

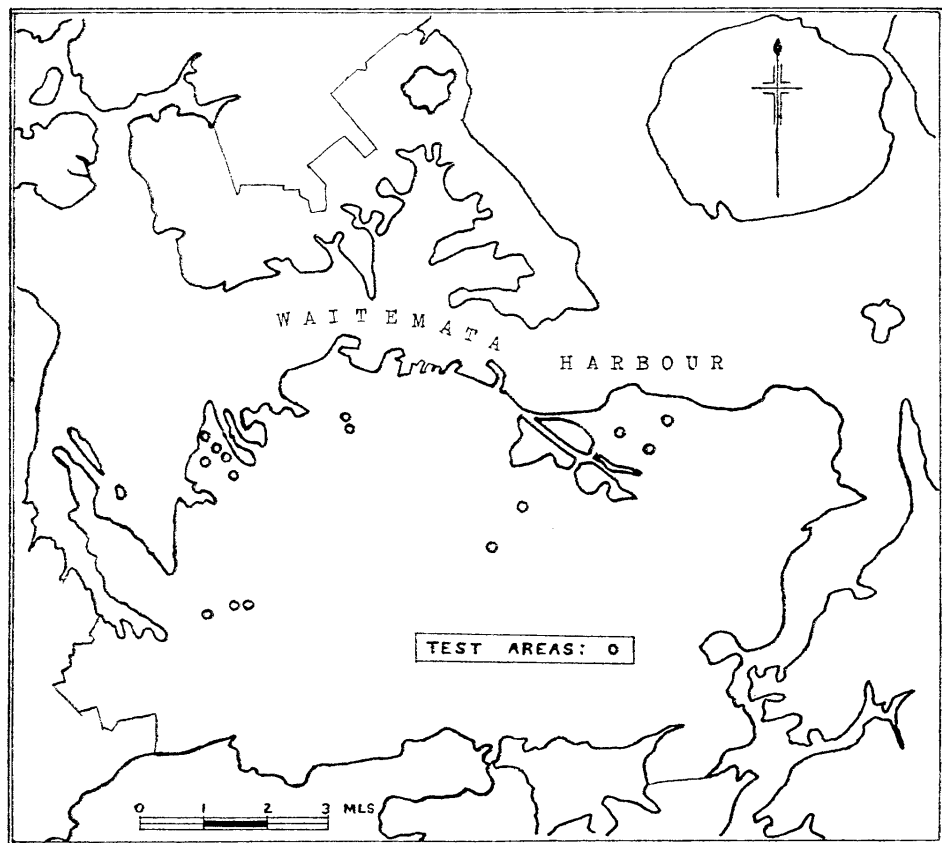


FIG. III.—DISTRIBUTION OF TEST AREAS: CONTROL AREAS (NOT MARKED) WERE ALL NORTH OF THE WAITEMATA HARBOUR—"NORTH SHORE."

The distribution of the test areas is shown in the sketch map (Fig. III).

It was agreed between members of the team* that in all cases they would try to gain admittance to the house, and sit down quietly in the living-room with the housewife, before commencing detailed inquiries; information gained on the doorstep could not be of equal value. They were instructed to use some such formula as: "I am Dr. — of the Health Department. We are making some inquiries in connection with the infantile paralysis outbreak. We are trying to find out how much illness there is in Auckland at present. I mean illness of any kind, including quite minor illnesses. Do you mind giving me some particulars?"

Instructions to the investigator continued as follows:—

"Information must be extracted by direct and persistent questioning. If necessary, give reassurance that it is not intended to apply any restrictions as a result of this investigation. Do not accept a reply that a person has not been ill lately without further probing.

* The bulk of this part of the investigation was carried out by Dr. G. A. de Lautour and Miss D. F. Gatenby.