



# HOLKHAM FIELD FIRING RANGE

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## BYE-LAWS

Made by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department under the provisions of the Military Lands Acts, 1892 to 1903, as amended by Regulation 52 of the Defence Regulations, 1939, and by virtue of that Regulation, for regulating the use of the above-mentioned range.

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1. This Range may be used for Anti-Aircraft Small Arms, Anti-Tank Rifles, 3-inch and 2-inch Mortars, Machine Guns, Light Machine Guns, Rifles, Pistols, Sub-Machine Guns, Rifle Grenades and Hand Grenades.

### LAND AND SEA AREAS AFFECTED.

2. The Land and Sea areas are set out in the Schedule hereto.

### GENERAL PROHIBITION.

3. During such time as notice is given, by the hoisting or display of signals in manner hereinafter provided by Bye-Law 5, that firing is taking place on the Range, all intrusion into the land area described below and the foreshore and sea abutting thereon, hereinafter called the sea area, within the limits set out in the Schedule hereto, and all obstruction of the use thereof, are prohibited.

### OFFENCES DURING FIRING.

4. While notice that firing is taking place on the Range mentioned in Bye-Law 3 is given by the hoisting or display of signals as provided by Bye-Law 5, then in respect of the Land area and the Sea area—

- (i) All roads and footpaths within the Land area will be closed and no person shall enter or remain within the Land area or the Sea area, nor bring, take nor suffer to remain therein any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing except as provided in Bye-Law 10.
- (ii) No vessel shall be employed in fishing or in the process of taking any kind of fish (shell fish or otherwise) in the Sea area.
- (iii) No pleasure boat shall cruise in the Sea area.
- (iv) No vessel shall anchor or remain anchored in or ground on the Sea area.
- (v) No aircraft shall alight on or remain in or travel upon the Sea area.
- (vi) In the event of any vessel or aircraft being from any cause within the Sea area, the Master or Pilot or other person in charge thereof shall use his utmost endeavour to pass out of the Sea area without loss of time.

### SIGNALS.

5. (a) Notice that fire is taking place on the Range is given by the hoisting or display on flagstaffs of red flags by day and red lights by night at the following places:—

- (i) North-West corner of Wood approximately 150 yards North-West of Marsh House Farm.
- (ii) Approximately 50 yards North of Meals House.
- (iii) Gun Hill, approximately 2,000 yards North-West of Marsh House Farm.

- (iv) On bank approximately 1,300 yards North-West of Marsh House Farm and on line joining flags (i) and (iii).
  - (v) 1,500 yards West of flagstaff No. 2 on the Parish boundaries of Holkham and Burnham Overy, 250 yards South of the High Water mark O.T.
  - (vi) 1,166 yards east of Flagstaff No. 3.
  - (vii) 666 yards north-east of Marsh House Farm.
- (b) Notice to aircraft that firing is taking place with Anti-Aircraft Small Arms will be given by exposing a suitably sited letter 'A' (8 feet by 8 feet 2½ inches) in black on a white background.
- (c) Notice to aircraft that Mortar firing is taking place will be given by exposing a suitably sited 'F' (8 feet by 5 feet) in black on a white background.

#### DURATION OF SIGNALS.

The signals referred to in this Bye-Law will be hoisted and displayed or exposed one hour before firing commences and will be lowered and the letters 'A' and 'F' covered up immediately firing has ceased.

#### ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS.

6. Notice Boards calling attention to red flags, etc., will be permanently erected at the following positions :—

- (i) North-West corner of Wood approximately 150 yards North-West of Marsh House Farm.
- (ii) Approximately 100 yards East of target group 3.
- (iii) On bank approximately 750 yards North-East of flagstaff (i) and on a line joining flagstaff (i) and Meals House.
- (iv) Approximately 1,450 yards North of flagstaff mentioned at (i) of Bye-Law 5 (a).

#### RECOVERY OF SHELL, ETC.

7. No person shall trawl, dredge, touch or search for or otherwise interfere with any shot, shell, bomb, bullet or projectile or portions thereof found within the Land area or the Sea area, or take or retain, or be in possession of any such shot, shell, bomb, bullet and any other projectile, or any portion thereof, found within the Land area or the Sea Area.

Any persons who when trawling, dredging or in any manner whatsoever shall come into possession of any such shot, shell, bomb, bullet or other projectile, or any portion thereof, within the Sea area, shall not retain it but shall immediately return it in its then condition, and without tampering with it, into the water.

Provided, nevertheless, that the provisions of this Bye-Law shall not apply in cases of persons who recover shot, shell, bombs, bullets or other projectiles under the instructions of the local Naval, Military or Royal Air Force authorities.

#### OFFICERS AUTHORISED.

8. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-Laws Nos. 3, 4 or 7 shall be deemed to commit an offence against the Bye-Laws so contravened.

