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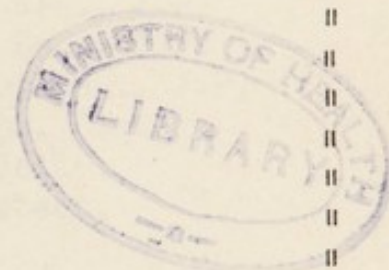
WEYMOUTH PORT
HEALTH AUTHORITY.

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
PORT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER 1952.

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



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WEYMOUTH

PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

Health Centre,
Westham Road,
WEYMOUTH.

March 1953.

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 and 1951, I have to submit for your information and consideration, my Annual Report for the Year 1952.

In Circular 33/52 dated 6th November 1952, it is indicated that the Minister of Health has reviewed the form and scope of the Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Health of Port Health Authorities primarily as a result of the Public Health(Ships) Regulations, which came into force on 1st October 1952.

Hitherto, these Annual Reports have been based on Memo 302/S.A. but in future they are to be made in accordance with a new form Port 20, a copy of which was enclosed with Circular 33/52.

Form Port 20 states that the information required by Sections 1, V, VI, VIII, XIV, XV, and XVI - all marked with an asterisk - which has been given in an earlier Report and has not since changed, need not be repeated every year. A recapitulation of all the information should be made in the Reports for the years 1952 and 1955 and thereafter quinquennially. For the intermediate years, only the changes which have occurred during the year covered by the Report need be mentioned in those Sections; if there is no change, "NO CHANGE" should be entered.

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

On certain occasions when it was necessary to board vessels in Weymouth Bay or further out in the Channel to remove sick or injured merchant seamen, the Captain-in-Charge, H.M.Dockyard, Portland, put an M.F.V. at my disposal and this co-operation is very much appreciated.

It is again 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 the Officers of H.M. Customs for their continued help.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

E. J. Gordon Wallace

(E. J. GORDON WALLACE.)
Port Medical Officer.

SECTION 1 - STAFF *

TABLE A.

Name of Officer.	Appointment Held.	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications and Other Appointments Held.
Dr. E. J. Gordon Wellece,	Port Medical Officer of Health.	1st Jan. 1948.	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. M.O.H. Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis. M.O.H. Portland Urban Dist. South Dorset Area Medical Officer. D.C.C. Physician i/c Weymouth Infectious Dis. Hospital.
Dr. A. C. Ricks.	Deputy Port Medical Officer of Health.	1st Apr. 1938.	General Medical Practitioner.
Mr. E. V. Abbey.	Port Health Inspector.	1st Oct. 1945	Sanitary Inspector's Certificate. Master Mariner (Foreign).

Address and Telephone Number of the Medical Officer of Health:

Office - Health Centre, Westham Rd., Weymouth. - Weymouth 1645/6.
Home - 211, Dorchester Road, Weymouth. - Weymouth 1513.

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SECTION 11 - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected.		Number of Ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious Disease on Board.
			By the Med. Officer of Health.	By the Sanitary Inspector.	
Foreign Ports	633	390,945	8	551	Nil
Coastwise	360	142,433	2	88	Nil
Total	993	533,378	10	639	Nil

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SECTION 111 - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic (Number of Passengers INWARDS 68,678 Day Trippers
(Number of Passengers OUTWARDS 76,098 16,323.

SECTION 111 - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR(Cont.)

TABLE C

Cargo Traffic	(Principal IMPORTS	Fruit; Vegetables; Flowers; Oil; Shellfish.
	(Principal EXPORTS	General Merchandise; Stores.

Principal Ports from which Ships arrive: Antwerp; Aruba; Bremen; Cherbourg; Channel Isles; Cuxhaven; Dunkerque; Fecamp; Gotenborg; Hamburg; Kotke; LeHavre; Morlaix; Petit Couronne; Pontajerome; Rotterdam; Rouen; Skoghell; Trinidad.

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SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC.

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SECTION V * - WATER SUPPLY.

1. Source of Supply for (r) the district:

Weymouth - Weymouth Waterworks Company's springs at Empool and Sutton Poyntz.
Portland - Portland Urban District's deep borehole at Friar Waddon.

(b) Shipping:

Mains from the Weymouth and Portland supplies.

2. Reports of Tests for Contamination.

Samples are regularly examined at the Public Health Laboratory, Dorchester, from the mains supplies in both Weymouth and Portland, and also from the Weymouth Waterworks Company's springs and the Portland U.D.C. deep borehole. The water supplies for both Weymouth and Portland are chlorinated at source. Reports of all bacteriological examinations are freely available to the Port Medical Officer in his capacity as Medical Officer of Health to the two districts.

3. Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes.

At Weymouth Harbour, the Berthing Master is responsible for the safe custody and cleanliness of the stand pipe for connection to the Water Company's main on the Quay. Each ship regularly using the Harbour has its own hosepipes. During the year certain recommendations regarding the storage of these hosepipes were made to the British Railways' Divisional Marine Manager.

