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Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1945.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wisbech.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of submitting to you my report on the general health of the Borough for the past year, ending the 31st December, 1945.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area, 4,666 Acres
Estimated resident population, mid-1945, 15,080.
Rateable value £80428:0:0.
Sum realized by a penny rate £315:0:0.
Number of inhabited houses about 4,610.



	Total.	M.	F.	
Live Births	Legitimate 224	118	106	} Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population mid 1945 18.3.
	Illegitimate 52	28	24	
Stillbirths	Legitimate 4	2	2	} Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births 17.7.
	Illegitimate 1	1	0	
Deaths	197	80	117	Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated average population 13.05.

	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births.
Deaths from puerperal causes--		
Puerperal sepsis ...	0	0
Other puerperal causes ...	0	0

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age—	
All Infants per 1,000 live births ...	28.4
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	26.7
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ...	38.4
Deaths from cancers (all ages) ...	34
Deaths from measles (all ages) ...	0
Deaths from whooping cough (all ages) ...	0
Deaths from diarrhoea (under two years of age) ...	2

In the Borough there is one School Clinic, a Tubercular Clinic, a General Hospital, an Infectious Diseases Hospital and an Orthopædic Clinic held bi-monthly at the North Cambridgeshire Hospital.

Excellent Motor Ambulance facilities are provided free of cost, whilst in needy cases, Diphtheria Antitoxin and Pathological and Bacteriological examinations are provided when necessary.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

The duties connected with this are carried out by the M.O.H. who is a part time Officer, the Borough Surveyor, the Borough Senior and Additional Sanitary Inspectors, all full time officers, together with those of the Council's employees who are specially needed for sanitary work.

INFANT AND CHILD WELFARE.

The Infant and Child Welfare Clinic is held weekly in Park Hall, Ruby Street, and is well attended.

WISBECH JOINT ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

A total of 120 cases were treated in the Wisbech Joint Board's Isolation Hospital—the main admissions being from the following districts:—

Diphtheria—

	Admissions.			Deaths		
Wisbech Borough	...	...	3	...	...	0
Marshland Rural District	...	...	1	...	...	0
Wisbech Rural District	...	...	2	...	...	0
March Urban District	...	...	3	...	...	0
Whittlesey Rural District	...	...	1	...	...	0
Thorney Rural	...	...	2	...	...	0

Scarlet Fever—

Wisbech Borough	...	...	10	...	...	1
Marshland Rural District	...	...	26	...	...	0
Wisbech Rural District	...	...	23	...	...	0
Whittlesey Rural District	...	...	6	...	...	0
March Urban District	...	...	6	...	...	0

Erysipelas—

Wisbech Borough	...	...	2	...	...	0
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Meningitis—

Marshland Rural District	...	...	1	...	...	1
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Measles—

Wisbech Borough	...	...	1	...	...	0
Ely Urban District	...	...	3	...	...	0

Notifiable Diseases during the Year—

			Total cases notified.			Deaths.
Small Pox	...	...	0	...	...	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	10	...	...	1
Diphtheria	...	...	3	...	...	0
Pneumonia	...	...	9	...	...	6
Erysipelas	...	...	6	...	...	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	0	...	...	0
Enteric Fever	...	...	0	...	...	0
Measles	...	...	154	...	...	0
Cerebral Spinal Fever	...	...	0	...	...	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	12	...	...	0

NOTIFICATIONS OF TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods.	New Cases.						Deaths.					
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.				Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1	...	0	0	...	0	0	...	0	0	...	0	0
5	...	0	0	...	2	0	...	0	0	...	0	0
15	...	0	0	...	1	0	...	0	0	...	0	1
25	...	2	2	...	1	0	...	0	0	...	0	1
35	...	1	0	...	0	0	...	1	0	...	0	0
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I remain, Gentlemen,

Very faithfully yours,

H. LESLIE GROOM, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,

Medical Officer of Health.

Sanitary Inspector's Report for the Year 1945.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
NENE QUAY, WISBECH.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wisbech.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my report for the year 1945, being my twenty-sixth Annual Report.

The report again shows that regular attention is being given to the many matters coming within the purview of your Public Health Department and the accompanying summaries give the number of inspections made and work executed under notice.

The scarcity of building materials and building labour has presented difficulty in getting repairs to dwelling-houses executed, but I am able to say that progress has been made and in addition to the essential repairs to drains and sanitary conveniences, 46 houses have been generally repaired during the year. There is much of this work, however, remaining to be dealt with which has accumulated during the war and this will be proceeded with when materials and labour are available. 31 families have been housed in requisitioned houses taken over by the Council and consist chiefly of evacuees remaining from the Evacuation Scheme.

The number of cases of infectious disease notified has again been very low. The cases as they have occurred have been investigated and the houses have been disinfected.

Regular inspections are made of the town's food supply and the various premises where food is prepared for sale. The centralised slaughter of animals is still in progress at the slaughter-houses in Bartlett's Yard and inspections are made of all dressed carcasses which entails daily visits for that purpose.

During the year rodent control has been added to the work of the department. A system of extermination of rats and mice has been evolved by which these rodents are exterminated by the Council's Rodent Operator and a charge is made to the owners or occupiers of various infested premises. It is remarkable that when the system of charges was commenced the complaints of infestations which had previously been numerous, almost ceased. The following is an indication of the work carried out.

