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WEYMOUTH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

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

OF THE  
PORT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH


FOR YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER, 1968

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

Port Medical Officer



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Port Medical Officer of Health

Dr. E. J. Gordon Wallace

Port Health Inspector

E. V. Abbey, Esq., M.A.P.H.I.



WEYMOUTH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Health Centre,  
Westham Road,  
Weymouth.

February 1969

To the Chairman and Members of the Weymouth Port Health Authority

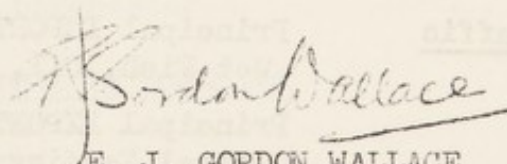
Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Brown and Gentlemen,

In accordance with Regulation 12(4) of the Public Health Officers (Port Health Districts) Regulations, 1959, I have to submit for your information and consideration my Annual Report for the Year 1968.

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 the 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 1965 Report and will be recapitulated in 1970 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 H. E. Holden, D.S.C., 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 I - STAFF\*

TABLE A

NO CHANGE

Address and Telephone Number of The Medical Officer of Health:

Office - Health Centre, Westham Road, Weymouth - Weymouth 5645/6/7  
- Telegraphic Address "Portelth", Weymouth  
Home - 55 Spa Road, Weymouth - Weymouth 6513

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	77	46,801	7	76	Nil
Coastwise	844	1,048,822	2	829	Nil
Total	921	1,095,623	9	905	Nil

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic      Number of Passengers INWARDS 190,971  
                                 Number of Passengers OUTWARDS 193,988

Cargo Traffic            Principal IMPORTS - Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Shell & Wet Fish, Oil, Timber, Fertilizer and Grape Juice.  
                                 Principal EXPORTS - General Merchandise, Stores, Barley, Animal Feeding Stuffs, Confectionary, Stone and Cattle.

Principal Ports from which Ships Arrived: Amsterdam, Antwerp, Augusta, Bremen, Danzig, Dunkerque, Hamburg, Hamina, Kalamata, Kotka, La Spezia, Le Havre, Le Treport, Leningrad, Lipari, Lubeck, Munksund, Ostend, Porticello, Piraeus, Rauma, Rotterdam, Roytka, Sfax, St. Malo, Trinidad, Vlaadingen.

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

NIL

SECTION V\* - WATER SUPPLY

NO CHANGE

SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS REGULATIONS), 1952

1. List of Infected Areas (Regulations 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. Weymouth 2661  
(Dorset County Council - 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 :-

Dr. A. D. MacRae,  
Virus Reference Laboratory,  
Central Public Health Laboratory,  
Colindale Avenue, London, N.W.9.  
Tel. No. Colindale 7041



SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE\*

NO CHANGE

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

TABLE D

Category	Disease	No. of cases during Year		Number of Ships Concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
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 1968.
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 special fumigation 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					Number of Deratting Exemption Cert's Issued	Total Certificates Issued		
After fumigation with		After trapping	After Poisoning ‡	Total				
H.C.N.	Other Fumigant (State Method)				1	2	3	4
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 above, Deratting Exemption Certificates were also issued to ten 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        832	Nil	15	All Abated
Foreign        73	Nil	1	Abated
Total         905	Nil	16	All 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

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

WEYMOUTH

February, 1969

Sir,

In accordance with the requirements of Regulation 12(4) of the Public Health Officers (Port Health District) Regulations, 1959, I herewith submit particulars of my work during the year 1968 as Port Health Inspector and Assistant Food Inspector to the Weymouth Port Health Authority.

Particulars of Ships Arriving and Inspected in the Port during 1968

	<u>Where Inspected</u>	
	<u>Weymouth</u>	<u>Portland</u>
British .. .. .	672	60
Danish .. .. .	4	2
Dutch .. .. .	5	20
German .. .. .	124	7
Gilbert Isles .. .. .	1	0
Greek .. .. .	2	2
Italian .. .. .	0	1
Liberian .. .. .	0	1
Moroccan .. .. .	1	0
Russian .. .. .	1	0
Swedish .. .. .	2	0
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	812	93
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Number of Inspections made during the Year

Total number of vessels inspected .. .. .	905
Re-inspections after the giving of notices .. .. .	24
Re-visits to vessels discharging food cargoes .. .. .	116
Re-visits under Section 19 of the Public Health (Saips) Regulations .. .. .	20
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	1,065
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## Food Inspection

Five hundred and sixty eight visits and one hundred and sixteen 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>Detained</u>	<u>Action Taken</u> <u>Condemned &amp; Destroyed</u>
	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>Lbs.</u>		
Guernsey Tomatoes	0	7	2	12	2.5.68.	2.5.68.
" "	2	11	3	0	7.5.68.	8.5.68.
" "	0	5	3	4	23.5.68.	24.5.68.
" "	0	11	1	0	5.6.68.	7.6.68.
" "	6	1	0	20	17.8.68.	18.8.68.

The total number of packages of food landed in the port during 1968 was :-

	<u>Packages</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>Lbs.</u>
Tomatoes ..	3,854,058	23,949	-	-	-
Other Produce	81,404	-	-	-	-
	<u>3,935,462</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 Store and Transport Officer (Naval) and Staff, Shipping Agents and their staffs and members of British Railways Executive and Pier Staff for the assistance which has been so willingly given to me at all times.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

EDWARD V. ABBEY

Port Health and Assistant Food Inspector



Annual Report

The following table shows the results of the work done during the year ending 31st March 1924. The figures are given in pounds and pence. The total amount of work done during the year was 1,000,000 units.

Category	Units	Value	Percentage	Notes
Category 1	500,000	£100,000	10%	
Category 2	300,000	£60,000	6%	
Category 3	200,000	£40,000	4%	
Category 4	100,000	£20,000	2%	
Category 5	50,000	£10,000	1%	

The total amount of work done during the year was 1,000,000 units.

Category	Units	Value	Percentage	Notes
Category 1	1,000,000	£200,000	20%	
Category 2	500,000	£100,000	10%	
Category 3	250,000	£50,000	5%	
Category 4	125,000	£25,000	2.5%	
Category 5	62,500	£12,500	1.25%	

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Port Health Authority and to myself as Port Medical Officer for the support and co-operation afforded me during the year, also to the Officers of H.M. Customs, Excise and Stamps, the Army and Transport Officers (Royal) and Staff, Shipping Agents and their staffs and members of British Railways Executive and Staff for the assistance which has been so willingly given to me at all times.

Yours faithfully,  
EDWARD V. ARDRE

Port Health and Assistant Food Inspector