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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, 1963

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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.

March, 1964

To the Chairman and Members of the Weymouth Port Health Authority

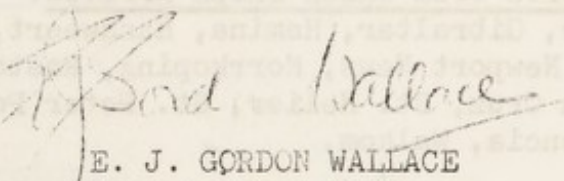
Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

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 1963.

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 I - STAFF *

TABLE A
NO CHANGE

SECTION II - 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	80	64,398	10	76	Nil
Coastwise	981	1,016,768	1	938	Nil
Total	1,061	1,081,166	11	1,014	Nil

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

<u>Passenger Traffic</u>	(Number of Passengers INWARDS	140,282	<u>Excursions</u> 12,478
	(Number of Passengers OUTWARDS	143,377	12,507

Cargo Traffic (Principal IMPORTS - vegetables, fruit, flowers, poultry, shell and wet fish, oil, timber, fertilizer, and gravel.

(Principal EXPORTS - general merchandise, stores, barley, animal feeding stuffs, hay, straw and stone.

Principal Ports from which Ships Arrived: Alta, Archangel, Brest, Brussels, Caen, Dieppe, Gibraltar, Hamina, Hansweert, Kemi, Kotka, Leghorn, Malta, Mantiluoto, Newport News, Norrkoping, Rastanura, Ronneby, Roscoff, Rotterdam, Rouen, Santa Cruz, St. Helier, St. Peter Port, Tonsberg, Toppilla, Trinidad, Tuapse, Valencia, Walkom.

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 is 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. C. 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 1963.
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.

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				Total	Number of Deratting Exemption Cert's Issued	Total Certificates Issued
After fumigation with H.C.N.	Other Fumigant (State Method)	After trapping	After Poisoning [‡]			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	7	7

[‡] State poisons used and number of Certificates issued after each poison.

In addition to the ships from foreign ports mentioned under Table F above, Deratting Exemption Certificates were also issued to six 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 797	Nil	20	13 Abated
Foreign 217	Nil	2	2 Abated
Total 1,014	Nil	22	15 Abated

SECTION XIV * - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELLFISH) REGULATIONS, 1934 and 1948

NO CHANGE

SECTION XV * - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

NO CHANGE

SECTION XVI * - MISCELLANECUS

NO CHANGE

Administrative Unit

WEYMOUTH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

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

WEYMOUTH
March, 1964

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 1963 as Port Health Inspector and Assistant Food Inspector to the Weymouth Port Health Authority.

Particulars of Ships Arriving and Inspected in the Port During 1963

	<u>Where Inspected</u>	
	<u>Weymouth</u>	<u>Portland</u>
British	714	83
Danish	1	-
Dutch	46	32
Egyptian	1	-
Finnish	1	-
French	68	-
German	65	-
Liberian	1	-
Norwegian	-	1
Swedish	1	-
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Number of Inspections made During the Year

Total number of Vessels Inspected	1,014
Re-inspections after the giving of Notices	28
Re-visits to Vessels discharging Food cargoes	121
Re-visits under Section 19 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations	20
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	1,183
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Food Inspections

Seven hundred and forty seven visits and one hundred and twenty one 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	36 lbs.	28.5.63	Condemned and destroyed 28.5.63
" "	420 lbs.	19.6.63	Condemned and destroyed 19.6.63
" "	4,140 lbs.	26.6.63	Condemned and destroyed 26.6.63
" "	648 lbs.	16.7.63	Condemned and destroyed 18.7.63
" "	40 lbs.	25.8.63	Condemned and destroyed 27.8.63

The total number of packages of food landed in the Port during 1963 was:-

	<u>Packages</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>
Tomatoes	6,582,518	39,686	13
Potatoes	14,724	357	1
Other Produce	70,038	-	-
	<u>6,667,280</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,



EDWARD V. ABBEY

Port Health and Assistant Food Inspector

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Food Inspections

Seven hundred and forty seven consignments and two hundred and twenty two packages were found to comply with the food hygiene regulations of 1945. Five items of foodstuffs were found to be unfit for human consumption, details of which are set out below:-

<u>Goods</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Guernsey Tomatoes	75 lbs.	15.00	Quarantined and destroyed
"	420 lbs.	75.00	Quarantined and destroyed
"	1,790 lbs.	324.00	Quarantined and destroyed
"	640 lbs.	115.20	Quarantined and destroyed
"	40 lbs.	75.00	Quarantined and destroyed

The total number of packages of food landed in the Port during 1953 was:-

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Packages</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cases</u>
Tomatoes	6,582,515	29,686	13
Potatoes	14,324	277	1
Other Produce	10,736	-	-
	<u>6,607,575</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>14</u>

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Port Health Authority and to the Chief and Port Medical Officer for the support and consideration afforded to me during the year, also to the Officers of H.M. Customs and Excise and Harbour, the Local 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,

Your obedient servant,



EDWARD J. ABNEY

Port Health and Anti-Vet Food Inspector