



# **OTTERBURN TRAINING AREA BYELAWS**

Made by the Secretary of State for Defence, under the provisions of Part II of the Military Lands Act 1892, for regulating the use of the above-mentioned Training Area.

# DEFENCE

## THE OTTERBURN TRAINING AREA BYELAWS 1971

Made 17th May 1971

Coming into operation 10th September 1971

The Secretary of State for Defence in exercise of his powers under Part II of the Military Lands Act 1892 (a), section 2 of the Defence (Transfer of Functions) Act 1964 (b) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby, with the consent of the Northumberland County Council so far as regards the interference with the highways hereinafter mentioned, makes the following Byelaws:—

### AREA OF LAND AFFECTED

1. The area to which these Byelaws apply (hereinafter referred to as "the Danger Areas") consists of lands (in part belonging to the Secretary of State and in part lands which the Secretary of State has a right to use for defence purposes) in the Rural Districts of Bellingham and Rothbury in the County of Northumberland known as the Otterburn Training Area (together with all highways thereon) the boundaries of which are, for convenience of identification, shown by a thick black line on the plan annexed to these Byelaws and identified as "Plan of the Otterburn Training Area". The Danger Areas comprise Redesdale Range, Otterburn Range, Bellshiel Demolition Area and Outlying Areas (recorded on the attached Plan of the Otterburn Training Area as "A" and "B").

### USE OF DANGER AREAS

2. The Danger Areas may be used for the firing of all artillery, infantry and tank weapons and for the firing or dropping by aircraft of air to ground missiles and all activities ancillary to such firing or dropping and the destruction of explosives and ammunition. Range Areas may be used independently, with or without Outlying Areas.

### PROHIBITION OF ACCESS

3. (1) When any of the Danger Areas are being used for any of the purposes specified in Byelaw No. 2, no person shall:—
- (a) enter into or upon or pass over or through that Danger Area, or
  - (b) be or remain in or upon that Danger Area, or
  - (c) cause or permit or suffer any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing to enter into or upon or to pass through or to be or remain in or upon that Danger Area, or

(d) cause or permit any aircraft to fly over that Danger Area at a height less than 20,000 feet above mean sea level.

- (2) Whilst any of the Danger Areas are being used for any of the said purposes, notice of the fact shall be given by the display of the following signals, that is to say—

*Whilst Redesdale Range is being so used—*

(a) A red flag by day hoisted at the following places:—

- (i) on the north edge of the road at the cross-roads in Redesdale Camp;
- (ii) at a place 5 yards north of the northern boundary fence of Highway A 68 and 900 yards east of Redesdale Forest;
- (iii) 15 yards north of the road and track junction 350 yards north-west of Cottonshope Farm;
- (iv) 1,000 yards south-west of the cairns on the hill known as Thirl Moor;
- (v) at a place where the road crosses the River Coquet 400 yards east of Chew Green Camp;
- (vi) at a place 15 yards south of the council road U 4023 and 400 yards south-west of Fulhope Farm;
- (vii) on the south bank of the River Coquet opposite Blindburn Farm;
- (viii) at a place 25 yards west of the bridge over the River Coquet and 50 yards south of the junction of the river and its tributary Stogie's Cleugh;
- (ix) at a place 15 yards west of the bridge over Rowhope Burn and between council road U 4023 and River Coquet;
- (x) at a place 20 yards south-west of the bridge over the River Coquet and 200 yards south-west of Barrowburn Farm;
- (xi) at a place 20 yards north of junction of track and council road U 4023 and 300 yards north of Bygate Hall Farm cottages;
- (xii) at a place 2 yards south-west of council road U 4023 and 100 yards south-west of Shillmoor Farm;
- (xiii) at a place 80 yards south of council road U 4023 and 2,200 yards west of Alwinton village;
- (xiv) at a place 5 yards west of council road C 172 and 15 yards north of north-eastern tip of Kidland Forest;
- (xv) at a place 100 yards south-west of council road C 172 and on the south-easterly edge of Kidland Forest;
- (xvi) at a place 15 yards north of the Cocklaw-Holystone road and 2,700 yards south-west of Holystone village;

- (xvii) 650 yards east of Watty Bell's Cairn;
- (xviii) 5 yards west of Crow Stone;
- (xix) at a place 15 yards north-west of road junction and 1,750 yards north of Toft House Farm;
- (xx) 250 yards west by south of Ridlees Cairn;
- (xxi) at a place 10 yards north of the east entrance to Redesdale Camp.

