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WORKSOP BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1944.

T. C. GARRETT, M.B., C.M.,

including

THE REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

T.H. MILLAR, F.S.I.A., M.R.S.I., A.M.I.P.C.

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WORKSOP BOROUGH COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1944.

Public Health Department,
Park House,
Park Street,
Worksop.

To:

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Borough of Worksop.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the health,
the Health Services, and the Sanitary Conditions of
the district, for the year 1944, with the Annual
Report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

T. C. GARRETT.

Medical Officer of Health.

30th July, 1945.

R E P O R T.
of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1944.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area in acres:	17,935.
Population at Census 1931:	26,286.
Estimated population, 1944:	28,300.
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1944:	7,466.
Rateable value:	£163,123.
Sum represented by a penny rate:	£642.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>BIRTHS (Live):</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate:	308	329	637.
Illegitimate:	21	19	40.
			677.
Birth rate per 1,000 of estimated population:	23.5		
Birth rate per 1,000 of England and Wales:	17.6		

<u>STILLBIRTHS:</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate:	12.	12.	24.
Illegitimate:	1.	3.	4.
			28.
Rate per 1,000 (live & still) births:	39.6		
Rate per 1,00 of population:	0.9		

<u>DEATHS (Resident)</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
	140.	141.	281.

Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population: 9.9

<u>INFANT DEATHS (under 1 year):</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate:	17.	13.	30.
Illegitimate:	2.	-	2.
			32.

Infantile mortality rate per 1000 live births: 47.

MATERNAL DEATHS:

From: Puerperal and Post Abortive Sepsis:	0.
Other Maternal causes:	2.
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births:	2.9

Causes of death - Worksep Borough - 1944.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Whooping Cough ..	1	-	1.
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	4	10	14.
Other forms of Tuberculosis ..	1	3	4.
Syphilitic diseases ..	2	1	3.
Influenza ..	1	2	3.
Cancer (Bucal & Asepagus M) (Uterus F)	3	2	5.
Cancer of stomach and duodenum..	4	-	4.
Cancer of Breast ..	-	8	8.
Cancer of all other sites ..	10	5	15.
Intra Cranial vascular lesions..	12	19	31.
Heart disease ..	35	40	75.
Other diseases of circulatory system	5	4	9.
Bronchitis ..	12	6	18.
Pneumonia ..	11	13	24.
Other respiratory diseases ..	1	-	1.
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ..	-	1	1.
Appendicitis ..	2	1	3.
Other disgestive diseases ..	4	4	8.
Nephritis ..	4	4	8.
Puerperal and Post abortive sepsis	-	-	-.
Other Maternal causes ..	-	2	2.
Premature birth ..	5	1	6.
Congenital malformation, birth injury etc.	4	6	10.
Suicide ..	2	1	3.
Road traffic accidents ..	-	-	-.
Other violent causes ..	5	2	7.
All other causes ..	12	6	18.
	<u>140.</u>	<u>141.</u>	<u>281.</u>

Causes of death - Children under 1 year - Worksep Borough:

		<u>Deaths in Hospital.</u>
Bronchitis.. ..	1.	-
Pneumonia	14.	9.
Prematurity. ..	2.	1.
Congenital defects.	3.	-
Injury at birth ..	3.	1.
Debility and inanition	2.	-
Convulsions ..	2.	1.
T.B.Meningitis ..	1.	1.
Post operative shock	2.	2.
Other causes ..	2.	-
	<u>32.</u>	<u>15.</u>

Worksop Borough - Comparative Statistics 1939 - 1944.

<u>BIRTHS:</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 pop.</u>	<u>Illegitimate births.</u>	<u>Stillbirths.</u>
1939.	539.	18.3	24.	31.
1940.	594.	17.0	21.	26.
1941.	497.	16.9	16.	31.
1942.	569.	19.6	33.	21.
1943.	558.	19.7	37.	17.
1944.	677.	23.5	40.	28.

