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WEYMOUTH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

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A N N U A L R E P O R T .

OF THE

PORT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER, 1960.

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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.

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WEYMOUTH

PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Health Centre,
Westham Road,
Weymouth.

March, 1961.

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

Mr. Chairman 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 1960.

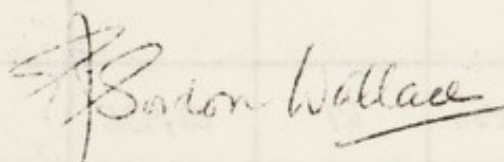
This Report is submitted in the manner specified in Form Port 20 which accompanied Ministry of Health Circular 33/52 dated 6th November, 1952. This indicated that a full report was to be made in 1955 and thereafter quinquennially while for the intermediate years only changes which occurred during the year should be referred to in Sections I, V, VI, VIII, XIV, XV, and XVI - all marked with an asterisk. This Report for 1960 is therefore a full report.

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

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, Captain T.A. Hollyoak, Harbourmaster, and 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.

SECTION 1 - STAFF

TABLE "A".

<u>Name of Officer</u>	<u>Appointment Held</u>	<u>Date of Appointment.</u>	<u>Qualifications and Other Appointments Held.</u>
Dr. E.J. Gordon Wallace	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 U.D., S. Dorset Area Medical Officer, D.C.C. Physician i/c West Haven Infectious Diseases Hospital.
Dr. P.G. Fox.	Deputy Port Medical Officer of Health.	1st April, 1960.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. 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 Road, Weymouth - Wey. 1645/6
- Telegraphic Address "Portelth", Weymouth.
Home - 211, Dorchester Road, Weymouth.

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

TABLE "B"

<u>Ships from.</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Number Inspected</u>		<u>Number of Ships Reported as Having or Having had during the Voyage, Infectious disease on board.</u>
			<u>By the M.O.H.</u>	<u>By the Port Health Inspector.</u>	
Foreign Ports	47	28,934	8	46	Nil
Coastwise	842	626,335	7	790	Nil
Total	889	655,319	15	836	Nil

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

TABLE C.

<u>Passenger Traffic</u>	(Number of Passengers Inwards - 65992 (Number of Passengers Outwards - 67887	Day Trippers. 17,925.
<u>Cargo Traffic.</u>	Principal IMPORTS, vegetables, fruit, flowers, poultry, shellfish, oil, timber, fertilizer and beet pulp. Principal EXPORTS. general merchandise, stores, barley, animal feeding stuffs, hay and straw and stone.	

Principal Ports from which Ships Arrive. Bergen, Bremerhaven, Channel Islands, Dieppe, Dinteloord, Frederickshavn, Freetown, Gefle, Ghent, Gibraltar, Hamina, Haukipudas, Kemi, Kotka, Lannion, Norrkoping, Rotterdam, Simrishamn, St. Malo, Stettin, Trinidad, Valkom, Vigo, Ymuiden.

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC.

NIL

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY.

1. Source of supply for (a) 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.

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 ^H PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952.

1. List of Infected Areas (Regulation 6).

Information, more up to date than hitherto, is now received each week direct from the World Health Organisation at Geneva. Fresh lists giving appropriate extracts from this W.H.O. Weekly Epidemiological Record are now being sent each week to (a) The Port Health Inspector, (b) H.M. Customs, Weymouth, (c) H.M. Customs, Portland and (d) Base Medical Officer, H.M.S. Osprey, Portland.

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 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 be 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 permitting this to be done.

5. Arrangements for:

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

These are admitted to the West Haven (Infectious Diseases) Hospital, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. Tel. Weymouth 16.

- (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 disinfection of clothing and other articles is carried out by arrangement with the Weymouth Borough Council which has a modern cleansing station and steam disinfecter.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX.

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

Crabwood Smallpox Hospital, Nr. Winchester, Hants.
Tel. No. Winchester 2121.