(b) A red light at night displayed at the following places:—

- (i) at a place 15 yards north of the road and track junction 350 yards north-west of Cottonshope Farm;
- (ii) at a place where the road crosses the River Coquet 400 yards east of Chew Green Camp;
- (iii) at a place 80 yards south of council road U 4023 and 2,200 yards west of Alwinton village;
- (iv) at a place 15 yards north of the Cocklaw-Holystone road and 2,700 yards south-west of Holystone village;
- (v) 5 yards west of Crow Stone;
- (vi) at a place 15 yards north-west of road junction and 1,750 yards north of Toft House Farm;
- (vii) on the north edge of the road at the crossroads in Redesdale Camp.

Whilst Otterburn Range is being so used—

(c) a red flag by day hoisted at the following places:—

- (i) in the centre of the traffic island situate at the crossroads in Otterburn Camp;
- (ii) at a place 200 yards east of council road U 5004 and 1,700 yards north by east of the junction of U 5004 and Highway A 696;
- (iii) at a place 5 yards west of council road U 5003 and 200 yards north of the junction of U 5003 and Highway A 68;
- (iv) at a place 15 yards north-west of road junction and 1,750 yards north of Toft House Farm;
- (v) 5 yards west of Crow Stone;
- (vi) 650 yards east of Watty Bell's Cairn;
- (vii) at a place 15 yards north of the Cocklaw-Holystone Road and 2,700 yards south-west of Holystone village;
- (viii) at a place 15 yards west of the Highshaw-Crag road and 600 yards north by west of Highshaw Farm;
- (ix) 80 yards north-west of junction of council road U 4030 and Highway B 6341;
- (x) 10 yards north-west of the junction of council road U 4031 and Highway B 6341;
- (xi) at a place 40 yards north of the Drove Road and 1,700 yards south-east of Otterburn Camp;

- (xii) at a place 80 yards east of Otterburn Camp and on the crest of a hill known as Knowe End.

(d) a red lamp by night displayed at the following places:—

- (i) in the centre of the traffic island situate at the crossroads in Otterburn Camp;
- (ii) at a place 15 yards north-west of road junction and 1,750 yards north of Toft House Farm;
- (iii) 5 yards west of Crow Stone;
- (iv) at a place 15 yards north of the Cocklaw-Holystone road and 2,700 yards south-west of Holystone village;
- (v) 80 yards north-west of the junction of council road U 4030 and Highway B 6341;
- (vi) 10 yards north-west of the junction of council road U 4031 and Highway B 6341;
- (vii) at a place on Leighton Hill 40 yards north of the Drove Road and 1,700 yards south-east of Otterburn Camp;
- (viii) at a place 2 yards west of council road U 5004 and 2,600 yards north of the junction of U 5004 and Highway A 696;
- (ix) at a place 5 yards west of council road U 5003 and 200 yards north of the junction of U 5003 and Highway A 68.

Whilst Bellshiel Demolition Area is being so used—

(e) a red flag by day hoisted at the following places:—

- (i) on the north edge of the road at the crossroads in Redesdale Camp;
- (ii) at a place 5 yards north of the northern boundary fence of highway A 68 and 900 yards east of Redesdale Forest;
- (iii) at a place 5 yards west of road junction and 500 yards south by east of Featherwood Farm.

When an outlying Area is being used, additional signals will be displayed as follows, that is to say:—

Whilst Outlying Area "A" is being used—

(f) a red flag by day and a red light by night hoisted at the following places:—

- (i) at a place 5 yards south of the County Council road U 5022 and 2,550 yards west of its junction with Highway A 68;
- (ii) at a place 5 yards south of the County Council road U 5022 and 1,500 yards west of its junction with Highway A 68.

Whilst Outlying Area "B" is being used—

- (g) a red flag by day and a red light by night hoisted at the following place:—  
 at a place 600 yards south by east of Whiskershiel Farm.

## PROJECTILES

4. No person shall dig or search for any projectile or any lead or other metal in or on the Danger Areas, or interfere with or take or retain or be in possession of any projectile or any lead or other metal found within the Danger Areas, or remove any projectile from the Danger Areas.