<u>DEATHS:</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 pop.</u>	<u>Infant deaths.</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 births</u>
1939.	321.	11.0	29.	53.
1940.	374.	13.0	41.	80.
1941.	281.	9.5	34.	68.
1942.	305.	10.5	36.	64.
1943.	293.	10.3	32.	57.
1944.	281.	9.9	32.	47.

Vital Statistics 1944 - Comparative rates.

	Annual rate per 1,000 of pop.			Death rates per 1,000 live births		Notifications-rates per 1,000 pop.			
	Live Births.	Still Births.	Deaths all causes.	Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 yrs.	Deaths under 1 year.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.
England & Wales.	17.6	0.50	11.6	4.8	46.	2.40	0.58	4.16	2.49
126 C.B. & Great Towns inc. London	20.3	0.64	13.7	7.3	52.	2.41	0.67	4.51	2.49
148 smaller Towns-pop 25,000-50,000	20.9	0.61	12.4	4.4	44.	2.67	0.69	3.94	2.29
London Adm. County	15.0	0.42	15.7	10.1	61.	1.57	0.31	2.98	2.9
Worksop.	23.5	0.9	9.9	0.0	47.	6.9	0.0	1.6	2.3

HEALTH SERVICES, CLINICS ETC.

M A T E R N I T Y & C H I L D W E L F A R E.

Notification of births in the area: Live: 682. Still: 23.
Total: 705.

Health Visiting:

Number of Health Visitors employed full-time by the Council - 2.
Number of visits paid during the year:-

To expectant mothers	- 1st visits	287.	Total visits:	375.
To children under 1 yr.-	"	"	"	"
To children between ages of 1-5 years.	"	701.	"	3,692.
			"	5,483.

Infant Welfare Centre:

Number of centres maintained by the Council - 2.

Sessions held each week on Mondays and Wednesdays 2 - 5 p.m.
During the year a new Child Welfare Centre was opened at the village of Rhoderia, to serve this village and the village of Shireoaks and neighbourhood. Sessions are held fortnightly on Mondays 10.30. a.m. - 12 noon.

The work at all our Clinics has increased during the year, but the present accommodation leaves much to be desired, especially at our central Clinic, where the work has quite outgrown the accommodation.

Ante-Natal Clinic.

Number provided and maintained by the Council - 1.

Total number of women who attended the Clinic during the year was 336, which is 45% of the total (live and still) births.

Total number of attendances at the Clinic in the year - 654.

Provision of Maternity Beds:

Under agreement with the County Council, Maternity cases are admitted to the County General Hospital, on recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health. Emergency cases are admitted on the request of local Practitioners.

Total number admitted under the Council's scheme in the year - 121.
Of these, 30 were admitted as emergencies, and
91 on account of unsuitable home conditions.

Maternity Outfits are provided by the Council at cost price, and provided free in necessitous cases.

Number supplied in the year: 26.

Home Helps:

A scheme for providing home helps is in operation, but great difficulty is experienced in obtaining satisfactory helpers to undertake this work.

Dental Treatment:

Dental treatment for nursing and expectant mothers is carried out under an arrangement with Dental Practitioners, and artificial dentures are provided at N.H.I. rates.

Orthopaedic Clinic (children under 5 yrs.)

Children with minor defects are referred to the Clinic of the Workshop & District Cripples Guild. The Council undertakes financial responsibility for the cost of supports, X Ray examinations etc. 5 such cases were assisted during the year.

Three cases were admitted to Harlow Wood Hospital in the year, and their maintenance charges paid by the Council.

Care of Illegitimate Children:

A meeting was arranged by the County Medical Officer of Health in July, to meet district Medical Officer, to discuss plans for the care of illegitimate children and unmarried mothers.

Under the scheme adopted, our district will have the part-time service of a Welfare Officer of the County Council Almoner Service, who will co-operate with Health Visitors and with the workers of voluntary moral welfare organisations.

