



**LITTLE BARNINGHAM  
RANGE  
PLUMSTEAD  
In the County of NORFOLK**

**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-named Range.

# LITTLE BARNINGHAM RANGE

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## BYE-LAWS

1. This Range may be used for Anti-Aircraft Small Arms Machine Guns, Revolvers, Rifles and Mortars.

### GENERAL PROHIBITION.

2. During such time as notice is given, by the hoisting and display of signals in manner hereinafter provided in Bye-law No. 5, that firing is taking place on the Little Barningham Range, the limits of the area of which are set out in the Schedule hereto, all intrusion on the area of the range and all obstruction of the use thereof is prohibited.

### OFFENCES DURING FIRING.

3. During such time as notice that firing is taking place in the area mentioned in Bye-law No. 2 is given by the hoisting and display of Signals as provided by Bye-law No. 5, then in respect of the area, no person shall enter or remain in the area, nor bring, take or suffer to remain therein any vehicle, animal, or thing, except as provided in Bye-law No. 9.

### USE OF EDGEFIELD LITTLE BARNINGHAM ROAD.

4. During such time as firing is taking place as directed by the Signals mentioned in Bye-law No. 5 look-out men will be posted as laid down in Bye-law No. 6 and will signal all traffic to stop and when firing is to cease.

When firing has ceased, traffic will be required to proceed with all reasonable speed along the said road through the danger area.

### SIGNALS.

5. (A) Notice that firing is taking place on the range is given by the hoisting and display on flagstuffs of RED FLAGS BY DAY and RED LIGHTS BY NIGHT at the following places :—

- (a) On the Stop-butt.
- (b) At Shrub Farm.
- (c) At the South-West Corner of the danger area.
- (d) At the South-East Corner of the danger area.

The exact positions of the flagstuffs referred to above are shown on the plan attached hereto.

(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 letter "F" (8 feet by 6½ feet) in black on a white background with a red border.

#### 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:—

- (a) At Crossroads—¼ mile South-East of Edgefield.
- (b) Barningham Green.
- (c) At Crossroads—¼ mile West of Little Barningham.
- (d) At Little Barningham-Saxthorpe Road, Bench Mark 150·0.
- (e) At Little Barningham-Saxthorpe Road, Bench Mark 160·6.
- (f) On track at South-East corner of Little Wood.
- (g) On track—200 yards West of Vale Farm.
- (h) On track at South-East corner of New Covert.
- (i) On track—South-West centre of Old Covert.
- (j) On track—immediately North of Shrub Farm.
- (k) On track leading from Watery Lane to Barningham Green.
- (l) At South-West corner of danger area.

In addition sentries will be posted on the Edgefield-Little Barningham Road at the following points:—

- (m) Crossroads—¼ mile West of Little Barningham.
- (n) Crossroads—¼ mile South-East of Edgefield.

#### RECOVERY OF SHELL, ETC.

7. No person shall search for or otherwise interfere with any shot, shell, bomb, bullet or other projectile or portions thereof within the LITTLE BARNINGHAM RANGE Area, or take,

retain or be in possession of any such shot, shell or bomb, bullet, or other projectile or portions thereof found within the aforesaid Range Areas.

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 Military Authority.

#### OFFICERS AUTHORISED.

8. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-law Nos. 2, 3 or 7 shall be deemed to commit an offence against the Bye-law so contravened.

The persons hereby authorised to remove or take into custody without warrant any person committing an offence against Bye-law Nos. 2, 3 or 7 or to remove any vehicle, animal or thing found on the said danger 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 Ranges.
- (iii) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or Military Policeman for the time being under the command of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief or the said Officer in charge of the Range.
- (iv) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief.
- (v) Any Constable.

#### EXEMPTIONS.

9. These Bye-laws shall not apply to animals (other than horses or animals of abnormally high value) grazing unattended within the Danger Area.

#### AIRCRAFT IN DANGER.

10.—(a) 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.

(b) When 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.

## DATE OF OPERATION OF BYE-LAWS.

11. These Bye-laws shall come into force at the date hereof.

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 SCHEDULE.
 

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## DESCRIPTION OF LAND AREA.

(i) That part of the Edgefield-Little Barningham Road commencing at the 4 crossways 200 yards South of the Frere Arms Public House in the village of Edgefield and extending in an Easterly direction for a distance of 4,200 yards (2 miles 680 yards) to the 4 crossways at the Dog Public House in the village of Little Barningham.

(ii) The whole of that area lying within a line drawn from a point 10 yards South of the road running in an Easterly direction from Edgefield village to Plumstead Green and at a distance of 2,000 yards from the 4 Crossways at the Frere Arms Public House in Edgefield Village, and extending in a South-Westerly direction for a distance of 650 yards continuing in a Southerly direction for a distance of 1,040 yards crossing the Road from Edgefield to Barningham Green. Through Barningham Heath to a point in the centre of New Covert and from thence extending in a South South-Easterly direction for a distance of 1,500 yards passing through Old Covert West of Shrub Farm to a point in a 6 acre field 1,000 yards North of Saxthorpe Village from thence extending in a North-Easterly by Easterly direction for a distance of 1,050 yards to a point 10 yards North-East of the road leading from Saxthorpe to Little Barningham continuing in a North-West by North direction for a distance of 1,260 yards and thence North by East for 300 yards thence North by West for 300 yards to a point 100 yards South of the Edgefield and Little Barningham Road from thence West by North for 200 yards from thence in a North-West by North direction for 500 yards passing Barningham Green on the West and crossing the Road from Edgefield to Little Barningham to a point 180 yards West of Vale Farm, continuing in a North-Westerly direction for a distance of 650 yards in a straight line to the commencing point.

*Dated this First day of May, One thousand nine hundred and forty-one.*

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

(Signed)

DAVID MARGESSON.

## NOTICES.

## PENALTY FOR OFFENCES.

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

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-law from the area to which the Bye-law applies, 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 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, be declared by a Court of Summary Jurisdiction to be forfeited to His Majesty.

## TIMES OF FIRING.

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

## ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS.

3. The limits of the danger area described in the Schedule hereto are marked by notice boards which are placed where any road or footpath enters the danger areas.

## WHERE PLAN OF RANGE CAN BE INSPECTED.

4. A plan showing the limits of the danger area and the positions of the signal flags and the roads and footpaths affected can be inspected at :—

Commander, Royal Engineer's Office,  
44, Parkside,  
Cambridge.

## WHERE BYE-LAWS CAN BE OBTAINED.

5. Copies of the Bye-laws can be obtained from :—

Commander, Royal Engineer's Office,  
44, Parkside,  
Cambridge.

