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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, 1971

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

Port Medical Officer



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A. L. Harris
D. A. Dolphin

WEYMOUTH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Health Centre,
Westham Road,
Weymouth.

January, 1972

To the Chairmar and Members of the Weymouth Port Health Authority

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

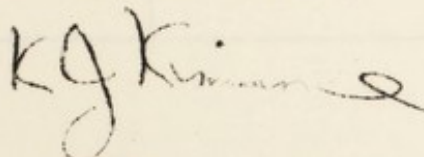
In accordance with Regulation 12(4) of the Public Health Officers (Port Health Districts) Regulations, 1959, I have to submit for your information and consideration my Annual Report for the Year 1971.

This Report is submitted in the manner specified in Form Port 20 which accompanied Ministry of Health Circular A/A125/1B dated 6th December, 1971. This indicated that a full report was to be made in 1971 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 & XVI -- all marked with an asterisk. This Report for 1971 is, therefore, a full report.

Dr. E. J. Gordon Wallace, Port Medical Officer to the Authority since January 1948, retired on the 8th January, 1972. Dr. Wallace's forceful drive and efficiency have, through his long years of service, maintained the high reputation of Weymouth Port Health Authority's service. Dr. Wallace was always prepared to go beyond his statutory duties to help those in any need and many visitors to the Port have occasion to remember his kindness. Dr. Wallace's other appointments - Medical Officer of Health to the Boroughs of Weymouth and Portland particularly - greatly facilitated the smooth working of the Port Health Service. He will be greatly missed by all those connected with the work of the Port Health Authority.

It is a pleasure to have this opportunity of thanking Members of the Authority for their kindness and consideration, the Clerk and Treasurer for their ready co-operation, and Mr. H. Handscomb, Senior Port Health Inspector, and Messrs. R.G.S. Newbould, A.L. Harris and D.A. Dolphin, Port Health Inspectors, for their willing assistance at all times. I am also most grateful to Mr. A.L. Pepper, Divisional Marine Manager of British Railways, and his staff; Captain H.E. Holden, D.S.C., Harbourmaster; to the Officers of H.M. Customs, Waterguard and Excise; to the Store and Transport Officer (Naval) and his staff and to the local Shipping Agents and their staffs for the assistance which they have given throughout the year.

I have the honour to be
Your Obedient Servant,



Deputy Port Medical Officer

SECTION I - STAFF *

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Appointment Held	Date of Appointment	Qualifications and Other Appointments Held
Dr. E.J. Gordon Wallace	Port Medical Officer of Health	1-1-48 Retired 8-1-72	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.; M.O.H. Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis; M.O.H. Portland U.D.C.; S. Dorset Area Medical Officer, D.C.C.; Consultant Physician i/c West Haven Infectious Diseases Hospital
Dr. K.J. Kimmance	Deputy Port Medical Officer of Health	1-10-70	M.B., B.S. (London) D.R.C.O.G., D.P.H., Deputy Medical Officer of Health, Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis; Senior Assistant County Medical Officer of Health
E.J. Jones	Clerk	1-7-63	LL.B., Town Clerk, Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis
J.C.M. Savidge	Treasurer	1-10-68	F.C.A., F.I.M.T.A., Borough Treasurer, Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis
H. Handscomb	Senior Port Health Inspector	1-4-69	Certificate as Public Health Inspector; Meat and Other Food Inspector; Smoke Inspector; Chief Public Health Inspector, Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis

SECTION I - STAFF * (cont'd)

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Appointment Held	Date of Appointment	Qualifications and Other Appointments Held
R.G.S. Newbould	Port Health Inspector	1-4-69	Certificate as Public Health Inspector; Meat and Other Food Inspector, District Public Health Inspector, Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis
A.L. Harris	Port Health Inspector	1-4-69	Certificate as Public Health Inspector; Meat and Other Food Inspector, District Public Health Inspector, Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis
D.A. Dolphin	Port Health Inspector	1-4-69	Certificate as Public Health Inspector; Meat and Other Food Inspector, District Public Health Inspector, Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis

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

- as from 8th January, 1972 - 69 Coombe Valley Road, Preston,
Weymouth - Preston (Weymouth) 2316

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
	Wey- mouth	Port- land	Wey- mouth	Port- land	By the Med. Officer of Health		By the P.H. Inspector		
					Wey- mouth	Port- land	Wey- mouth	Port- land	
Foreign * Ports	18	69	4,236	107,200	1	-	18	39	Nil
Coast- wise	753	66	736,055	222,734	2	7	35	13	Nil
	771	135	740,291	329,934	3	7	53	52	Nil
Total	906		1,070,225		10		105		Nil

* Arrivals from Foreign Ports

Excludes three small sailing yachts.

‡ Coastwise Arrivals

Includes British Rail ships, British Rail Charter vessels engaged in the regular sailings to and from the Channel Islands, and frequent arrivals of ships from the Solent landing gravel. Does not include sailing yachts and similar small craft.

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

<u>Passenger Traffic</u>	Number of Passengers INWARDS	207,807
	Number of Passengers OUTWARDS	209,343
<u>Cargo Traffic</u>	Principal IMPORTS - Fertilizer, Fish, Flowers, Fruit, Grape Juice, Phosphate, Potash, Timber and Vegetables	
	Principal EXPORTS - Barley, General Merchandise, Sand and Stores	

Principal Ports from which Ships Arrived

Channel Islands, Gdansk, Hamburg, Antwerp, Baltic ports, Naantali, Rotterdam, Stromma, Sfax, Lipari.

