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The Range may be used for Rifles, Revolvers, Light Machine Guns and Machine Carbines.

### LAND AREAS AFFECTED.

1. The land areas are set out in the Schedule hereto.

### GENERAL PROHIBITION.

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

### OFFENCES DURING FIRING.

3. While notice that firing is taking place on the Range mentioned in Bye-law No. 2 is given by the hoisting or display of signals as provided in Bye-law No. 5, then in respect of the land area affected all roads and footpaths within the land area will be closed and no person shall enter or remain within the land area, nor bring, take nor suffer to remain therein, any vehicle, animal, aircraft or thing, except as provided by Bye-law No. 8.

### USE OF PUBLIC ROAD.

4. In addition to the signals referred to in Bye-law No. 5, sentries will be posted on the boundaries of the danger areas where they cross Grays Moor Drove and marked "A" and "B" on the plan, to warn persons who may be approaching the danger area.

### SIGNALS.

5. Notice that firing is taking place is given by hoisting and displaying a red flag: in respect of day firing or red lamp in respect of night firing, on flagstaffs situated at the places named below as follows:—

- (a) The stop butt.

- (b) Each corner of the extremity of the danger area west of Grays Moor Drove.

### DURATION OF SIGNALS.

The signals will be hoisted one hour before firing commences and will remain hoisted until firing has ceased.

### RECOVERY OF SHELL, ETC.

6. No person shall search for or otherwise interfere with any shot, bullet or other projectile or any portion thereof found within the land area. Provided nevertheless that the provisions of this Bye-law shall not apply in cases of persons who recover projectiles under written instructions from the local Military Authorities.

## OFFICERS AUTHORISED.

7. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-laws Nos. 2, 3 or 6 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 person contravening Bye-laws Nos. 2, 3 or 6 or to remove any vehicle, animal, aircraft or thing found on the land area in contravention of any of the said Bye-laws are:—

- (1) The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command.
- (2) The Officer in Charge of the Range.
- (3) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, or Military Policeman, for the time being under the Command of the said Officer in Charge.
- (4) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said Officer in Charge or
- (5) Any Constable.

## EXEMPTIONS.

8. These Bye-laws shall not apply to:—

- (a) Animals (other than horses or animals of abnormally high value) grazing unattended within the Danger Area.
- (b) Any aircraft compelled to alight on or unable to quit the land area.

## INTERPRETATION.

9. "Aircraft" in these Bye-laws includes all balloons, whether fixed or free, kites, airships, aeroplanes, gliders or other flying machines.

## DATE OF OPERATION OF BYE-LAWS.

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

## SCHEDULE.

## DESCRIPTION OF LAND AREAS.

The land (hereinafter called the "land area") situate in the Parish of ELM within the limits hereinafter mentioned and described, which together constitute the danger area of the Range, shall be closed to all persons to allow of firing from the Range while the warning signal is hoisted in accordance with Bye-law No. 5.

The land area which lies to the Northwest of the L.N.E.R. March-Wisbech line is fanshaped.

The width at the targets extends 60 yards beyond the outer edges of the flank targets, and the total width of the danger area at this point will be 150 yards. The length of the danger area behind the targets is 1,500 yards, and at this point the total width of the danger area is 530 yards. The lateral boundary line of the danger area at 1,500 yards behind the targets is the arc of a circle of radius 2,000 yards with its centre on the axis of the range at a point 500 yards in front of the targets.

The danger area boundaries in front of the targets are straight lines from the outer edges of the furthest firing point to the danger area boundaries opposite the line of targets.

DATED this eighth day of December, One Thousand nine hundred and forty-two.

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

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-law from the area, whether land or water, 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.

FIRING PROGRAMME AND PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.

2. Firing on the Ranges may be carried out throughout the year both by day and by night.

A provisional programme of firing for the ensuing week will be issued to the following:—

General Post Office, March, the Post Office at Coldham, Superintendent of Police, Isle of Ely Constabulary, March.

No additional Notices will be issued in respect of any alterations necessitated by Military requirements in the provisional programme, and the signals referred to in Bye-law No. 5 shall be deemed sufficient notice in such cases of the intention to carry out firing.

ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS.

3. Notice Boards with a copy of the Bye-laws will be placed where any road or pathway enters the Danger Area.

WHERE BYE-LAWS CAN BE OBTAINED.

4. Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained at the office of the Commander Royal Engineers, Cambridge Area, 44, Parkside, Cambridge.

WHERE PLAN OF RANGE CAN BE INSPECTED.

5. A plan and chart showing the land areas of the range and the position of flagstaff and signals can be inspected at the office of the Commander Royal Engineers, Cambridge Area, 44, Parkside, Cambridge.

AIRCRAFT WARNING.

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

*Notwithstanding any fine limit mentioned in the above byelaws the current maximum fine as at 01/09/2008 is the sum of £500 being the maximum on level 2 of the standard scale.*