

BRIGHTON

TOWN TACKLES SMALLPOX SCARE

Thousands queue for vaccination as a small outbreak of smallpox hits Brighton. It's believed to have resulted from the visit of an R.A.F. officer home from abroad, and prompt steps will curb its spread. First to be treated were those known to have been in direct or indirect contact with the 19 cases already known.

Since Jenner 150 years ago proved that a simple operation like this could give immunity, smallpox, which used to claim a million lives a year in Europe alone, has become almost a rarity.