## GOVERNMENT STORES

5. No person shall interfere with or remove from the Danger Areas any stores or articles belonging to or under the care or control of the Ministry of Defence or otherwise the property of the Crown.

## OFFENCES

6. Subject to the provisions of Byelaw No. 8 any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening any provision of any of the preceding Byelaws Nos. 3(1), 4 and 5 thereby commits an offence against the Byelaw so contravened.

7. The following persons are hereby authorised to remove from the Danger Areas and to take into custody without warrant any person found in any of the Danger Areas when it is being used for any of the purposes specified in Byelaw No. 2 or found committing any other offence against any of the said Byelaws, and to remove from the Danger Areas any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing whatsoever found in any of the Danger Areas in contravention of any of the said Byelaws:—

- (a) the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command;
- (b) the Commandant of the Otterburn Training Area;
- (c) any officer, any warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or rating of corresponding rank, or any service policeman, in uniform and being for the time being under the Command of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief or the Commandant of the Otterburn Training Area;
- (d) any person authorised in writing by or on behalf of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief or the Commandant of the Otterburn Training Area; and
- (e) any member of a police force or any special constable under the control of the Ministry of Defence.

## EXEMPTIONS

8. (1) Nothing done by a person using any of the Danger Areas in pursuance of Byelaw No. 2 or by a person acting under and

in accordance with any authority or permission given by or on behalf of the Secretary of State or the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, or the Commandant of the Otterburn Training Area shall constitute an offence against any of these Byelaws.

- (2) If it is proved that an act or omission of any person which would otherwise have been an offence against any of the provisions of paragraph (1) of Byelaw No. 3, was due to any cause not avoidable by the exercise of reasonable care by that person the act or omission shall be deemed not to be an offence against that Byelaw.
- (3) The provisions of Byelaw 3(1) shall not apply to any person acting in the exercise of any right conferred by a tenancy or licence granted by the Secretary of State for Defence.

#### INTERPRETATION

9. (1) The Interpretation Act 1889(a) shall apply to the interpretation of these Byelaws as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
- (2) In these Byelaws the expression:—
  - “projectile” includes any shot or shell or other missile and any portion thereof;
  - “aircraft” includes any craft or contrivance which though not an aircraft is for the time being airborne; and
  - “vessel” includes any craft or vessel used in navigation and any craft or vessel which though not so used is for the time being waterborne.

#### COMMENCEMENT, CITATION AND REVOCATION

10. (1) These Byelaws shall come into operation on the 10th day of September 1971, and may be cited as The Otterburn Training Area Byelaws 1971.
- (2) The Byelaws in respect of the Redesdale East and West Artillery Ranges dated 20th day of August 1940 (b) are hereby revoked.

Dated this 17th day of May 1971.

D. J. Chapman

By order of the Secretary of State for Defence.

The consent of the Northumberland County Council to the making of these Byelaws, so far as regards the restriction of the use of the highways within the Danger Areas mentioned therein, was given by a resolution of the Highways Committee of the County Council at their meeting on the 15th day of June 1970.

C. W. Hurley

Clerk of the Northumberland County Council.

## NOTICES

## PENALTY FOR OFFENCES

1. By section 17(2) of the Military Lands Act 1892, as amended by section 92 of and Schedule 3 to the Criminal Justice Act 1967, it is provided:—

**If any person commits an offence against any Byelaw under this Act, he shall be liable, on conviction before a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, to a fine not exceeding TWENTY POUNDS, and may be removed by any Constable or Officer authorised in manner provided by the Byelaw from the area, whether land or water, to which the Byelaw 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, vessel, or thing found in the area in contravention of any Byelaw, 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 Her Majesty.**

