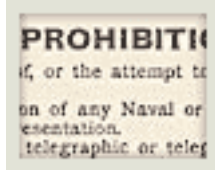
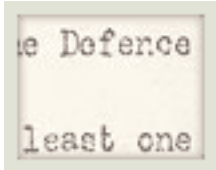


SOURCE 2

A poster about the Defence of the Realm Act issued in 1914 to be displayed in railway stations
(PRO ref: RAIL 1057/453)



SOURCE 2A

SOURCE 2B

SOURCE 2C

HOW TO USE THIS SOURCE TO HELP YOU ANSWER THE BIG QUESTION :

Look carefully at this source and consider what it tells you about how the Defence of the Realm Act affected people or how they reacted to DORA. You should consider:

ASK YOURSELF:

- Look at the letter (Source 2a). What does it suggest about government control in 1914?
- Do you think the railway company could refuse to put up the poster?
- Is it possible to say whether they would want to refuse?
- What would you say are the most important features of the poster (sources 2b and 2c)?

SOURCE 2A

9th December, 1914.

IMMEDIATE.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Trade to transmit to you the accompanying copies of a new poster which has been issued respecting the Defence of the Realm, and I am to request that at least one copy may be exhibited in substitution for the poster sent to you in August last in a conspicuous position at every station on the Railway or Railways owned or worked by your Company.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W F Harwood

These Regulations contain PROHIBITIONS AGAINST:—

1. The collection, recording or publication of, or the attempt to elicit, information with respect to Naval or Military matters, or any other information which might be useful to the enemy.
2. The photographing or other representation of any Naval or Military work and the possession in the vicinity of such work, without lawful authority, of apparatus suitable for use in making such representation.
3. Interfering without lawful authority with telegraphic or telephonic apparatus or the possession of apparatus for tapping wireless messages.
4. The keeping, bringing into the United Kingdom, carrying or liberating, of carrier or homing pigeons.
5. The possession of wireless telegraphic apparatus, without the written permission of the Postmaster-General, and the selling of such apparatus to any one who has not obtained such permission.
6. The conveyance, by hand or otherwise (as distinct from by post), of communications to or from the United Kingdom, originating with, or intended for, an enemy or anyone acting on his behalf.
7. Signalling, and the possession of search lights, semaphores and other signalling apparatus.
8. Displaying, without the permission of the Naval or Military Authority, lights, fireworks or fires, in such a manner as could serve as a signal.
9. The publication of false reports or statements, or of reports or statements likely to cause disaffection, or to prejudice the successful conduct of the war, or to prejudice recruiting or discipline.
10. Trespassing on railways, and loitering near tunnels, bridges, &c., or in any forbidden place.
11. Injuring railways, tunnels, bridges, etc.
12. Approaching within specified distance of camps or defence works.
13. The importation into the United Kingdom of firearms, military arms, ammunition and explosives, without the permit of the competent Authority.
14. Endangering the safety of any member of His Majesty's Forces on duty by the discharge of firearms or otherwise.
15. The possession of firearms and ammunition (except for sporting purposes), or of explosives or highly inflammable liquids in excess of requirements near railways, docks, and harbours, or other places where such possession is prohibited.
16. Supplying intoxicants to members of His Majesty's Forces when on sentry or other duty, or (with intent to make them drunk or incapable) when not on duty.
17. The unauthorised use of official uniforms, and the supply of naval and military uniforms to unauthorised persons.
18. The attempt to cause mutiny, sedition, or disaffection.
19. The obstruction of, or withholding information from, officers or other persons carrying out orders of competent Naval or Military Authorities.
20. The falsification of reports with intent to mislead officers on duty.
21. Forgery or personation of passes and permits.
22. The possession of false passports, and, in the case of enemies, the passing under assumed names.
23. Non-compliance with any order issued by the competent Naval or Military Authority.
24. The aiding or abetting of any prohibited act.
25. The non-disclosure of any contravention of the Regulations.

The Defence of the Realm Regulations also confer upon the competent Naval or Military Authority the following, amongst other powers :—

1. To take possession of any land or buildings ; to destroy any property or do any other act interfering with private rights of property.
2. To have access to any land or buildings.
3. To use land for the training of troops.
4. To stop or divert roads.
5. To require the removal of vehicles, live stock, foodstuffs, fuel or tools from a specified area.
6. To require the removal of inhabitants from specified areas.
7. To require licensed premises to be closed.
8. To direct that all lights visible from the outside of any house shall be extinguished or obscured within specified hours.
9. To require inhabitants to remain indoors between specified hours.
10. To order the removal of suspected persons and to prescribe the areas within which they may reside.
11. To require a census of specified goods.
12. To require the preparation by the person in control of a scheme for destruction of harbour works, gas or electric light or power works, etc.
13. To prohibit persons from having in their possession telephonic, telegraphic or other apparatus for sending or receiving messages.
14. To prevent the embarkation of persons suspected of communicating with the enemy.
15. To require or procure the removal of flagstaffs or other apparatus for signalling.
16. To prevent persons approaching within a specified distance of a camp or work of defence.
17. To prohibit the manufacture and sale of arms, ammunition and explosives.
18. To search ships arriving from abroad for arms, ammunition and explosives.
19. To control the navigation and pilotage of ships.
20. To enter and search buildings, ships, land, vehicles, and other premises at any time, and to seize and destroy things found therein kept or in use in contravention of the Regulations.
21. To stop and search vehicles.
22. To require persons to furnish information.
23. To require the production of any letters or other written messages in the possession of persons landing or embarking in the United Kingdom, and to search any such person or any baggage for such letters or messages, and to examine any letters or messages found on such search.
24. To arrest without warrant persons suspected of acting prejudicially to the safety of the Realm.
25. To require the production of permits.

SEVERE PENALTIES ARE PRESCRIBED FOR CONTRAVENTION OF THE DEFENCE OF THE REALM REGULATIONS.