Adoption of Children (Regulations) 1939.

No. of persons who gave notice under Sec. 7(3) during the year: 10.

No. of children in respect of whom notice was given: 10.

No. of children under supervision at the end of the year: 10.

These children are visited regularly, and are under the care of our Chief Health Visitor, who acts as Child Protection Visitor.

Diphtheria Prophylaxis:

Immunisation has been carried out throughout the year, monthly clinics are held for schoolchildren and children under 5 years.

Head Teachers of Junior Schools have co-operated by sending lists of entrants who have not been immunised.

Birthday postcards, with circular, are sent to children in their first birthday, urging parents to give their children the advantage of immunisation, before entering school.

	<u>Under 5 yrs.</u>	<u>5 - 15 yrs.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
The number of children who completed the full course of treatment in the area between January 1st and December 31st, 1944.	482.	111.	593.
Percentage of the child population it is considered were immunised at December 31st 1944.	87%	95%	
Number of cases of Diph. in children under 15 yrs., notified in the year 1944.		N I L.	

Scabies Treatment:

The incidence of this complaint shows little signs of abating. Cases were notified from 381 houses, in which, on investigation, 622 persons were found to be infected, and received treatment.

Excellent and convenient premises for treatment are available in the County Council School Clinic, with the kind permission of the County Medical Officer.

The work is carried on in close co-operation between the County Council School Medical Officer and School Nurses, and the local officer appointed to carry out the treatment.

The same facilities are available for children under 5 yrs. Cases of infection, discovered by Health Visitors in their homes, are referred to the Clinic for treatment.

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES - 1944.

(Other than Tuberculosis)

	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever..	197.	190.	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	7.	5.	-
Whooping Cough.	66.	-	1.
Measles..	48.	-	-
Pneumonia.	21.	10.	24.
Ophthalmia Neon.	3.	1.	-
Cerebro Sp. Fver.	1.	1.	-
Chicken Pox..	9.	1.	-
Erysipelas..	3.	3.	-
	241.	210.	

NOTIFICATIONS OF TUBERCULOSIS 1944.

Pulmonary: Males - 11. Females - 22. Total: 33.
 Non-Pulmonary: Males - 2. Females - 6. Total: 8.

Number of cases on Register at end of year:

Pulmonary: Males - 94. Females - 77. Total: 171.
 Non-Pulmonary: Males - 36. Females - 42. Total: 78.

Cases removed from Register in the year:
(Deaths, removals, recoveries.)

Pulmonary: Males - 7. Females - 14. Total: 21.
 Non-pulmonary: Males - 2. Females - 3. Total: 5.

TUBERCULOSIS - 1944.

New cases and deaths.

	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
5...	-	1	1	4	-	-	-	-
5...	4	12	-	-	-	3	-	-
5...	1	5	-	2	-	4	-	-
5...	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
5...	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
5...	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
5 & over	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
	11.	22.	2.	6.	3.	10.	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS.

Notifications and deaths - 1939 to 1944.

	<u>Notifications.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
1939...	35.	22.
1940...	25.	22.
1941...	33.	16.
1942...	37.	21.
1943...	33.	11.
1944...	41.	13.

Sanitary Circumstances of the area:

No extensions have been made to the Town Sewerage system during the year.

The sewerage disposal works at Rhodesia which takes the sewage from Rhodesia, Shireoaks and neighbourhood, though overloaded, since the new pit-head baths were opened, still gives a satisfactory effluent. Steps will be taken, when the times are more opportune, to increase the capacity of the filter beds, to meet the increased volume of sewage.

The supply of water from the Council's well at Sunnyside is of uniform good quality, and sufficient in quantity for present needs in the area of the piped supply.

98% of the inhabited houses in the district are supplied from the public water mains, the remaining houses are supplied from private water works, or from deep wells.

