAD,
WEYMOUTH.

February 1952.

To the Chairman and Members of the Weymouth Port
Health Authority.

Mr Chairman, Mrs Jolly and Gentlemen,

In accordance with Article 17(5) of the Sanitary Officers' (Outside London) Regulations 1935, I have to submit for your information and consideration my Annual Report as your Medical Officer of Health for the year 1951.

As requested in Ministry of Health Circular 39/51, this report has been prepared on the lines indicated in Memorandum 302/S.A. and any permanent arrangements which have been fully described in the Annual Reports for 1946-50 and have not since been altered, have been omitted from this Report.

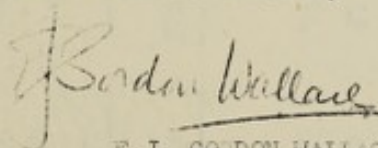
No unusual occurrences took place and it was not necessary to make any special report to the Ministry of Health during the year.

When it has been necessary to board a vessel at sea, the Captain-in-Charge, H.M. Dockyard, Portland, has put a M.F.V. at my disposal and this co-operation has been very much appreciated.

Once more it is a pleasure to have this opportunity of thanking the Members of the Authority for their kindness and consideration, the Clerk for his ready co-operation and Mr E.V. Abbey, Port Health Inspector, for his willing assistance at all times. I am also most grateful to the Divisional Marine Manager, British Railways, and to the Officers of H.M. Customs for their continued help.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,



E.J. GORDON WALLACE.

Port Medical Officer.

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COAST GUARD VESSEL

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To the Captain and Crew of the Schooner

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In accordance with Article 17(1) of the Geneva Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, I have the honor to inform you that the following information has been received from the Coast Guard:

An aircraft was reported in the vicinity of the Coast Guard Station at [location] on [date] at [time]. The aircraft was described as a [type] and was seen [description]. The aircraft was last seen [location] and was [status].

The aircraft was reported to be in the vicinity of the Coast Guard Station at [location] on [date] at [time]. The aircraft was described as a [type] and was seen [description]. The aircraft was last seen [location] and was [status].

It is requested that you keep the Coast Guard informed of any further information received regarding the aircraft.

The aircraft was reported to be in the vicinity of the Coast Guard Station at [location] on [date] at [time]. The aircraft was described as a [type] and was seen [description]. The aircraft was last seen [location] and was [status].

Very truly yours,

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T A B L E A

1 - Amount of Shipping entering the Port during the Year.

	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected By the Med. Off. of health. Health Insp.	Number reported to be defective.	Number of Vessels on which defects were remedied	Number of Vessels on which defects were found and reported to Min. of Transport Surveyors.	Number of vessels reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
FOREIGN:-							
Steamers.	496	337,554	4	4	3	Nil	Nil
* No.or.	91	41,079	1	2	1	Nil	Nil
Sailing.	2	15	-	-	-	Nil	Nil
Fishing.	-	-	-	-	-	Nil	Nil
TOTAL FOREIGN	589	378,648	5	6	4	Nil	Nil
COASTWISE:-							
Steamers.	111	74,122	-	10	8	Nil	Nil
* Motor.	112	47,577	2	5	4	Nil	Nil
Sailing	-	-	-	-	-	Nil	Nil
Fishing	2	37	1	1	1	Nil	Nil
TOTAL COASTWISE.	225	121,736	3	16	13	Nil	Nil
TOTAL FOREIGN and COASTWISE.	814	500,384	8	22	17	Nil	Nil

* Includes mechanically propelled vessels other than steamers.

TABLE B

II - Character of the Trade of the Port.

(a) Passenger traffic during the year.

	No. of passengers.			Transmigrants.
	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class	
Inwards.	17, 678		43, 213	Nil
Outwards.	18, 182		47, 957	Nil

These figures represent the passenger traffic between Weymouth and the Channel Islands.

No passengers were landed from Foreign Ports during the year.

(b) Cargo Traffic.

There has been no alteration in the character of the imports and exports to and from the Port.

(c) Foreign Ports from which vessels arrived during 1951.

Abadan, Charente, Curacao, Gibraltar, La Pallice, Malta, Ponte Jerome, Lorient, Port Said, Rotterdam, Singapore, Trinidad and Hainan.

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS.

The Port is not approved for the landing of aliens.

III - Water Supply.

Chlorinated water from the Weymouth and Portland public supplies is used at the docks concerned.

Six samples from the water tanks of two ships regularly using the Port were submitted for bacteriological examination, and all were reported to be satisfactory.

IV - Port Health Regulations, 1933 and 1945.

There is no change to report in local arrangements.

In their letter dated 26th January 1951, the Ministry of Health stated that health control of Royal Fleet Auxiliaries and Merchant Fleet Auxiliaries arriving in a Naval or other port should, after 1st March 1951, be applied by the Port Health Authority instead of by the Naval Medical Officer of Health as hitherto. For several years this suggested new procedure had been in force in this Port and no change was therefore called for.

TABLE C

Cases of Infectious Sickness landed from Vessels.

Disease.	Number of cases during year.		Number of Vessels concerned.	Average Number of cases for previous 5 years.
	Passengers.	Crew		
-	Nil	Nil	Nil	1

TABLE D

Cases of Infectious Sickness occurring on Vessels during the voyage, but disposed of prior to arrival.

Disease.	Number of cases during year.		Number of Vessels concerned.	Average Number of cases for previous 5 years.
	Passengers	Crew.		
-	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

No cases of Plague, Cholera, Yellow Fever, Smallpox or Typhus occurred, and no Plague-infected rats were discovered. No severe outbreak of Malaria occurred on any arriving vessel during the year.