At Portland, the supply of water to shipping, i.e. R.F.A. tankers, is an Admiralty responsibility.

4. Number and sanitary condition of water boats, and powers of control by the Authority.

No water boats are maintained by the Authority or by any other civil organisation. In Portland, this is an Admiralty responsibility.

SECTION VI * - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952.

1. List of Infected Areas (Regulation 6)

During the first week of each month, the Port Medical Officer prepares a list showing the Country, Seaport and disease concerned, i.e. a copy of Part 1 of the Ministry of Health's Weekly Record of Quarantinable Diseases - and sends a copy of this list to (a) Port Health Inspector, (b) H.M. Customs, Weymouth, and (c) H.M. Customs, Portland.

Each week during the month as new weekly records are received, an amendment list giving details of additions or deletions is sent out.

2. Radio Messages.

- (a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district (Regulation 13)

This Port is not a "Radio transmitting port", but should the necessity arise, appropriate messages can be transmitted through Niton Radio, Isle of Wight.

- (b) Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships and for acting thereon. (Regulation 14(1)(a) and (2).

From time to time messages are relayed from ships at sea direct to the Port Medical Officer by telephone from Niton Radio, Isle of Wight.

In this connection, it is a pleasure to place on record one's high appreciation of the whole hearted co-operation invariably extended by the staff of Niton Radio.

3. Notifications other than by Radio (Regulation 14(1)(b).

The R.N. Signals Station, Portland, is most co-operative in deciphering and passing on to the Port Medical Officer flag and other signals from ships in the district of the Port Health Authority.

Occasionally messages are received by the Port Medical Officer from shipping agents in either Weymouth or Portland.

"Portelth, Weymouth", is the registered telegraphic address of the Port Medical Officer's office at the Health Centre, Weymouth, where messages can be received and necessary action taken thereon at any time during the day or night.

4. Mooring Stations. (Regulations 22 to 30)

This Port is not regularly used by shipping which might come within the definition of "infected ship" or "suspected ship".

If, however, such circumstances should arise, the ship would have been instructed to anchor in Weymouth Bay and would be boarded without delay by the Port Medical Officer.

In the event of it becoming necessary to detain any ship, arrangements would be made with Queens Harbour Master, H.M. Naval Base, Portland, for the ship to tie up to a mooring buoy in Portland Harbour subject to Naval commitments allowing of this to be done.

5. Arrangements for:

- (a) Hospital accommodation for infectious cases -other than Smallpox.

These are admitted to the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Radipole Lane, Weymouth.

- (b) Surveillance and Follow-up of Contacts.

Arrangements are made for this to be carried out in accordance with Regulation 38 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952.

- (c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles.

The Port Health Inspector has a supply of disinfectants and modern insecticides for the cleansing and disinfection of ships quarters requiring such treatment which is carried out under his direction.

Delousing of verminous persons and disinfestation of clothing and other articles is carried out by arrangement with the Weymouth Borough Council which has a modern cleansing station and steam disinfecter.

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SECTION VII - SMALLPOX.

1. Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the District:

Crabwood Smallpox Hospital, Nr. Winchester, Hants.

2. Arrangements for transport of such cases to that Hospital:

Dorset County Council Ambulance Service, from the Weymouth Ambulance Depot.

Each Ambulance driver/Attendant at this Depot is re-vaccinated every year. The vaccinal state of the Weymouth Corporation disinfecter staff is also maintained by annual re-vaccination.

3. Names of Smallpox Consultants available:

Dr. E.J.Gordon Wallace	- Weymouth.
Dr. P. Hughes.	- Weymouth.
Dr. C. Hollins.	- Dorchester.

4. Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

Suspected material is sent to:

Dr. F.O.McCallum,
Virus Reference Laboratory,
Central Public Health Laboratory,
Colindale, London N.W.9.
Tel. No. Colindale 6041.

SECTION VIII * - VENEREAL DISEASE.

Male patients can be seen at the V.D.Clinic at 1a, Wyke Road, Weymouth (Portway Hospital Out-Patient Department) on Monday mornings from 11.0 a.m.- 12.30 p.m. and on Thursday evenings from 5- 6.30 p.m.

The Specialist V.D. Officer is always prepared to give special facilities to merchant seamen whose available time on shore does not permit them to attend at the usual clinic hours.

In-patient accommodation and treatment is provided for at the Weymouth Infectious Diseases Hospital.

The Port Medical Officer, or the Port Health Inspector inquires as to the presence of venereal disease on board ships entering the Port and the appropriate information is given to the persons concerned. Printed cards are available for this purpose.

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS.

TABLE D

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

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS.

