

'All trains crossing the Forth Bridge now carry as few **lights** as possible, carriages lit electrically being completely darkened, in others with gas or oil lamps, blinds are drawn.'

Linlithgowshire Gazette 23 Oct 14, p3

Lighting - Lighting regulations - vehicle lights had to throw light in the direction in which the vehicle is proceeding only.

Linlithgowshire Gazette 30 Jul 15, p4.

Bathgate decides not to light 89 **street lamps** - more than half the total.

Linlithgowshire Gazette. 15 Oct 15, p4.

Other restrictions - A young Edinburgh middle-class lady, Miss Mona Jeffrey, who took a snap of the Forth Bridge appears in Linlithgow Sheriff Court is admonished and has her camera confiscated.

Linlithgowshire Gazette. 29 Oct 15, p2

'The **censoring of letters** from Bo'ness still goes on in Edinburgh' - in connection with the tale of a letter being posted in Bo'ness on Friday, and not getting to Inverness till Wed 'This is war-time service, to which we are gradually getting reconciled all round.'

Linlithgowshire Gazette 10 Dec 15, p2

Gas Under DORA, Govt asked gas manufacturers to 'scrub' the gas before sending to consumers, in order to extract certain constituents from it. The illuminating power (and to some extent, the heating) power is reduced and the supply sometimes interrupted. The toluol, benzol and other hydro-carbons extracted were wanted for manufacture of high explosive shells.

Linlithgowshire Gazette 10 Dec 15, p2. (See under Bo'ness news)

Prohibited to **fish** in a prohibited area - three men fined for fishing off Bridgeness Pier.

Linlithgowshire Gazette 31 Dec 15, p2

On 25th Feb 16, 'the new **Lighting Regulations** come into operations, and every householder will have to see that window lights show dimly from without. Linlithgow is included among the counties where the Order is to be enforced.

So far there has been no visitation of this part of the country by the big German gas-bags, but wise people take precautions, and the best plan is to obey the light regulations straight away, and not wait till the date when those become enforceable.'

Linlithgowshire Gazette 18 Feb 16, p2

'Windows must be shaded effectually so that only a dim light is visible outside, and only a very modified lighting of the streets will be permitted.

Linlithgowshire Gazette 18 Feb 16, p2 (right hand column)

New **lighting regulations** come into operation 25th Feb 16. For purposes of the Orders, a line is drawn across Scotland from Aberdeen to the Mull of Kintyre. The Lights (Scotland) No. 1 Order covers all Scotland south of the line. Windows, skylights, and glass doors of hotels and private houses must be screened so as to show no more than a dull, subdued light. Blinds in railway carriages must be kept

lowered. Separate provision is made for factories, workshops, railway stations, docks, etc.

Also, no lights to be visible from the sea, use of headlights - amount of light which may be displayed restricted. All vehicles to show a white light to the front and a red light to the rear.

Linlithgowshire Gazette 18 Feb 16, p5

'The darkness deepens! It is uncomfortable these dark, wet dismal nights to grope along and perhaps ricochet against a lamp-post, but this, after all, is a very slight measure of discomfort judged by war standards.' (Pencillings)

Linlithgowshire Gazette 3 Mar 16, p2

In Bathgate the drapers ran out of dark blinding, and householders had 'to darken their windows with brown paper or paint'.

Linlithgowshire Gazette 3 Mar 15, p3

Reduction in the number of **train services** between Bathgate and Edinburgh and Bathgate and Glasgow. Tended to be late trains services which were cut.

Linlithgowshire Gazette 3 Mar 16, p3

Postal deliveries - from 6 Feb 1916, number of deliveries reducing from three to two - morning and evening. mid-day delivery will cease.

Linlithgowshire Gazette 3 Mar 16, p3

A detective Inspector visited Armadale and spoke to those not observing the **lighting** regulations.

Linlithgowshire Gazette 17 Mar 16, p3

Lighting 'There's a ban on luxuries now. For instance, it will cost you £2 for the pleasure of lighting your window without pulling down your blind. Therefore, don't.' (Pencillings) Linlithgowshire Gazette 24 Mar 16, p2

The first **lighting prosecution** in WL was of William Cockburn, foreman grocer in Linlithgow, in charge of shop at 318 High Street. 'he failed to have the intensity of the ... lighting of the shob obscured or shaded so that no more than a dull, subdued light could be seen. He pleaded guilty, and was fined £2.'

