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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1944.

To: The Chairman, and Members
of the Wisbech Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour of submitting to you my report on the general health of the District for the past year ending the 31st December, 1944.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area. 49,841 acres.
Estimated resident population, mid-1944. 11,746.
Rateable Value. £28,120.0.0.
Sum realised by a penny rate. £128.
Number of inhabited houses, about 3,536.

		Total.	M.	F.	
Live Births	(Legitimate	189	95	94) Birth rate per 1000 of the estimated resident mid-1944 population 17.8
	(Illegitimate	20	10	10	
Stillbirths	(Legitimate	3	2	1) Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births 14.1
	(Illegitimate	0	0	0	
Deaths		121	75	46	Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated average population 10.3
Deaths from puerperal causes:-			Deaths.		Rate per 1,000 total (Live and still) births
	Puerperal sepsis		0		0
	Other puerperal causes		1		4.71
Death rate of Infants under one year of age:-					
	All infants per 1,000 live births				38.2
	Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births				42.3
	Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births.				Nil.
Deaths from Cancer (All ages)					17
Deaths from Measles (All ages)					Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (All ages)					Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (Under two years of age)					2

For this area there is one School Clinic, a Tubercular Clinic, a General Hospital, an Infectious Diseases Hospital and an Orthopaedic 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.

Notifiable Diseases during the Year:-

	Total cases notified.	Deaths.
Small Box	0	0
Scarlet Fever	41	0
Diphtheria	2	0
Pneumonia	9	4
Erysipelas	1	0
Puerperal Pyrexia . . .	0	0
Enteric Fever	0	0
Measles	134	0
Whooping Cough	47	0

Notifications of Tuberculosis:-

Age Periods.	New cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
25	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
35	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
45	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 & Over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	3	3	2	1	1	3	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.