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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PORT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER, 1961.

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

Port Medical Officer.



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of Health.

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WEYMOUTH
PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Health Centre,
Westham Road,
WEYMOUTH.

March, 1962.

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

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

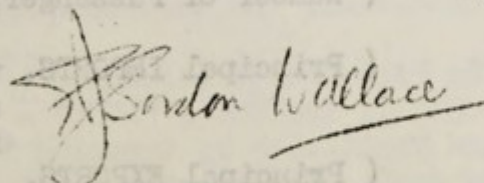
In accordance with Article 17 (5) of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London Regulations, 1935 and 1951, I have to submit for your information and consideration my Annual Report for the Year 1961.

The Minister of Health requires that this Report should be prepared on the lines indicated in Form Port 20 which was enclosed with Circular 33/52 dated 6th November, 1952. Form Port 20 states that the information required in Section I, V, VI, VIII, XIV, XV and XVI - all marked with an asterisk - need not be repeated each year. This information was given in full in the 1960 Report and will be recapitulated in 1965 and thereafter quinquennially. For the intermediate years, only the changes which have occurred during the year covered by the Report need be mentioned in these Sections: if there has been no change, "NO CHANGE" should be entered.

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 R.L. Joyner, Harbour-master 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.

NO CHANGE

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 Diseases on board.
			By the Med. Officer of Health.	By the P.H. Inspector.	
Foreign Ports	39	34,129	7	33	Nil
Coastwise	889	824,148	4	843	Nil
Total	928	858,277	11	876	Nil

It will be noted that compared with the figures given in previous Annual Reports, the number of ships from foreign ports shows a considerable reduction while the amount of coastwise shipping is much increased.

In recording this information in previous years, I have followed the practice of H.M. Customs in regarding ships from the Channel Islands as being from foreign ports. This year, I have included these ships as being coastwise as I feel that such a classification gives a more realistic picture of the work of the Port.

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

TABLE C.

<u>Passenger Traffic</u>	(Number of Passengers INWARDS	135,448	<u>Day Trippers</u>
	(Number of Passengers OUTWARDS	139,617	
<u>Cargo Traffic</u>	(Principal IMPORTS, vegetables, fruit, flowers, poultry, shell and wet fish, oil, timber, and fertilizer.		
	(Principal EXPORTS. general merchandise, stores, barley, animal feeding stuffs, hay, straw and stone.		

SECTION III Cont.

Principal Ports from which Ships Arrived. Abo, Aden, Alta, Antwerp, Blankaholm, Channel Islands, Dieppe, Dunkirk, Freetown, Gefle, Gotenborg, Hamina, Honfleur, Kemi, Le Havre, Mantiluoto, Odessa, Quimper, Rotterdam, Ymuiden.

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC.

NIL

SECTION V * - WATER SUPPLY

NO CHANGE

SECTION VI - 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) Port Health Inspector, (b) H.M. Customs, Weymouth and (c) H.M. Customs, Portland.

SECTION VI (2) - (5) - NO CHANGE *

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

1. Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox Cases are sent from the District.

Weyhill Hospital, Andover, Hants,
Tel. No. Weyhill 214.

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 disinfectant 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.

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

NO CHANGE

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.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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 TAKEN AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

1. The Port Health Inspector carried out a detailed inspection for rodents in 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 1961.
3. The Port Health Inspector has been trained in modern methods of rodent control, including "1080" - Sodium Fluoroacetate. Small infestations are dealt with by trapping and baiting. Large scale infestations would be dealt with by specialist fumigations firms from Southampton or London.

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

TABLE E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>NUMBER</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 Cert's. Issued.	Total Cert's Issued.
<u>After fumigation with</u>		After trapping	After Poisoning. ✕	Total		
H.C.N.	Other Fumigant (State Method)					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	4	4

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

In addition to the ships from foreign ports mentioned under Table F above, de-ratting exemption certificates were also issued to four coastwise vessels.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.

TABLE G.

Inspections and Notices.

NATURE and number of Inspections.	NOTICES SERVED		Result of Serving Notices.
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices.	
British 793	Nil	14	10 Abated
Foreign 83	Nil	1	1 Abated
Total 876	Nil	15	11 Abated

SECTION XIV^{3E} - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELLFISH) REGULATIONS, 1934 and 1948.

NO CHANGE

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS.

NO CHANGE

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

NO CHANGE

WEYMOUTH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

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

WEYMOUTH
March, 1962.

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 1961 as Port Health Inspector and Assistant Food Inspector to the Weymouth Port Health Authority.

Particulars of Ships Arriving and Inspected in the Port During 1961.

	<u>Where Inspected</u>	
	<u>Weymouth</u>	<u>Portland.</u>
British	708	85
Danish	1	-
Dutch	37	6
French	29	-
German	8	1
Norwegian	-	1
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Number of Inspections made During the Year.

Total number of vessels inspected	876
Re-inspections after the giving of Notices	17
Re-visits to vessels discharging food cargoes	98
Re-visits under Section 19 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations	27
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EDWARD V. ABBEY

Port Health and Assistant Food Inspector.

Food Inspections.

Seven hundred and twenty two visits and ninety eight re-visits were made to vessels discharging food cargoes during the year. Six items of foodstuff were condemned as unfit for human consumption, details of which are set out below:-

<u>Foods</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Date Detained</u>	<u>Action Taken.</u>
Guernsey Tomatoes	3,012 lbs	7.5.61.	Condemned and destroyed 8.5.61.
-do-	852 lbs	8.5.61.	-do- 9.5.61.
-do-	1,788 lbs	6.6.61.	-do- 6.6.61.
-do-	312 lbs.	6.6.61.	-do- 6.6.61.
-do-	204 lbs.	18.7.61.	-do- 18.7.61.
-do-	1,560 lbs.	18.7.61.	-do- 18.7.61.

The total number of packages of food landed in the Port during 1961 was:-

	<u>Packages</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>
Tomatoes	7,621,816	45,798	16
Potatoes	69,148	1,737	11
Other Produce	84,359	-	-
	<u>7,775,323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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,

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<u>Food</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Date Detained</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
Guernsey, Toasted	3,012 lbs.	7.5.61.	Condemned and destroyed
-do-	852 lbs.	8.5.61.	-do-
-do-	1,788 lbs.	8.6.61.	-do-
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-do-	204 lbs.	13.7.61.	-do-
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The total number of packages of food landed in the Port during 1961 was:-

	<u>Packages</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Tris.</u>
Produce	7,621,816	45,798	16
Butchery	69,149	1,937	11
Other Produce	84,359	-	-
	<u>7,775,323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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