## INSPECTION OF BYELAWS AND PLAN

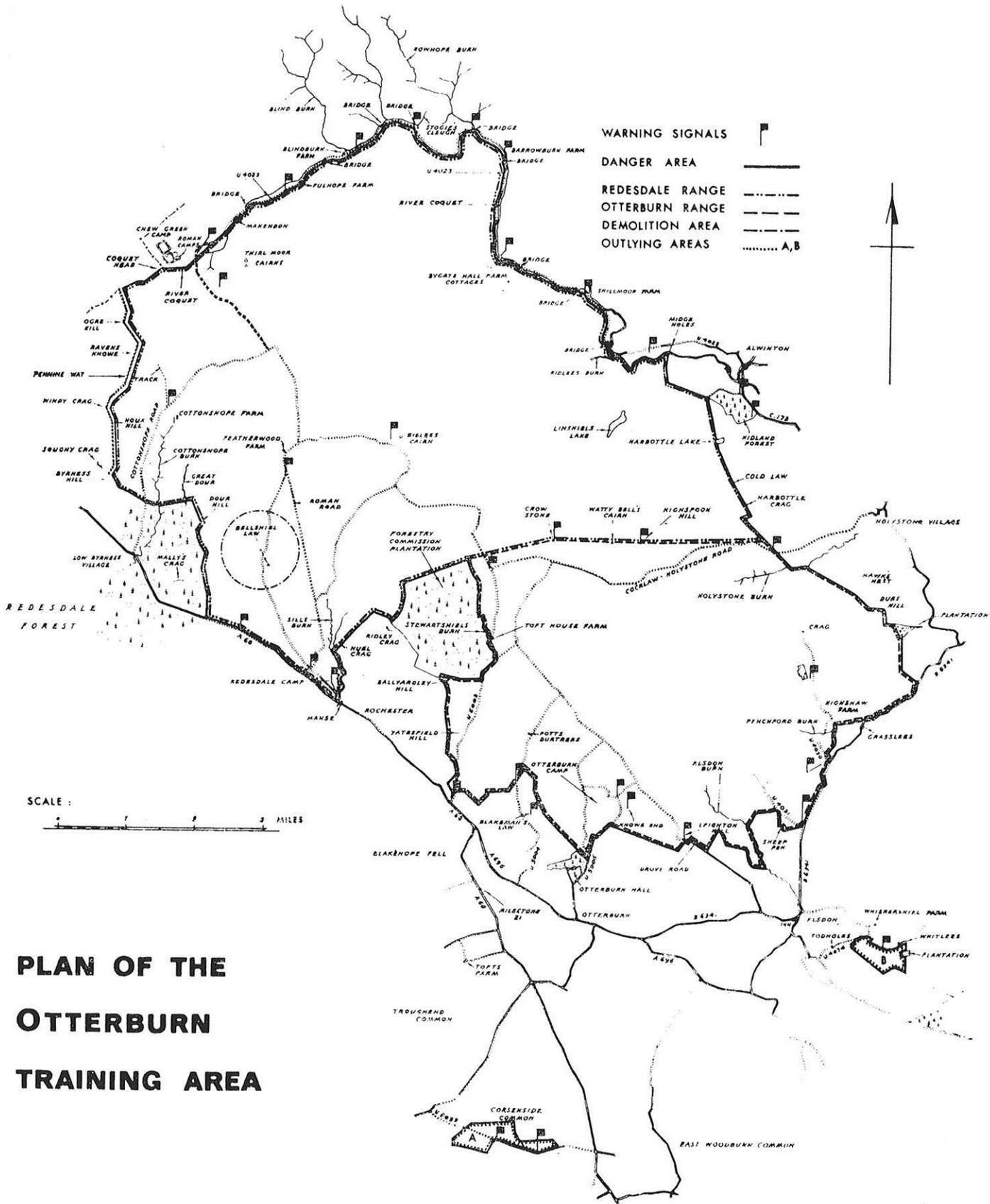
2. A copy of these Byelaws and a plan showing the Danger Areas may be inspected at the Otterburn Police Station. They may also be inspected at the office of the Defence Land Agent, Ministry of Defence, Fenham Barracks, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 4NP, where copies of the Byelaws may also be obtained at the price of five pence (5p) for each copy.

## RECOVERY OF PROJECTILES

3. Any person who finds a projectile within the Danger Area must not disturb it but should report the finding of it to the Commandant, Otterburn Training Area, Otterburn Camp or to the police at the first opportunity.

## PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF FIRING

4. Public notification that firing will take place will be given by sending notices, not less than seven clear days before the day or night of firing, giving particulars of the intended date, time and duration of the firing to the persons and authorities listed in the Appendix hereto.