In September, the Borough Engineer reported to the Council that the public consumption of water within the Borough was rapidly increasing, and that, in the near future, it would be necessary to consider the question of increasing the present supply, either by sinking a new bore hole at Sunnyside, or entering into an agreement with the Wigan Coal Corporation for the aquisition of a greater quantity of water from Manton Pit supply. This matter is now under consideration by the Council.

During the year, 6 samples were taken from the public supply for bacteriological examination, all of which were reported satisfactory. 4 Samples were submitted for Chemical Analysis.

The following is a copy of the last analysis made in December.

THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HYGIENE.

Certificate of Analysis of a sample of water
Workshop Borough Supply.

1. Chemical Characters:	<u>Parts per 100,000.</u>
Total solids dried at 100°C.	65.5
Loss on ignition (after re-carbonating)	19.5
Chlorine in Chlorides.	5.40
" x 1.647 = Sodium Chloride	8.89
Nitrites	Nil.
Nitrogen as Nitrates.	0.52
Saline Ammonia	0.001
Albuminoid Ammonia.	0.005
Oxygen absorbed in 3 hours at 37°C.	0.024
Hardness - total (soap test)	40.0
" - temporary	11.0
" - permanent	29.0
Poisonous metals - lead)	
" " - copper)	Nil.

Remarks.

From a consideration of the above data, no exception can be taken to the use of this water for domestic purposes, upon Chemical grounds.

Sgd: Alan W. Stewart.
D.Sc., F.R.I.C.
Director - Chemical Laboratories.

2. Bacteriological Examination:

Quantitative enumeration of Bacteria

On Agar plates, kept for 2 days at 37°C. 3 colonies per 1 ml. developed.

On Agar plates, kept for 4 days at 20°-22°C. 3 colonies per 1 ml. developed.

Examination for special bacteria.

Coliform bacilli.....	Absent in 100 ml.
Streptococci.....	Absent in 100 ml.
B. Enteritidis Sporogenes..	Absent in 100 ml.

Result of examination.

On this data, exception cannot be taken to the use of this water as a public supply.

Sgd: E. Goodwin Rawlinson.
M.D., D.P.H.
Director - Bacteriological Lab.

ACTION TAKEN UNDER THE SALE OF FOOD & DRUGS ACT 1938:-

Regulations are administered by the Nottinghamshire County Council. The Chief Inspector (Mr. E. Templeman) has sent me an extract from the Report of the Public Analyst, upon articles analysed by the Inspectors, taken in the Borough of Worksep during 1944. From this report i give the following particulars.

63 Samples of Foods and Drugs were analysed, of which
62 were genuine

12 Samples of milk, of which all were correct.

MILK (Special designations) ORDERS, 1936 - 1938.

Number of samples taken:-

Accredited: 24. Complied ~ 19.
Failed to comply ~ 5.

Informal samples of milk tested by the Inspectors
by "Gerber" tester:-

237 Samples. All correct.

The usual inspections of the district have been carried out so far as the depleted Staff was able to cover the ground.

The Report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector will give details of this work.

Prisoners: Major V. J. ...

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR 1944
BOROUGH OF WORKSOP

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Borough of Worksop.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to present to you my Annual
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In April 1944, Miss A. I. Robson, Chief Clerk
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and loyalty which they have displayed, and to all
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Your obedient servant,

T. E. MILLAR.

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T. H. MILLAR.

Chief Sanitary Inspector and
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Public Health Department,
Park House,
Park Street,
Worksop.

Summary of work carried out:

Total inspections or visits made	..	5,136.
Number of re-inspections and visits made	..	627.
Number of informal notices served	..	325.
Number of Statutory notices	..	14.
Number of letters sent	..	2,140.



Details of inspections made:

Houses:

General sanitary conditions & housing defects		305.
re notifiable diseases and disinfection..		243.
Rooms disinfected	..	227.
Overcrowding	..	18.
Overcrowding cases abated..	..	8.
Verminous or suspected	..	24.
Eradication of bugs: No. of houses disinfected		17.
(Council: 4 Otherwise: 13)		
Other infestations: Ants, beetles, cockroaches		
moths, mosquitoes, wasps nests, etc.		47.
Dirty conditions	..	33.
Houses cleansed	..	29.
Bungalows for aged persons.	..	54.