First householder prosecuting was of Thomas Adam, Cook's Buildings, Old Town, Broxburn, whose house is lighted by electricity, and it was stated that accused had neglected to pull down his blind. Fined £2.

Linlithgowshire Gazette 24 Mar 16, p2

Agnes Thomson or Graham in Bo'ness was convicted of putting 'a dust-box on the foopath outwith the prescribed hour for such a purpose whereby she was liable to a penalty of £2.' In restricted lights, the dust-box was a distinct danger to pedestrians.

Being the first case of the kind, she was dismissed with a severe warning.

Linlithgowshire Gazette 14 Apr 16, p2

Several licensed grocers fined for supplying liquor on credit, contrary to the **Liquor Control Board Regulations**. A fine of £20 imposed.

Linlithgowshire Gazette 5 May 16, p2

Bo'ness man fined for having fifteen **homing pigeons** in his possession without a permit, thus contravening the Defence of the Realm regulations
Linlithgowshire Gazette 5 May 16, p3 (Permits were applied for to the police)

Readers wishing to send a copy of any **newspaper abroad**, must arrange to have it sent direct from publisher, or via an approved stationer - DORA.
Linlithgowshire Gazette 7 Jul 16, p2

War Restrictions Act gave security to tenants, as long as they didn't get into arrears, and performed all the obligations of their tenure.' Landlords couldn't just evict them at the end of their tenure. A few cases brought to court when landlords let to a new tenant at the end of a lease, but the sitting tenant refused to move.
Linlithgowshire Gazette 28 Jul 16. p2

A new **lighting order** comes into force on 15th September. ' Lights must be obscured so that no reflection whatsoever will show outside. There has been carelessness on the part of some people in this matter in spite of many warnings, and it may be taken that contraventions of the Order will be visited by stiff penalties in the Courts. We have seen what the Zeppelins have done as well as what they have attempted to do in the last months, and with the dark nights coming on it may be taken for granted that the instruments of Teutonic hate will be directed against us with increasing energy. The public have criticised the authorities in respect to the preparations made for repelling the Zeppelins; let the public do their part in assisting the authorities in this all-important matter. We once thought that Scotland would be immune from the big gas-bags, but we know better now.'
Linlithgowshire Gazette 1 Sep 16, p3.

Every week, four or five people fined £2 in the Sheriff Court for contravening the **Lighting Regulations** by lighting the gas before pulling down their 'dark blinds'.
Linlithgowshire Gazette Sep 16.

Two Bo'ness landladies of lodging houses charged with contravening the **Aliens Restriction Order** under the Defence of the Realm Act, 'they failed to require every person staying at the house to furnish signed statements of particulars.' Admonished as it was the first case of its kind to come to Linlithgow Sheriff Court.

Armadale Town Council hears that the street lamps are being lit for the first time this autumn, but only three - one at both Crosses [Armadale and Bathville] and one at the railway level crossing, and they were being extinguished at 10 p.m.
Linlithgowshire Gazette 6 Oct 16, p4

The streets of Bathgate are 'as dark as the inside of a cow.'
Linlithgowshire Gazette 20 Oct 16, p2

The **Early Closing Order** (under DORA) comes into force on Monday 30 Oct 16, will cause all shops to close at 7pm, except on the half-holiday, and at 9 on Saturdays (with some exceptions, depending on the type of shops)
Linlithgowshire Gazette 27 Oct 16, p3

The **lighting restrictions** have practically stopped evening shopping. So the early closing orders did not cause any discontent among shop-keepers. Linlithgow shopkeepers agree to close at 7pm on weekdays, and 9pm, rather than 10pm on Saturdays.

... 'Few people care to move about on these dark and gloomy nights, when they have to run the risk of knocking against lamp-posts and slipping off or stumbling over-kerb-stones, and seven o'clock closing would have met the needs of the community quite well.