## APPENDIX

- The tenants and occupants of all farms within the Danger Area.  
The Post Offices at Otterburn, Rochester, Sharperton, Harbottle and Elsdon.  
The Police Station, Otterburn.  
The District Forest Officers of the Border and Rothbury Districts.  
The Foresters of Redesdale and Kidland Forests.  
The Area Engineer, Forestry Commission at Bellingham.  
The National Parks Warden, Northumbrian National Park.  
The Senior Traffic Control Officer, RAF Ouston.  
The Senior Traffic Control Officer, RAF Acklington.  
The Officer Commanding, Air Traffic Control (Radar Unit), RAF Boulmer.  
Senior Air Traffic Control Officer, Newcastle Airport.  
Northumberland Agricultural Executive Committee at 4 Northumberland Road, Alnwick.  
The Clerk of the County Council at County Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne.  
The Northumberland River Authority at 110 Osbourne Road, Newcastle upon Tyne.



# **The Otterburn Training Area**

**(Amendment) BYELAWS  
1980**

Made by the Secretary of State for Defence, under the provisions of the Military Lands Act 1892, for regulating the use of the above mentioned range.

# DEFENCE

## THE OTTERBURN TRAINING AREA (AMENDMENT) BYELAWS 1980

Made 7th January 1980

Coming into operation 14th April 1980

The Secretary of State for Defence, in exercise of his powers under Part II of the Military Lands Act 1892(a), Section 2 of the Defence (Transfer of Functions) Act 1964(b) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Byelaws:—

### COMMENCEMENT AND CITATION

1. These Byelaws shall come into operation on 14th April 1980 and may be cited as the Otterburn Training Area (Amendment) Byelaws 1980 and shall be read and construed as one with the Otterburn Training Area Byelaws 1971(c) hereinafter referred to as "The Principal Byelaws".

### AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL BYELAWS

2. (1) Byelaw No. 1 of the Principal Byelaws shall be amended as follows:—
- (a) For the words "Rural Districts of Bellingham and Rothbury" there shall be substituted the words "Districts of Alnwick and Tynedale".
  - (b) For the words "Bellshiel Demolition Area" there shall be substituted the words "Bellshiel Demolition Range".
- (2) Byelaw 3(2)(a) of the Principal Byelaws shall be amended as follows:—
- (a) In sub-paragraph (xiv) and (xv) for the words "Kidland Forest" there shall be substituted the words "West Wood".
  - (b) Sub-paragraphs (iii) to (xv) shall be renumbered (iv) to (xvi) and there shall be inserted a new sub-paragraph (iii) as follows:—  
"(iii) at a place beside the Cottonshope Road, 1,500 yards north of its junction with Highway A68:"

- (c) sub-paragraphs (xvi) to (xx) shall be renumbered (xviii) to (xxii) and there shall be inserted a new sub-paragraph (xvii) as follows:—
- “(xvii) at a point 200 yards south-west of the junction of the track leading to Harbottle Crag with Highway C172, 700 yards south-east of Harbottle Village:”
- (d) sub-paragraph (xxi) shall be renumbered (xxiv) and there shall be inserted a new sub-paragraph (xxiii) as follows:—
- “(xxiii) at a place beside the Roman Road 1,200 yards north of the east entrance to Redesdale Camp:”
- (3) In Byelaw 3(2)(c) sub-paragraphs (ix) to (xii) shall be renumbered (x) to (xiii) and there shall be inserted a new sub-paragraph (ix) as follows:—
- “(ix) at a point 5 yards west of Highway B6341 and 1,900 yards north-east of Grasslees:”
- (4) In Byelaw 3(2)(e) for the words “Bellshiel Demolition Area” there shall be substituted the words “Bellshiel Demolition Range”.
- (5) In Byelaw 3(2)(g) for the words “600 yards south by east of Whiskershiel Farm” there shall be substituted the words “800 yards north by east of East Nook Farm”.
- (6) In paragraph (a) of Byelaw 7 of the Principal Byelaws and in paragraph (1) of Byelaw 8 the words “General Officer Commanding, North-East District” shall be substituted for the words “General Officer Commanding in Chief, Northern Command” and in paragraphs (c) and (d) of Byelaw 7 of the Principal Byelaws, the words “-in-Chief” shall be deleted.
- (7) For the plan identified as “Plan of the Otterburn Training Area” annexed to the Principal Byelaws there shall be substituted the plan annexed hereto.

Dated this 7th day of January 1980.