Number of premises treated	...	...	...	290
Number of baits laid	...	...	...	1415
Estimated kill (M. of H. Formula)	...	...	...	5312
Dead rats recovered after poisoning	...	...	...	959
Dead rats recovered after trapping	...	...	...	145

The following licences and registrations have been issued :—

Licences to Slaughter or Stun Animals	...	...	...	19
Dealers licences to sell T.T. Milk	...	...	...	4
Dealers licences to sell Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	2
Pasteurisers Establishments	...	...	...	1
Knackers Yards	...	...	...	1
Camping Sites	...	...	...	1
Registrations approved :—				
Ice Cream premises	...	...	...	9

SUMMARIES.

INSPECTION OF PREMISES.

Inspections under the Public Health Acts	...	...	414
" " Housing Acts	...	...	162
" after Infectious diseases	...	...	34
" of Factories	...	...	12
" " Workshops and Bakehouses	...	...	29
" " Shops	...	...	34
" " Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops	...	...	61
" " Ice Cream Manufactories	...	...	26
" " Slaughter-houses	...	...	417
" " Common Lodging Houses	...	...	16
" " Work in Progress	...	...	271
Re-inspections as to compliance with notices	..	...	56
Complaints investigated	...	...	297

WORK CARRIED OUT BY PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Premises disinfected after infectious diseases	...	...	33
Premises treated for vermin	...	...	28
Smoke and water tests applied to drains	...	...	41

WORK CARRIED OUT IN COMPLIANCE WITH NOTICES AND UNDER SUPERVISION.

DRAINAGE.

New pipe drains provided	...	...	25
Drains repaired, cleansed, etc.	...	...	56
New ventilation pipes provided	...	...	4
Inspection chambers built on drains	...	...	22
Cesspools emptied	...	...	23

SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

New water-closets provided	...	...	2
Closets repaired, cleansed, etc.	...	...	15
Flushing cisterns provided to W.C.'s	...	...	14
New sanitary pails provided	...	...	5

MISCELLANEOUS.

Houses limewashed	...	...	1
Houses repaired	...	...	46
Houses supplied with new sinks	...	...	7
Yards, sculleries, W.C.'s, etc., repaved	...	...	8
Accumulations of refuse removed	...	...	3
Cases of overcrowding abated	...	...	4

FOOD.

Carcases of animals inspected after slaughter :—

Cattle	...	...	2008
Sheep	...	...	2869
Pigs	...	...	1952
Calves	...	...	258

Total 7087

ARTICLES CONDEMNED.

FRESH MEAT.

Whole carcases of Beef	...	...	41
" " Pork	...	...	22

ARTICLES CONDEMNED—continued.

FRESH MEAT—continued.

Whole carcasses of Mutton	...	...	...	3
" " " Veal	...	...	...	2
Part " " Beef	...	...	...	97
" " " Pork	...	...	...	44
" " " Mutton	...	...	...	1
Ox Offals (complete)	...	...	...	50
" Livers	...	...	...	340
Part Ox Livers	...	...	...	134
Ox Lungs	...	...	...	102
" Heads and Tongues	...	...	...	57
" Spleens	...	...	...	54
" Tripes	...	...	...	13
" Hearts	...	...	...	6
Pigs Pluck	...	...	...	58
" Lungs	...	...	...	10
" Livers	...	...	...	4
" Heads	...	...	...	10½
Sheeps Plucks	...	...	...	21
" Livers	...	...	...	15
" Head	...	...	...	7
Calves Heads and Plucks	...	...	...	4

CAUSES OF CONDEMNATIONS.

	lbs.
Tuberculosis	24,603
Dropsey	4,300
Cirrhosis	2,428
Pyæmia	1,126
Actinomycosis	650
Bruised	2,318
Inflammation	2,078
Congestion	1,697
Jaundice	135
Degeneration	302
Emaciation	1,962
C. Angioma	515
Bone Taint	12
Fibrosis	251
Decomposition	210
Swine Fever	1,855
Erysipelas	118
Parasitis	242
Fevered	403

Total 45,205 lbs.

Or 20 tons 3 cwts. 2 qrs. 13 lbs.

OTHER FOODS.

					lbs.
Frozen Meat	...	...	...	...	62
Fresh Fish	...	...	...	...	2835
Fruit	...	...	...	...	95
Vegetables	...	...	...	...	13840
Bacon	...	...	...	...	57
Cheese	...	...	...	...	182
Cake	...	...	...	...	41
Sausage	...	...	...	...	33
Butter	...	...	...	...	51
Margarine...	...	...	...	...	132
Total					<u>17328</u> lbs.

Or 7 tons 14 cwts. 2 qrs. 24 lbs.

TINNED FOOD.

					tins
Meat	...	...	...	...	250
Fish	...	...	...	...	228
Vegetables	...	...	...	...	350
Preserves	...	...	...	...	14
Milk	...	...	...	...	98
Various	...	...	...	...	67
Total					<u>1007</u> tins

JARS.

Preserves	...	...	...	...	37 jars
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PACKETED FOOD.

					pkts.
Prepared Food	...	...	...	...	158
Flour	...	...	...	...	173
Cereals	...	...	...	...	102
Total					<u>433</u> pkts.

EGGS 112

I have the honour to be Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

E. J. SUTCLIFFE, M.S.I.A.,

Sanitary Inspector.

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