



EVERYDAY LIFE

Did everyone help to fight the war on the Home Front?

Source 1

Underwear will be worst trouble; has to change underwear every day working in heat; sparks burn vests..... 3

Shirts go quickly when taken for work; need a change each day..... 2

Wellingtons for agricultural workers should not be rationed..... 1

Sandals ideal for hot factories, but cannot spare coupons..... 1

Overalls of any type should not require coupons..... 5

Trousers for growing boys will be biggest difficulty.....

Shoes for children wear out so quickly; child needs new shoes once a fortnight; new shoes needed every three weeks; infants shoes cannot be mended; cannot "cut-down" shoes....

Finafores and aprons or house frocks should not be rationed; need too many coupons; are a necessity; save other clothes; better value to buy summer frock as fewer coupons; does not compare favourably with summer frock coupons.....

Stockings need too many coupons per pair; "go" so very quickly lately; ladder when cycling to work etc.....

Socks need too many coupons per pair.....

Winter coat needs 18 coupons, this will leave only 2 coupons to spent until December; badly needs coat (last bought 3 ys ago) but not sufficient coupons left to buy.....

Other Complaints and Suggestions:

Hampers the home dressmaker; to make a coat takes 20 coupons, to buy only 18.....

Child has to give up coupons at sewing class.....

All husband and wife's coupons go on children.....

"As usual mother will have to go without".....

Results of an investigation into attitudes towards clothes rationing



Source 1 (pg2)

1. Your Coupons. Your Clothing Book contains 60 coupons, numbered 1-60 ; 20 of these are green, 20 brown and 20 red. (Each of them counts one only, despite the numbers printed on them). These 60 coupons are your ration for the current period from 1st June 1942.

2. When can I use my coupons ? You can use your green coupons now, if you wish. You may not use the brown coupons until the 12th October, 1942, or the red coupons until a date which will be announced later. But there is no need for you to spend the green coupons before the 12th October—all the coupons in your Clothing Book will be valid *at least* until the 31st July, 1943.

Results of an investigation into attitudes towards clothes rationing



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Source 2

Exhibit 3

28th January, 1942.

Dearest Mark,

I hope that you are well. Did you receive the letter which I forwarded to you last week? I should be most grateful if you would send me about 15 coupons - loose ones will be quite alright.

There has been lots of snow up here, which is turning into slush, and it is really very nasty underfoot today.

Nan and I went to a good variety concert at the Odeon last Sunday - the artists included Issy Bonn, Deborah Kerr, Margaret Kavea, etc. etc.

When do you intend coming home? We had a burst last week - awful mess.

Please let me have the above mentioned as soon as possible.

With Love,

(signed) Cynthia

Letter sent to Mark Leigh that was produced as evidence in the case of Rex v. Glazer and Leigh



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Source 3

JOHN CAPSTICK, on oath saith :-

16th February 1942. Detective Inspector, New Scotland Yard.

At 11.30 a.m. on the 15th February, 1942, I saw the two prisoners at the Regent Palace Hotel. I heard Glazier say to another man ^{Allen} "You know how much a thousand we want for them?" The other man said "Yes, £11 he asked me." Glazier said "Yes, that's right, £10 a thousand they are, and he gets the odd £1 for introduction." Later Glazier said "We can get $\frac{1}{2}$ a million of them if you can take them". Leigh said "Come upstairs, we will do the business up there." They went by the lift to the 7th floor. I was in the lift with them and saw Leigh hand to Glazier this packet of 318 clothing coupons, Exhibit 1. They entered Room 2714 and after a moment Glazier came out, looked up and down and saw me. I said who we were and I suspected them of being in possession of clothing coupons they were not entitled to have. Glazier said "You have made a mistake, we have no coupons." McDonald and I entered room 2714 and there saw Leigh. Glazier said we were police officers looking for coupons and Leigh said "I have no coupons on me, you can search me." I began to search him and Glazier took from his pocket the packet of coupons, Exhibit 1, and this other packet, Exhibit 2. I said "Where did you get these?" Glazier said "They are ours. We are general dealers from Glasgow and down here on business." Leigh said "You will find they are straight up." They were cautioned and arrested and neither replied.

RECALLED:

23rd February 1942. They were later charged at West End Central Police Station with stealing and receiving the coupons and, after

2 JOHN CAPSTICK, Det. Inspr.

Evidence of Detective Inspector Capstick used in the case of Rex v. Glazier and Leigh



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Source 4

7. Form II. 1

C. C. C.
 APPEAL, No 24
 OF 1942

CRIMINAL APPEAL ACT, 1907.
PARTICULARS OF TRIAL.

Rex v. Mark Leigh (Appellant).

1. Age and occupation of Appellant (as given in the Calendar). 32. Masseur.
2. Date when convicted } 25 March 1942.
 .. when sentenced. }
- Place and Court of Trial. Central Criminal Court.
- Before whom tried. The Recorder of London.
3. Offence (See note (a) on page 2.)

See Indictment sent herewith
4. Plea. Not guilty.
5. Verdict. Guilty on Count 1. Count 2 not proceeded with.
6. Sentence (and any recommendation or order made by the Court). 21 months imprisonment.
7. Previous Convictions. No previous convictions.

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Form showing the verdict in the case of Rex v. Mark Leigh