V - Measures against Rodents.

Rats destroyed during the Year.

TABLE E

(1) On Vessels.

No. of Rats.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total in Year.
Black:	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	4	Nil	4
Brown.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Species not recorded.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nil
Examined.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Infected with Plague.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nil

TABLE F

(2) In Docks, Quays, Wharves and Warehouses.

No. of Rats.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total in Year.
Black.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brown.	-	-	25	15	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	16	68
Species not recorded.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Examined.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infected with Plague	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE G

Measures of Rat Destruction on Plague "infected" or "suspected" Vessels or Vessels from Plague infected Ports arriving in the Port during the year.

No Vessels, to be included in Table G, arrived in the Port during the year.

TABLE H *

Deratisation Certificates & Deratisation Exemption Certificates issued during the year.

	No. of Ships.	No. of Deratisation Certificates issued.				Total.	Number of Deratisation Exemption Cert's issued	Total Cert's Issued.
		After fumigation with H.C.N.	Sulphur	HCN & Sulphur.	After trapping Poisoning etc.			
Ships up to 300 tons.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
" from 301-1,000 tons.	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
" from 1,001-3,000 tons.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
" from 3,001-10,000 tons.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
" over 10,000 tons.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	4	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	4	4

* Applicable only to those Ports approved by the Minister of Health for the issue of Deratisation Certificates and Deratisation Exemption Certificates in accordance with the provisions of Article 28 of the International Sanitary Convention, 1926. (Form Port 11).

VI - Hygiene of Crews' Spaces.

TABLE J.

Classification of Nuisances.

Nationality of Vessel.	No. Inspected during the Year.	Defects of original construction.	Structural defects through wear and tear.	Dirt, Vermin & other conditions prejudicial to Health.
British	618	Nil	12	8
Other Nations	19	Nil	2	Nil

VII - Food Inspection.

(1) Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937.

The following Table supplied by the Inspector shows the quantities of foods detained as unsound, and the action taken, during the year:-

Foods.	Quantities.	Dates Detained.	Action Taken.
Cheese.	32 lbs.	5. 2. 51.	Surrendered and destroyed 9.2.51.

(2) Shellfish

The Port Health Inspector paid periodic visits to the foreshore at low water but no contravention of the Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations 1934 were observed.

During the year, three new notice boards were erected, and the one remaining old one was renovated, drawing the attention of the general public to the Weymouth (Shellfish) Regulations, 1922.

WEYMOUTH

PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

Inspector's Office,
Castletown,
PORTLAND.

February 1952.

To Dr. E.J. GORDON WALLACE,
Port Medical Officer.

Sir,

In accordance with the requirements of Article 27(3) of the Sanitary Officers' (Outside London) Regulations 1935, I herewith submit particulars of my work during the year 1951, as Port Health Inspector and Assistant Food Inspector to the Weymouth Port Health Authority.

Particulars of Ships Inspected in the Port during 1951

Nationality.					Where Inspected.	
					Weymouth	Portland.
British	...	...	...	...	560	58
Argentine	...	...	...	...	-	1
Danish	...	...	...	...	-	1
Dutch	...	...	...	...	-	11
French	...	...	...	...	1	-
German	...	...	...	...	1	-
Italian	...	...	...	...	-	2
Norwegian	...	...	...	...	1	-
Swedish	...	...	...	...	1	-
TOTALS					564	73

Classification:-

Foreign Steamships.	440	13
Motor Vessels.	68	9
Sailing Vessels.	2	-
Fishing Vessels	-	-
TOTAL FOREIGN	510	22
Coastwise Steamships	17	28
Motor Vessels.	36	22
Sailing Vessels	-	-
Fishing Vessels.	1	1
TOTAL COASTWISE.	55	50
TOTAL FOREIGN AND COASTWISE	564	73.

Number of Inspections made during the Year.

Total Number of Vessels Inspected.	...	...	...	637.
Re-inspections after the giving of notices	...	...	...	41
Re-visits to ships discharging food cargoes	...	...	...	93
Visits under the Port Sanitary Regulations 1933	...	...	...	35
Deratisation of ships.	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	...	...	...	806

Number and Result of Notices Served.

The following Table shows the number of Notices served during the year, and the number which were satisfactorily complied with.

				Notices served	Notices complied with
Informal	...	...	...	22	17
Statutory	...	...	...	Nil	Nil

FOOD INSPECTION.

Five hundred and six visits and ninety-three re-visits were made to vessels discharging food cargoes during the year. One item of foodstuff was condemned as unfit for human consumption, details of which are included in your Report under Table VII.

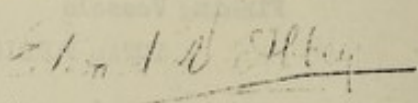
The total number of packages of food landed in the Port during 1951 was:-

			Packages.	Weight.	
				Tons.	Cwts.
Tomatoes	...	...	4,670,162	29,145	1
Potatoes	...	...	85,294	2,643	4
Other produce	...	...	63,592	303	8
TOTAL	...	...	4,819,048	32,091	13.

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Port Health Authority and to yourself as Port Medical Officer for the support and consideration afforded me during the year. Also to the Officers of H.M. Customs Waterguard and Excise, the Naval Stores Officer and Staff, Shipping Agents and their Staffs in Portland and Weymouth, and members of British Railways Executive and Pier Staff for the assistance which has been so willingly accorded to me.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,


Edward V. Abbey.

Port Health and Assistant Food Inspector.

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