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

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SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

- 1. The Port Health Inspector carries out a detailed inspection for rodents on all ships arriving from foreign ports.
- 2. Arrangements have been made for the bacteriological and pathological examinations of rodents to be carried out at the County Laboratory, Dorchester.
No such examinations were carried out during 1952.
- 3. The Port Health Inspector has been trained in modern methods of rodent control. Small infestations are dealt with by trapping and baiting. Large scale infestations would be dealt with by specialist fumigation firms from Southampton or London.

TABLE E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

Category.	Number.
Black rats	Nil
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Sent for examination	Nil
Infected with Plague	Nil

TABLE F.

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

No. of Deratting Certificates issued.					Number of Deratting Exemption Cert's issued 6	Total Cert's Issued . 7
After fumigation with		After Trapping. 3	After Poisoning 4 *	Total. 5		
H.C.N. 1	Other Fumigant (State Method) 2					
-	-	-	-	-	1	1

* State poisons used and number of Certificates issued after each poison.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.

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Inspections and Notices.

Nature and number of Inspections	Notices Served		Result of Serving Notices
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
British 610	Nil	13	11 abated.
Foreign 29	Nil	3	2 abated.
TOTAL 639	Nil	16	13 abated.

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SECTION XIV * - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS 1934 and 1948.

There are no shell-fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Port Health Authority.

Under the Weymouth(Shell-fish) Regulations 1922, a prohibited area has been prescribed and Notices to the following effect are exhibited at 4 places within the Authority's district, viz.(a) Backwater of Weymouth Harbour, (b) Stone Pier, Weymouth, (c) Littlesea, off Chesil Beach Road, and (d) adjacent to the Admiralty oil tanks, Portland:-

WEYMOUTH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY
Weymouth (Shell-fish) Regulations 1922.

WARNING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:- That any person who, for human consumption, sells or exposes for sale, distributes, offers for sale or has in his possession for the purpose of sale, contrary to the order, any oysters, cockles, mussels, periwinkles, razor fish, squinns or butter fish, brought from the layings included in the prescribed area, hereinafter described, shall be deemed to be acting in contravention of the said regulations, and liable, on conviction, to a penalty of £100, and to a continuing daily penalty of £50.

PRESCRIBED AREA.

Portland Harbour and so much of the adjacent waters as lies to the west of a straight line drawn from the southern extremity of Redcliff Point to the eastern extremity of Grove Point, including the backwater of Weymouth Harbour.

By Order,

G.G.H.SYMES,

Clerk to the Port Health Authority.

SECTION XV* - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS.

The Port is not approved for the landing of aliens.

SECTION XVI* - MISCELLANEOUS.

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease.

No difficulty would arise in arranging for such burials in local cemeteries.

WEYMOUTH
PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

4, Lansdowne Square,
WEYMOUTH.

To Dr. E.J.Gordon Wallace,
Port Medical Officer of Health.

March 1953.

Sir,

In accordance with the requirements of Article 27(8) of the Sanitary Officers' (Outside London) Regulations 1935, I herewith submit particulars of my work during the year 1952, as Port Health Inspector and Assistant Food Inspector to the Weymouth Port Health Authority.

Particulars of Ships Arriving and Inspected in the Port
during 1952.

				Where Inspected.	
				<u>Weymouth</u>	<u>Portland.</u>
British	...	...	...	552	58
Belgian	...	...	...	1	-
Costa Rican	...	...	...	1	-
Dutch	...	...	...	2	12
French	...	...	...	1	-
German	...	...	...	3	3
Norwegian	...	...	...	-	1
Panama	...	...	...	-	1
Spanish	...	...	...	1	-
Swedish	...	...	...	3	-
TOTALS				<u>564</u>	<u>75</u>

Classification:

Foreign Steamships	525	8
Motor Vessels	8	7
Fishing Vessels	3	-
TOTAL FOREIGN	<u>536</u>	<u>15</u>
Coastwise Steamships	12	31
Motor Vessels	16	29
Fishing Vessels	-	-
TOTAL COASTWISE	<u>28</u>	<u>60</u>
TOTAL FOREIGN & COASTWISE	<u>564</u>	<u>75</u>

Number of Inspections made during the Year.

Total Number of Vessels Inspected	...	...	639
Re-inspections after the giving of Notices	...	...	22
Re-visits to vessels discharging food cargoes	52
Visits under Sect.19 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations	29
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TOTAL	742

FOOD INSPECTION.

Five hundred and twenty-three visits, and fifty-two re-visits were made to vessels discharging food cargoes during the year. No foodstuffs were condemned as being unfit for human consumption.

The total number of packages of food landed in the Port during 1952 was:-

			Weight	
			<u>Tons.</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>
Tomatoes	...	5,027,621	31,378	10
Potatoes	...	86,246	2,391	5
Other Produce	...	63,688	346	19
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TOTAL	...	5,177,555	34,116	14

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman 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 the 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.

