

MORPETH RIFLE RANGE.

BYE-LAWS

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1. The area of land affected by these Bye-laws (hereinafter called the "Danger Area") is situate about a mile South-West of Morpeth in the parishes of Tranwell, Newminster and Mitford. It lies on the North side of, and close to, the Morpeth-Belsay road, and extends in width to the North of the North British Railway (Wansbeck Section). The Eastern end of the area, at which end the firing points are placed, is just to the North of that Railway, adjacent to the Morpeth Corporation Water Filter Beds. From the firing points it extends W.S.W. across Silver Hill, Cock Hill and towards—but about half mile short of—Pisgah Hill.

It is bounded as follows:—

ON THE NORTH.—By a line drawn Westward from the Northern-most firing point, through North part of Star Plantation to a point quarter mile North-East of Railway Bridge on the Gubeon Cottage—Mitford Steads road, and then W.S.W. to a point three hundred yards East of Middle Coldside; and thence

ON THE WEST.—By a line drawn Southwards half mile; thence

ON THE SOUTH.—By a line E.N.E. to a point one hundred yards North of milestone, two and a-half miles from Morpeth on the Morpeth-Belsay road, and continuing North-Eastwards, passing just to the North of High Common House to the Southern-most firing point; and thence

ON THE EAST.—By a line drawn Northwards to the Northern-most firing point.

Its length, running East and West, is about a mile and three-quarters, its width is about eight hundred and fifty yards at West End.

2. During such time as firing is taking place the Danger Area will be closed to the public, and notice that the Danger Area is closed will be given as follows:—

(a) By a red flag hoisted at the following place: Silver Hill.

(b) By look-out men placed where necessary to warn persons who may be approaching it.

3. No person shall enter or remain within the Danger Area when and during the time the flag is hoisted as aforesaid, and no vehicle, animal or thing shall be allowed to remain thereon, and all public roads and footpaths will be closed.

4. Notice Boards, with a copy of these bye-laws, will be placed where any road or footpath enters the Danger Area.

5. The following persons, viz. :—

(1) The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command ;

(2) The Officer in Charge of the Ranges ;

(3) 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 of the said Officer in Charge ;

(4) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief or of the said Officer in Charge ; or

(5) Any Constable ;

shall have power and are hereby authorised :—

(1) To remove from the Danger Area and take into custody without Warrant and bring before a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, as provided by the Military Lands Acts, 1892 to 1903, to be dealt with according to law, any person contravening Bye-law No. 3.

(2) To remove from the Danger Area any vehicle, animal or thing found therein, in contravention of Bye-law No. 3, and any such vehicle, animal or thing shall be liable to forfeiture as mentioned in the aforesaid Acts.

6. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-law No. 3 shall be deemed to commit an offence against the same, and is, under the said Acts, liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding Five Pounds.

7. A Map showing the limits of the Danger Area and the position of flag referred to in Bye-law No. 2 and the roads and paths affected can be inspected at the following places :—

Town Clerk's Office, Borough of Morpeth, Morpeth.

Office of the Territorial Army Association of the County of Northumberland, Hutton Terrace Drill Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

8. Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained at the Office of the Territorial Army Association.

9. These Bye-laws shall come into force on the first June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, on and after which date the Bye-laws dated Twenty-first November, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen, shall cease to have effect.

Dated this 3rd day of May, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

(Signed) DERBY,

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

The Town Council of Morpeth hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws.

Dated this 2nd day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

(Signed) JOHN JOBSON,
Mayor.

(Signed) E. C. JACKSON,
Town Clerk.

The Rural District Council of Morpeth hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws.

Dated this 27th day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

(Signed) C. ALDERSON,
Chairman.

(Signed) H. W. SAMPLE,
Clerk.

Office of the Principal Secretary of State for the War Department, Whitehall, London, W.C.2.