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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, 1962.

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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, 1963.

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 1962.

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 1, 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, to Captain R.L. Joyner, Harbourmaster, 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
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 M.O.H.	By the P.H. Inspector.	
Foreign Ports	37	36,646	4	37	Nil
Coastwise	978	997,817	-	911	Nil
Total	1015	1,034,463	-	948	Nil

In recording this information I have classified ships from the Channel Islands as being "coastwise".

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

TABLE C.

<u>Passenger Traffic</u>	(Number of Passengers INWARDS	136,512	Day Trippers
	(Number of Passengers OUTWARDS	140,090	20,848
<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. Azores, Carlshamn, Dunkirk, Fredriksund, Groningen, Gronvik, Hamina, Helsinki, Kotka, Landerneau, Las Palmas, Lisbon, Rotterdam, Tamara, Trinidad, Vigo, Vlaadingen, 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 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.

4. Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

Suspected material is sent to :-
Virus Reference Laboratory,
Central Public Health Laboratory,
Colindale, London, N.W.9.
Tel. No. Colindale 6041.

Smallpox Vaccination.

38 members of the crew of the S.S. St. Patrick were vaccinated against smallpox before leaving for Cardiff on the 17th January, 1962.

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 X 11 Cont. - ME. S. RES 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 rates	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.
H.C.N.	Other Fumigant (State Method)	After trapping	After Poisoning *	Total		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

* 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 eight 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 776	Nil	13	10 Abated
Foreign 172	Nil	3	3 Abated
Total 948	Nil	16	13 Abated.

SECTION XIV * - 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

Weymouth.

Feb. 1963.

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

Sir,

In accordance with the requirements of Article 27 (8) of the Sanitary Officer's (Outside London) Regulations, 1935 and 1951, I herewith submit particulars of my work during the year 1962 as Port Health Inspector and Assistant Food Inspector to the Weymouth Port Health Authority.

Particulars of Ships Inspected in the Port During 1962.

Where Inspected.

	<u>Weymouth</u>	<u>Portland.</u>
British ...	681	94
Belgian	1	-
Danish ...	33	-
Dutch ...	25	2
French ...	65	-
German ...	43	-
Greek ...	1	-
Italian ...	1	-
Norwegian ...	1	-
Portugese ...	-	1
	<hr/> 851	<hr/> 97

Number of Inspections made During the Year.

Total number of vessels inspected	948
Re-Inspections after the giving of Notes	38
Re-visits to vessels discharging food cargoes	90
Re-visits under Section 19 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.	17
	<hr/> 1093

Food Inspections

Seven hundred and sixty one visits and ninety re-visits were made to vessels discharging food cargoes during the year. Five 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	600 lbs	21.6.62.	Condemned and destroyed 22.6.62.
-do-	72 lbs	22.7.62.	-do- 22.7.62.
-do-	79 lbs	28.7.62.	-do- 30.7.62.
-do-	17,268 lbs	4.8.62.	-do- 6.8.62.
Jersey Tomatoes	588 lbs.	12.9.62.	-do- 14.9.62.

The total number of packages of food landed in the Port during 1962 was:-

	<u>Packages</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>
Tomatoes	7,184,540	43,637	12
Potatoes	9,577	236	7
Other Produce	83,539	-	-
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	7,277,656
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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.

Food Inspections

Seven hundred and sixty one visits and ninety re-visits were made to vessels discharging food cargoes during the year. Five items of foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption, details of which are set out below:-

Foodstuffs	Quantity	Date Rejected	Reason for Rejection
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Gourmery Tomatoes	600 lbs	21.6.62	Condensed and destroyed
do	75 lbs	22.7.62	do
do	75 lbs	22.7.62	do
do	75 lbs	22.7.62	do
do	75 lbs	22.7.62	do
do	75 lbs	22.7.62	do
do	75 lbs	22.7.62	do
do	75 lbs	22.7.62	do
do	75 lbs	22.7.62	do
do	75 lbs	22.7.62	do

The total number of packages of food landed in the Port during 1962 was 1,237,656.

Foodstuffs	Quantity	Tons	Cwt.
Potatoes	1,237,656	42,637	12
Other Produce	83,239	235	7

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 their staff for the assistance which has been so willingly given to me.

I am, Sir, Yours faithfully,

Edward V. ABBEY
Port Health and Assistant Food Inspector.



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