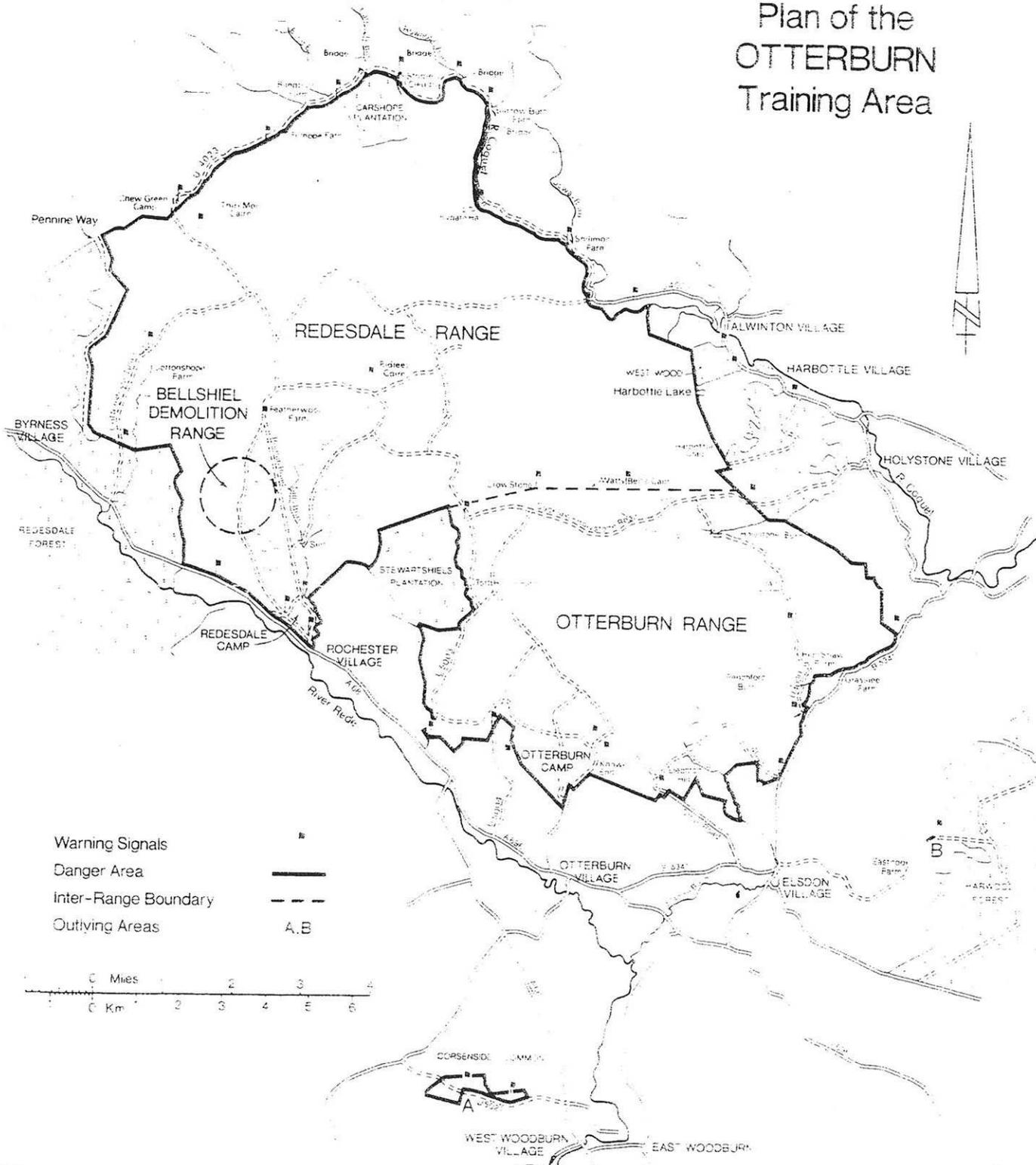
FRANCIS PYM  
Secretary of State for Defence

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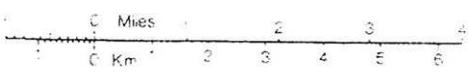
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These Byelaws amend the Otterburn Training Area Byelaws 1971 by altering the area covered by the Byelaws, by amending some warning flag positions and making minor amendments consequent on changes in Army nomenclature.

# Plan of the OTTERBURN Training Area



- Warning Signals
- Danger Area
- Inter-Range Boundary
- Outlying Areas



*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.*