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

Dorset County Council Ambulance Service, from
The Weymouth Ambulance Depot, Tel. No. Wey. 2661
(Dorset County Control - Dorchester 1761.)

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. A.F. Turner	- Weymouth.
Dr. C. Hollins	- Dorchester.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX CONT.

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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 1(a) Wyke Road, Weymouth (Portway Hospital Out-Patient Department) on Monday mornings from 11.0.a.m. - 12.30.p.m. and on Thursday evening from 5.0. - 6.30.p.m.

The Specialist V.D. Medical 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 West Haven (Infectious Diseases) Hospital, Weymouth.

The Port Medical Officer, or the Port Health Inspector enquires 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.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>No. of Cases during Year</u>		<u>Number of Ships Concerned</u>
		<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Crew.</u>	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases occurring on ships from foreign ports disposed of before arrival.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships.	T.B.	Nil	1	1

The above notification of pulmonary tuberculosis was in respect of an Indian Seaman - a member of the crew sent over to take the S.S. Empire Fowey back to India. Arrangements were made for the immediate contacts to have chest x-rays at another port.

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

NIL.

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

NIL.

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 1960.
3. The Port Health Inspector has been trained in modern methods of rodents control, including "1080"- Sodium Fluoroacetate. 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.

<u>Category</u>				<u>Numbers.</u>
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 Certificates Issued.	Total Cert.'s Issued.
After fumigation with		After trap- ping.	After Poison- ing. x	Total		
H.C.N.	Other Fumigant (State Method)					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	2

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

In addition to the ships from foreign ports mentioned under Table F overleaf, deratting exemption certificates were also issued to eight coastwise ships.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.

TABLE G.

Inspections and Notices.

<u>Nature and Number of Inspections.</u>	<u>Notices Served.</u>		<u>Result of Serving Notices.</u>
	<u>Statutory Notices.</u>	<u>Other Notices.</u>	
British 680	Nil	13	10 Abated
Foreign 156	Nil	4	3 Abated
Total 836	Nil	17	13 Abated.

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 3 places within the Authority's district, viz. (a) Stone Pier, Weymouth, (b) Littlesea, off Chesil Beach Road, and (c) 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, fraught from the payings 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.

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Weymouth (Shell - Fish) Regulations, 1922. - Cont.

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^H - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS.

The Port is not approved for the landing of aliens.

SECTION XVI^H - 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.

Weymouth,
March, 1961.

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

Sir,

In accordance with the requirements of Article 27 (8) of the Sanitary Officers' (Outside London) Regulations, 1935 and 1951, I herewith submit particulars of my work during the year 1959 as Port Health Inspector and Assistant Food Inspector to the Weymouth Port Health Authority.

Particulars of Ships Arriving and Inspected in the Port during 1960.

	<u>Where Inspected.</u>	
	<u>Weymouth</u>	<u>Portland.</u>
British	562	117
Danish	1	1
Dutch	73	2
French	66	-
German	4	2
Norwegian	2	-
Panamanian	-	1
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	713	123.

Number of Inspections made During the Year.

Total number of vessels inspected	836
Re-inspections after the Giving of Notices	21
Re-visits to vessels discharging food cargoes	106
Re-visits under Section 19 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations	16
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Food Inspection.

Six hundred and sixty two visits and one hundred and six re-visits were made to vessels discharging food cargoes during the year. No food stuffs were condemned as being unfit for human consumption.

The total number of packages of food landed in the Port during 1960 was:-

	<u>Packages.</u>	<u>Tons.</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>
Tomatoes	7,758,800	46,488	2
Potatoes	84,476	1,986	8
Other produce	95,651	-	-
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Totals	7,938,927	-	-
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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 and members of the British Railways Executive and pier staff for the assistance which has been so willingly given to me.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

EDWARD V. ABBEY,

Port Health and Assistant Food
Inspector.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

For the year ending 1900

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