Public Health (Meat) Regulations.

Slaughterhouses	..	181.)	
Meat inspections	..	937.)	
Other foodstuffs.	..	141.)	Defects
Meat shops, stalls, stores and vehicles	..	92.)	remedied
Premises where food is prepared, inc. bakehouses		84.)	
Fried fish shops	..	25.)	45.
Fish shops and stalls	..	28.)	
General provision, fruit shops and stores		101.)	

Inspection of pigs slaughtered for home consumption:

Number inspected - pigs	..	738.
Part carcasses and organs condemned	..	2 Cwts. 3 Qrs.

Inspection of Horses and Ponies slaughtered for human consumption:

Number inspected	..	145.
Part carcasses and organs condemned	..	19 Cwts. 2 Qrs.

Surrender of unsound foodstuffs:

Ham..	..	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	lbs.	Eggs..	..	58	
Sausages	..	191 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	Beetox	..	8	jars
Liver	..	124	"	Fish & Meat pastes	..	14	"
Fish.	..	3,870 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	Pikles	..	6	"
Bacon	..	124	"	Mustard	..	16	"
Irish Geese	..	100	"	Meat extract..	..	7	"
Flour	..	44	"	Sauces	..	10	botts.
Rice.	..	101	"	Coffee	..	1	"
Cheese	..	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	Mussels	..	2	"
Butter	..	10	"	Dried egg	..	1	Pkt.
Tea ..	..	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	Concent. Orange Juice	..	1	gall.
Jam ..	..	52	"	Apples	..	2	"
Marmalade	..	49	"	Tinned Milk ..	..	322	tins
Sweets	..	1,333	bars.	" Vegetables	..	13	"
Bread loaves	..	94		" Fish ..	..	235	"
Vienna loaves	..	16		" Meat ..	..	199	"
Bread rolls	..	5		" Prep meals	..	5	"
Fruit cakes	..	150		" Soups..	..	12	"
Tea cakes	..	8		" Beans..	..	87	"
Pikelets	..	2,455		" Fruits..	..	17	"
Oat cakes	..	535		Cocoa	..	1	"
Xmas pudding	..	1		Ber.	..	4	"
Fish cakes	..	315		Golden Syrup..	..	1	"

Other Inspections or visits:

Common Lodging houses	..	9
Shops Act..	..	5
Cowsheds ..	..	187
Dairies	..	165
Samples of milk	..	122
Markets.	..	66
Offensive trades	..	15
Premises infested with rats or mice	..	1,229
Vans	..	10
Cinemas and assembly halls	..	20
Schools ..	..	25
Factories.	..	138
Keeping of pigs, poultry, rabbits, dogs etc.	..	121
Drains inspected	..	135
Drains smoke tested	..	37
Pollution of streams, cesspools, septic tanks, urinals etc.	..	80
Salvage ..	..	936
Service Units	..	57
Evacuation, Billets & Hostels	..	56
Air Raid Shelters	..	85
Wardens Posts.	..	21

Description of works carried out:

New drains constructed ..	36.
Drains re-constructed ..	29.
Drains cleansed or repaired ..	161.
Drains ventilated ..	3.
New inspection chambers provided ..	12.
Inspection chambers repaired ..	13.
New sinks & washbasins provided ..	13.
New baths provided ..	5.
New waste pipes provided, others renewed or repaired ..	30.
Additional gully traps provided ..	11.
Soil pipes repaired ..	5.
Roofs repaired ..	27.
Chimneys repaired ..	16.
Floors relaid or repaired ..	32.
Woodwork repaired ..	9.
Windows repaired ..	41.
Brickwork repaired ..	10.
Dampness remedied ..	31.
Plasterwork repaired ..	22.
Fireplaces repaired ..	23.
Water supplies improved or repaired ..	28.
Yards & passages re-paved or repaired ..	25.
Fallspouts & eaves gutters repaired ..	26.
Washing accommodation improved ..	6.
Samples of well water submitted for analysis ..	1.
Cesspools or septic tanks constructed or repaired ..	6.
Miscellaneous ..	59.
Privies converted into water closets ..	3.
New water closets provided ..	10.
Water closets reconstructed ..	4.
Water closets repaired or cleansed ..	63.
Pail closet receptacles provided or renewed ..	6.
Urinals repaired ..	2.
Wet ashpits abolished ..	2.
Dry ashpits abolished ..	5.
Dustbins renewed ..	91.
Additional dustbins provided ..	14.
Dangerous or obstructive buildings demolished ..	5.
Vans removed from district ..	1.
Cowsheds repaired ..	6.
New dairies provided or repaired ..	5.
New access provided for refuse removal..	1.

Public Cleansing Service:

Dustbins emptied..	..	306,915.
Dry Ashpits ..	..	80.
Wet Ashpits emptied	..	130.
Pail closets emptied	..	3,132.
Cesspools emptied.	..	189.
Total:		<u>310,446.</u>

Loads of dry and wet refuse and salvage removed..	4,171.
Loads of cesspool liquid removed..	496.
	<u>4,667.</u>

The total quantity of refuse and salvage collected (including 1,500 tons 16 Cwts. of cesspool liquid and wet refuse) for the year ended 31st March, 1945 was 10,644 tons 13 Cwts.

Cleansing Costs - 1944/45.

Gross expenditure: 8252, 4, 11.

<u>Income:</u> Rents:- Houses..	..	69.	8.	0.
Allotments etc.	..	96.	9.	2.
Carriage charges (waste paper) recovered	..	245.	8.	2.
Sundries..	..	1.	19.	0.

Salvage:

T. q. lbs.

Mixed paper..	218.	16.	28.	1394.	18.	6.
Selected paper	14.	2.	2.	98.	14.	4.
Newspaper ..	3.	-	35.	32.	8.	3.
Books ..	10.	8.	64.	75.	19.	9.
Flattened tins	19.	4.	28.	18.	9.	3.
Ferrous metals	6.	8.	0.	19.	1.	2.
Non-ferrous metals	-	7.	43.	10.	17.	4.
Textiles ..	8.	7.	70.	73.	18.	6.
Bottles & Jars	-	18.	111.	9.	14.	3.
Glass cullet.	7.	3.	-	12.	10.	3.
Waste bones..	6.	11.	69.	31.	10.	9.
Kitchen waste	107.	5.	100.	157.	11.	1.
Miscellaneous				1.	2.	6.
				<u>2350.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>3.</u>
				2350.	0.	3.
				Nett cost:	£5902.	4. 8.

Rat and Mouse Destruction - Infestation Order 1943.

Your Council employs a rat-catcher, Mr. G. Cooley, who was appointed in a full-time capacity in September, 1942.

This appointment has proved to be very valuable in preventing major infestation, both on privately owned and Corporation land and premises. No charge is made to the Public for Mr. Cooley's services, and his activities in investigating and dealing with complaints of minor infestations have resulted in the destruction of 3,240 rats and 643 Mice during the year

In accordance with instructions received from the Directorate of Rodent Control, Ministry of Food, the sewers in the Borough were baited during the year at various points, and small infestations of rats were dealt with.

Co-operation with the R.A.F. and Military Authorities has been of great assistance in preventing the increase and spread of rats from War Department premises in the district.

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valuable in the past. He has been
in the country for a long time and
has been a constant factor in the
development of the country.

In accordance with instructions received from
the Government of the United States, the
Ministry of the Interior has been
informed of the results of the
investigation of the case.

Co-operation with the R.A.F. and Military
has been of great assistance in
preventing the loss of the
country of the United States.