The persons hereby authorised to remove or to take into custody without warrant any persons committing an offence against Bye-Laws Nos. 3, 4 or 7 or to remove any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing, found on the Land area or the Sea area in contravention of any of the said Bye-Laws, are :—

- (i) The General Officer Commanding in Chief, Eastern Command.
- (ii) The Officer in Charge of the Range.
- (iii) Any Officer; Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or Military Policeman, for the time being under the command of the said Officer in Charge.
- (iv) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said Officer in Charge.
- (v) Any Constable.

#### VESSELS OR AIRCRAFT IN DANGER.

9.—(i) While any vessel is observed within the Sea area all firing will immediately cease and will not be resumed until the vessel is out of danger.

(ii) When any aircraft is observed flying over the Danger area when firing is taking place with Anti-Aircraft Small Arms at a height estimated to be less than 10,000 feet, firing will immediately cease and will not be resumed until the aircraft is out of danger.

(iii) When any aircraft is observed flying over the Danger Area when Mortar firing is in progress, at a height estimated to be less than 3,000 feet, firing will immediately cease and will not be resumed until the aircraft is out of danger.

#### EXEMPTIONS.

10. These Bye-Laws shall not apply to :—

- (i) Any vessel entering or passing through the Sea area in the ordinary course of navigation.
- (ii) Any vessel compelled to enter or unable to quit the Sea area by reason of the exigencies of navigation.
- (iii) Any vessel employed in tending, placing or replacing Mark Buoys or other aids to navigation within the Sea area.
- (iv) H.M. and Allied Ships of War, H.M. and Allied Aircraft or any vessel or aircraft employed under Admiralty, War Department, Air Council or Allied Government Authority.
- (v) Animals (other than horses or animals of abnormally high value) grazing unattended within the Danger Area.

#### INTERPRETATION.

11. (i) 'Vessels' in these Bye-Laws include ship, yacht, lighter, boat and craft of every kind and whether navigated by steam, motor, sail, cars or otherwise.

(ii) 'Aircraft' in these Bye-Laws include all balloons, whether fixed or free, kites, airships, aeroplanes, seaplanes, flying boats, gliders or other flying machines.

#### DATE OF OPERATION OF BYE-LAWS.

12. These Bye-Laws shall come into force at the date hereof.

## SCHEDULE.

## DESCRIPTION OF LAND AREAS.

## AREA No. 1 (Western side of Burnham Harbour).

A small area on the West of the Harbour.

Commencing at a point referred to in the sea area description on the High Water Mark in latitude  $52^{\circ} 58' 45''$  N., longitude  $0^{\circ} 44' 48''$ , and proceeding along the High Water Mark in an easterly and southerly direction to a point latitude  $52^{\circ} 58' 36''$ , longitude  $0^{\circ} 45' 03''$ , 100 yards east of a Beacon, and thence proceeding in a North-Westerly direction for a distance of about 700 yards to the starting point.

## AREA No. 2 (Eastern side of Burnham Harbour).

*On the East.*—Extending over Holkham Meals and Overy Marsh. Commencing at a point latitude  $52^{\circ} 58' 18''$ , longitude  $0^{\circ} 48' 0''$ , on the High Water Mark near Holkham Meals 200 yards north-west of Meals House, near a flagstaff, and thence proceeding in a south-westerly direction for a distance of about 200 yards to a point on the Northern boundary of Meals House and thence in a westerly direction for a distance of about 33 yards, and thence in a southerly direction for a distance of about 100 yards, near a footbridge, and thence in a westerly direction for a distance of about 330 yards on the southern boundary of Holkham Meals and thence in a westerly direction for a distance of about 300 yards and thence in a south-westerly direction for a distance of about 366 yards to Decoy Wood, and thence crossing Decoy Wood in a southerly direction until the southern boundary of the said wood is reached and thence following the southern boundary of Decoy Wood in a westerly direction for a distance of about 40 yards, and thence in a southerly direction for a distance of about 170 yards, and thence

*On the South.*—Commencing at the last-mentioned point and proceeding in a general westerly direction for a distance of about 766 yards, passing the parish boundaries of Holkham and Burnham Overy until a wood is reached, and thence following the eastern boundary of the said wood for a distance of about 300 yards, the southern boundary of the said wood for a distance of about 177 yards and the western boundary of the said wood for a distance of about 233 yards until a pond is reached and thence in a northerly direction for a distance of about 100 yards, and thence crossing a farm road to the western side, and thence proceeding in a general south-westerly direction to a wood situated on the western side of Marsh House, and thence following the eastern, southern and western boundaries of the said wood until the north-western corner of the said wood is reached near a flagstaff, and thence

*On the West.*—Commencing at the last-mentioned point and proceeding in a westerly direction for a distance of about 200 yards and thence following a ditch or dyke in a general north-westerly direction for a distance of about 300 yards, and thence following another ditch or dyke in a general northerly direction until the western side of a bank is reached situated on the eastern mud flats of Overy Creek, and thence following the said bank in a northerly direction for a distance of about 300 yards, and thence following the salting which abuts on the eastern side of Overy Creek in a south-westerly direction, and thence in a northerly direction parallel to Overy Creek until the High Water Mark is reached, latitude  $52^{\circ} 58' 33''$ , longitude  $0^{\circ} 45' 12''$ , near Gun Hill and near a flagstaff.