Linlithgowshire Gazette 3 Nov 16, p2

Town Council agree to ask the Depute Chief Constable 'if it would not be possible to have a little more light in the shop windows, as the present conditions were killing business altogether, while the darkness in the streets was very dangerous.'

Linlithgowshire Gazette 10 Nov 16, p2

Blackridge paints its street lamp posts white to help them be seen in the dark.

Linlithgowshire Gazette 10 Nov 16, p3

Advert for '**Zepp Blinds** and Shades' at Gillespie's, Linlithgow - 'a large stock of general and household ironmongery.'

Linlithgowshire Gazette 17 Nov 16, p1

Procurator Fiscal says 'there were very few households in the county where the necessary provision had not been made for darkening the windows at night.' 'The term blackout is never used - always the Lighting Restrictions.

Linlithgowshire Gazette 17 Nov 16, p2

'A lady who appeared at the Sheriff Court this week charged with failing to shade the lights in her house, declared that in her absence the cat had torn down the blind.

What a cat-astrophy!' Marion Snedden or Bennett of East Whitburn. Her husband (53) had joined the army and was in France, and she received only 12s 6d, with free coal and rent pair. But fined 5s nevertheless.

Linlithgowshire Gazette 22 Dec 16, p2

Peter Turner, motor car driver, West End, Armadale, charged with having been in charge of a motor car in Main Street, Uphall, at 10.10 pm on the 19th of December, the **head-light** on the front of which (an acetylene lamp) was not obscured, as required by the Order, to the extent of one thickness of tissue paper.' A former order had forbidden the use of headlights for a time, but it was later relaxed, and tissue paper had to be used. Turner 'said he had always used "Brasso" inside the lamp to obscure the light, and this served the purpose except on this occasion, when the light flared up.'

Linlithgowshire Gazette 19 Jan 17, p2 Fined 5s.

James Tennant of Armadale charged with having used petrol for a char-a-banc excursion from Armadale to Broxburn (to take players to a football match), this not being a trip falling within any of the exceptions set forth in the DOR Regulations. He had applied and been refused a certificate from the Chief Constable to allow this, and claimed to be running the vehicle on naphtha, but lab analysis showed it contained 73% motor spirit. Admonished.

Rumour mongering

'It is just as well to remind the public from time to time that there are penalties prescribed in the Defence of the Realm Regulations for anyone who deliberately circulates disturbing rumours.... Ever since those... days when the runours that a Russian Army had journeyed by train ... down the coast to the south of the country [with snow on their boots], there have been stories of various kinds arising from time to time. That legend of the Muscovite Army had a strange origin, and it persisted for quite a long period.' (This comment, apparently because there were rumours of a German invasion being imminent.)

Linlithgowshire Gazette 30 Mar 17, p2

Weary acceptance of DORA: 'It may be asked how the war is being helped along because a shopkeeper is forbidden to sell a tie after eight o'clock, or nine o'clock on Saturday, but there the Order is.'

Linlithgowshire Gazette 4 May 17, p2

'In these days we yearn for the freedom we once enjoyed. There are a great many things we must not do, or if we do them we do them at our peril. The penalties are enormous, but we are at war, and as loyal law-abiding citizens, we will do nothing to incur them.

Our sons and our brothers are in France, or Mesopotamia, or elsewhere, risking life and limb to restore and uphold that freedom. We are doing out bit at home to help them. When so many **necessary restrictions** are in force, why is it that the tongue of the Socialist lecturer is still unbridled?

Socialism, as we have always understood it, means "to help a lame dog over a stile," to provide the greatest good for the greatest number, but to decry one's country, to question for a moment the bravery of our own soldiers and sailors, and to excuse the atrocities of a ruthless enemy, that is anarchism.'

25 May 17, p3

It's an offence for **bakers** to use certain ingredients in baking. Uncertainty in the bakery trade as the precise meaning of some parts of the Restriction Order.

Linlithgowshire Gazette 01 Jun 17, p2

Three **ice-cream** sellers in Bathgate in trouble for selling ice cream after 8pm. 'The Fiscal said one of the customers was supplied with a tart and ice-cream, while others were supplied with pears and ice-cream. The Sheriff (to the accused) - You understand you can give them the pine apple and pears, or whatever they want, without the ice-cream. There may be no sugar and no cream in it, but if you call it ice-cream, you must not sell it after eight o'clock. Do you promise me to keep to that? Accused promised to comply, and they were admonished.'