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

NIL

SECTION V* - WATER SUPPLY

1. Source of supply for (a) the district

Weymouth - Dorset Water Board's springs at Empool and Sutton Poyntz

Portland - Dorset Water Board's deep borehole at Friar Waddon

(b) Shipping

Mains from the Weymouth and Portland supplies

2. Reports of Tests for Contamination

(a) the district

Samples are regularly examined at the Public Health Laboratory, Dorchester, from the mains supplies in both Weymouth and Portland. 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.

(b) Shipping

	No. of ships involved	No. of samples taken	No. satisfactory	No. unsatisfactory	Total
Distribution aboard ships	2	2	2	-	2
Storage aboard ships	-	-	-	-	-

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 pipes for connection to the Water Board's main on the quay. Each ship regularly using the harbour has its own hosepipes.

At Portland the supply of water to shipping, by R.F.A. tanker 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.

5. Water Tanks

Water tanks on seven ships were inspected subsequent to repair and cleansing.

SECTION VI* - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1970

1. List of Infected Areas

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 sent each week to (a) Port Health Inspector, (b) H.M. Customs, Weymouth, and (c) H.M. Customs, Portland.

2. Radio Messages

- (a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district

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

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

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 within 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 and night.

4. Mooring Stations

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.

SECTION VI* - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1970 (cont'd)

4. Mooring Stations (cont'd)

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 ships 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 6116.

- (b) Surveillance and follow-up of contacts

Arrangements are made for this to be carried out in accordance with the Public Health (Ships) Regulations.

- (c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles

Materials for cleansing and disinfection are readily available by arrangement with Weymouth Borough Health Department. Disinfestation of verminous persons and clothing etc. can also be carried out by same Department which has a steam disinfection plant and other cleansing station facilities.

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 - after 10 p.m.
Wey. 6633
(Dorset County Control - Dorchester 4741)

Each Ambulance Driver/Attendant at this Depot is re-vaccinated every year. The vaccinal state of the Weymouth Corporation disinfectors staff is also maintained by annual re-vaccination.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX (cont'd)

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 6041

SECTION VIII* - VENEREAL DISEASE

Patients can be seen at the V.D. Clinic at la Wyke Road, Weymouth (Portway Hospital Out-Patient Department) on Thursday evenings from 5 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

In-patient accommodation and treatment is provided for at West Haven (Infectious Diseases) Hospital, Weymouth.

The Port Medical Officer, or the Port Health Inspector, enquire as to the presence of venereal disease on board ships entering the Port and the appropriate information is given to the persons concerned.

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 Inspectors carried out a detailed inspection for rodents in 55 ships arriving from foreign ports.
2. Arrangements have been made for the bacteriological and pathological examinations of rodents to be carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Dorchester. No such examinations were carried out during 1971.
3. Small infestations are dealt with by trapping and baiting. Large scale infestations would be dealt with by specialist fumigation firms from Southampton or London.
4. Progress in the rat-proofing of ships. The rat-proofing of almost all ships inspected during the year was found to be to a good standard.

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

SECTION XII - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS (cont'd)

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 H.C.N.	Other Fumigant (State method)	After trapping	After Poisoning I	Total	
1	2	3	4	5	6
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	6

I 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 14 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	54	Nil	4	All Abated
Foreign	65	Nil	Nil	
Total	119	Nil	4	

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

There are no shellfish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Port Health Authority.

Under the Weymouth (Shellfish) Regulations, 1922, a prohibited area has been prescribed as follows:-

"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".

SECTION XV* - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

The Port is not approved for the landing of aliens.

SECTION XVI* - 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.

ARRIVALS 1971 - NATIONALITIES

						<u>Weymouth</u>	<u>Portland</u>
British	...	...	...	...	...	624	89
*German	...	...	...	...	...	140	12
Dutch	...	...	...	...	...	2	25
Greek	...	...	...	...	...	1	-
Danish	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
Italian	...	...	...	...	...	1	-
Liberian	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
Belgian	...	...	...	...	...	-	3
Cypriot	...	...	...	...	...	-	2
						<u>771</u>	<u>135</u>

*Includes 136 arrivals in Weymouth by 4 British Rail Charter vessels

Inspections and visits by Port Health Inspectors

Total number of vessels inspected	...	...	...	...	119
Re-inspections after giving of notices	...	...	...	...	12
Visits re food cargoes	...	...	...	...	56
Visits under Section 19 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1970	...	...	...	...	55
Miscellaneous Inspections and Visits (Harbour H.M. Customs, British Railways, Shipping Agents, etc.)					403
					<u>645</u>

FOOD INSPECTION

Total amount of food landed in the port during the year:-

Tomatoes	...	...	...	...	...	3,764,207	packages
Vegetables	...	...	...	...	...	1,335	"
Fruit	...	...	...	...	...	2,116	"
Fish	...	...	...	...	...	702	"
Potatoes	...	...	...	...	...	132	"
Canned Potatoes	...	...	...	...	...	756	"
Peppers	...	...	...	...	...	181	"
Grape Juice	...	...	...	...	...	2,341	tons

The following foods were found to be unfit for human consumption and were destroyed:-

					<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
Tomatoes	...	...	...	...	9	17	1	12