*On the North.*—Commencing at the last-mentioned point and proceeding in an easterly direction along the line of High Water Mark O.T., passing a flagstaff, until the starting point is reached near Meals House, latitude  $52^{\circ} 58' 18''$ , longitude  $0^{\circ} 48' 0''$ .

#### DESCRIPTION OF SEA AREA.

*On the West.*—Commencing at a point on the High Water Mark on the Eastern side of Burnham Harbour, near Gun Hill, in latitude  $52^{\circ} 58' 33''$  N., longitude  $0^{\circ} 45' 12''$  E., and in a direction of  $314^{\circ}$  True to a point on the High Water Mark on the West side of Burnham Harbour in latitude  $52^{\circ} 58' 36''$  N., longitude  $0^{\circ} 45' 03''$  E., and thence following the High Water Mark in a general Westerly direction to a point in latitude  $52^{\circ} 58' 45''$  N., longitude  $0^{\circ} 44' 48''$  E., where the arc forming the Northern boundary is reached.

*On the North.*—Commencing at the last-mentioned point and proceeding in a general Easterly direction on the arc of a circle having a radius of 10,150 feet (1.5 nautical miles) from its centre (or point of origin), latitude  $52^{\circ} 57' 45''$  N., longitude  $0^{\circ} 46' 33''$  E., until a point is reached at the Eastern danger boundary, on the West Sands, in latitude  $52^{\circ} 58' 33''$  N., longitude  $0^{\circ} 48' 39''$  E.

*On the East.*—Commencing at the last-mentioned point and proceeding in a South-Westerly direction of  $238^{\circ}$  True to a point on the High Water Mark in latitude  $52^{\circ} 58' 18''$  N., longitude  $0^{\circ} 48' 0''$  E.

*On the South.*—Commencing at the last-mentioned point and proceeding along the High Water Mark in a general Westerly direction until the starting point is reached in latitude  $52^{\circ} 58' 33''$  N., longitude  $0^{\circ} 45' 12''$  E.

Dated this fifth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and forty-two.

By Order of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department.

(Signed) G. W. LAMBERT.

#### NOTICES.

##### PENALTY FOR OFFENCES.

1. By Section 17 (2) of the Military Lands Act, 1892, it is provided that :—

If any person commits an offence against any Bye-Law under this Act he shall be liable on conviction before a Court of Summary Jurisdiction to a fine not exceeding FIVE POUNDS, and may be removed by any Constable or Officer authorised in manner provided by the Bye-Laws from the area, whether land or water, to which the Bye-Laws apply and taken into custody without warrant and brought before a Court of Summary Jurisdiction to be dealt with according to law, and any vehicle, animal, vessel or thing found in the area in contravention of any Bye Law may

be removed by any Constable or such Officer as aforesaid, and, on due proof of such contravention, to be declared by a Court of Summary Jurisdiction to be forfeited to His Majesty.

2. By Section 2 (2) of the Military Lands Act, 1900, it is provided that :—

Where any land, the use of which can be regulated by Bye-Laws under the Military Lands Act, 1892, or this Act, abuts on any sea or tidal water, or where Rifle or Artillery Practice is or can be carried on over any sea, tidal water or shore from any such land, Bye-Laws may be made in relation to any such sea, tidal water or shore as if they were part of the land.

#### PROCEDURE FOR CLEARING SEA AREA.

3.—(i) Vessels entering or remaining within the sea area in contravention of any of the preceding Bye-Laws may, under Section 17 (2) of the Military Lands Act, 1892 (see (i) above), be removed from the area. In such cases any vessel, acting under orders of the Local Military Authorities will, when necessary, tow the offending vessel out of the area.

(ii) Masters of vessels entering or remaining within the sea area in the ordinary course of navigation or by reason of the exigencies of navigation and exempt from the operation of the Bye-Laws under Bye-Law No. 10 are requested to assist the carrying out of the firing practice by hastening through the area, or by consenting to be towed out of the area, if necessary, by any vessel acting under the orders of the local Naval, Military or Royal Air Force Authorities.

#### AIRCRAFT WARNING.

4. Aircraft are warned not to fly in the vicinity of this Range while firing is in progress, and no liability for accident to aircraft arising from the use of the Range can be admitted.

#### TIMES OF FIRING.

5. Firing may take place at any time of the day or night throughout the year.

6. Notice Boards with a copy of the Bye-Laws and of these notices are placed where any road or pathway enters the danger areas.

#### WHERE PLAN OF RANGE CAN BE INSPECTED AND COPIES OF BYE-LAWS OBTAINED.

7. The office of the

Commander Royal Engineers, 44, Parkside, Cambridge.