Linlithgowshire Gazette 15 Jun 17, p3

Contravention of the **Lighting Order**. - Before Sheriff Macleod, at Linlithgow, on Tuesday, James Fisher, Miner, Upper Bathville, Armadale, was charged with having at 11.30 p.m., on 18th May, failed to have the inside lights of his dwelling house so shaded that no more than a dull or subdued light could be seen from outside. Fisher explained that his wife had gone to the daughter's house to see the latter's child, which was ill. He was in his bed, and one of his lassies had lit the gas unknown to

him. The Fiscal said the police had previously noticed a light from this house, and had advised the putting up of a dark blind. On this occasion they found there was no blind on the window of any description. The Sheriff imposed a fine of £2.'
West Lothian Courier 15 Jun 17, p3

Armadale Town Council meeting: 'Mr Hailstones, referring to street lighting, said he presumed the restrictions this year would be the same as last year when they had only three lamps burning.'
Linlithgowshire Gazette 10 Aug 17, p3

Man found guilty of entering Queensferry, **a restricted area**, without a pass. He wanted to get the ferry, pushed past the sentry at the blockhouse at the entrance to Queensferry, then was arrested by a policeman. Sentenced to fourteen days.
Linlithgowshire Gazette 12 Oct 17, p3

Armadale gets permission for its four extra street lights in addition to the existing four.
Linlithgowshire Gazette 7 Dec 17, p3

New lighting restrictions means no public building can be lit after 10.30pm. A ball booked at Armadale Town Hall for the Friday night has been cancelled.
Linlithgowshire Gazette 5 Apr 18, p4

Retail Business Order came into force on 18 Feb 1918. It aims to protect existing businesses which are handicapped by the absence of the owners on service from unfair competition. It prevents new shops or businesses being opened in non-essential trades without a licence from the Ministry of National Service. 'The proposed opening of a business which may create unfair competition with the business of a man who has joined ... the colours, should be at once reported to the Ministry.'
Linlithgowshire Gazette 12 Apr 18, p2

The Lighting Committee of Linlithgow Town Council suggests that 'in order to effect economy in public lighting, only 13 public lamps be lit in the burgh, and, further, that ten of these be extinguished at 10.30pm leaving **three all-night lamps** burning.'
Then Judge Dowie says that the Council would be liable for accidents happening in the darkness, so they agreed that 'the 25 public lamps be lit in the evening, and that 13 of these remain lit all night.'
Linlithgowshire Gazette 4 Oct 18, p2

At the end of the war, a committee looks at all the wartime legislation, whether it can be repealed, continued or become permanent legislation. 'The Committee state that there are over **190 emergency statutes, together with 260 regulations** under the Defence of the Realm Acts.'
Linlithgowshire Gazette 29 Nov 18, p1

'Lights up! One by one we cross the D.O.R.A. edicts out. Soon the lady will be sent about her business.'
Linlithgowshire Gazette 29 Nov 18, p2

'The first things to arrive here in pre-war numbers is the amusements and "shows" on the occasion of the half-yearly fair on Monday first. It is quite a treat to leave the dark streets, and spend an hour and a few coppers amid such a display of electric light.'

Linlithgowshire Gazette 29 Nov 18, p3

'the **lighting restrictions** had been partially withdrawn, that the shading of the street lamps might now be removed, but in view of the shortage in the coal supply the lamps to be lit should be restricted to one-half of the normal number.'

Linlithgowshire Gazette 6 Dec 18, p2

'A communication was submitted from Mr George S. MacKnight, Procurator-Fiscal, requesting the [County] Council to take his emoluments into consideration in view of the large amount of additional work and responsibility which had devolved upon him by reason of the war legislation of the past four years. He stated that during that time **1,590 Orders** had been received by him from various Government Departments, and a large proportion of those Order was concerned with offences entirely new to the criminal law of the country.'

Linlithgowshire Gazette 20 Dec 18, p3