



LATHERONWHEEL.

MACHINE GUN RANGE

(NEAR LYBSTER),

IN THE

COUNTY OF CAITHNESS.

BYE-LAWS

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GENERAL PROHIBITION.

1. During such time as notice is given by the hoisting of signals in manner hereinafter provided that firing is being carried out on Latheronwheel Machine Gun Range, all intrusion on the land at Latheron, hereinafter called the land area, 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 is prohibited.

OFFENCES DURING FIRING.

2. While notice that firing is taking place in the areas mentioned in (1) is given by the hoisting of Signals as provided in (3) then :—

- (i) No person shall enter or remain on the land area or sea area, nor bring, take, nor suffer to remain therein any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing, except as provided in Bye-law No. 6.
- (ii) No vessel shall be employed in fishing 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, 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 endeavours to pass out of the sea area without loss of time.

SIGNALS.

3. Notice that firing is taking place is given by the hoisting of red flags at the following places :—

- (i) On the Flagstaff (No. 1), referred to in the Schedule, on the East side of the main North Road to Wick.
- (ii) On the Flagstaff (No. 2), referred to in the Schedule, on the North side of Latheronwheel Burn immediately North West of the Harbour.
- (iii) On the Flagstaff (No. 3), referred to in the Schedule, at a point on the footpath crossing the land area about 350 yards South East of the Flagstaff referred to in (i) above.

DURATION OF SIGNALS.

The signals referred to in this Bye-law will be hoisted one hour before firing commences and will remain hoisted until firing has ceased.

AUTHORISED OFFICERS.

4. The persons hereby authorised to remove or to take into custody without warrant any person contravening Bye-law No. 2, or to remove any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing found on the land area or the sea area in contravention of Bye-law No. 2, are :—

- (1) The Officer in Charge of the Range ;
- (2) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer, or any Military Policeman, for the time being under the Command of the said Officer in Charge ;
- (3) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said Officer in Charge ; or
- (4) Any Constable.

WHEN VESSEL OR AIRCRAFT IN DANGER.

5. When any vessel or aircraft is within the sea area all firing shall cease, and a second red flag will be hoisted below the flags referred to in Bye-law No. 3 to notify the Master or Pilot or other person in charge of the vessel or aircraft that he is within the sea area.

EXEMPTIONS.

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

- (a) Any vessel entering or passing through the sea area in the ordinary course of navigation.
- (b) Any vessel compelled to enter or unable to quit the sea area by reason of the exigencies of navigation.
- (c) Any vessel employed in tending, placing or replacing any of the channel mark buoys or other aids to navigation within the sea area.
- (d) H.M. Ships of War, H.M. Aircraft or any vessel or aircraft employed under Admiralty or Air Council Authority.
- (e) Any aircraft compelled to alight on or unable to quit the sea area.

INTERPRETATION.

7.—(a) " Vessel " in these Bye-laws includes ship, yacht, lighter, boat and craft of every kind, and whether navigated by steam, motor, sail, oars or otherwise.

(b) " Aircraft " in these Bye-laws includes all balloons, whether fixed or free, kites, airships, aeroplanes, seaplanes, flying boats and other flying machines.

SCHEDULE.

LIMITS OF THE LATHERONWHEEL MACHINE GUN
RANGE LAND AND SEA AREAS.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND AREA.

The area of land affected by these Bye-laws is situated immediately South of Janetstown, in the piece of ground bounded on the West by the main North Road to Wick, on the North by the Latheronwheel Burn and on the East by High Water Mark. It is roughly triangular in shape, its apex being marked by a Flagstaff (No. 1) erected about 30 yards East of the main North Road to Wick, and about 300 yards South of the Lodge Gates of Latheronwheel House and its base extending along the line of High Water for about 700 yards between a point about 300 yards North East of the Harbour and a point about 400 yards South West of the Harbour, both of which points are marked by posts, painted black and white to make them as conspicuous as possible.

Each side of the land area is indicated by a Flagstaff (Nos. 2 and 3 respectively), and is bounded as follows:—

On the North East—

By a line running from Flagstaff No. 1 in a direction 85° True, for a distance of about 700 yards to Flagstaff No. 2 (at a point just North West of the Harbour), and thence continuing in a direction 93° True for about 280 yards, to the black and white post on the Cliffs about 300 yards North East of the Harbour.

On the South East—

By a line running from Flagstaff No. 1 in a direction 130° True, for a distance of about 590 yards passing through Flagstaff No. 3 (which is erected about 350 yards from Flagstaff No. 1) to the black and white post on the Cliffs about 400 yards South West of the Harbour.

DESCRIPTION OF SEA AREA.

The area of foreshore and sea affected by these Bye-laws extends out to sea for about 2,500 yards from High Water Mark and is bounded as follows:—

On the North—

By a line starting from a point on High Water Mark just below the above described black and white post which marks the North East corner of the land area, and drawn in a direction 93° True (S. $70^{\circ} 25'$ E. Mag.) until a point is reached (about 700 yards out from the point on High Water Mark referred to above) from which Forse Point is seen bearing 61° True (N. $77^{\circ} 35'$ E. Mag.), thence continuing in a direction 107° True (S. $56^{\circ} 25'$ E. Mag.) until a point is reached (about 2,250 yards out from the point on High Water Mark referred to above) from which Forse Point

is seen bearing 28° True (N. $41^{\circ} 35'$ E. Mag.), and the Flagstaff (No. 1) referred to in the description of the Land Area (on the East side of the main North Road to Wick) is seen bearing 277° True (N. $66^{\circ} 25'$ W. Mag.) thence :—

On the East—

By a line drawn in a direction 197° True (S. $33^{\circ} 35'$ W. Mag.) for a distance of about 1,000 yards until a point is reached from which Dunbeath Castle is seen bearing 243° True (S. $79^{\circ} 35'$ W. Mag.), and the Flagstaff (No. 1) referred to in the description of the Land Area (on the East side of the main North Road to Wick) is seen bearing 296° True (N. $47^{\circ} 25'$ W. Mag.) thence :—

On the South—

By a line drawn in a direction 287° True (N. $56^{\circ} 25'$ W. Mag.) for a distance of about 1,500 yards, until a point is reached from which Dunbeath Castle is seen bearing 231° True (S. $67^{\circ} 35'$ W. Mag.) thence continuing in a direction 301° True (N. $42^{\circ} 25'$ W. Mag.) for about 1,100 yards to a point on High Water Mark just below the above described black and white post which marks the South East corner of the land area, and thence :—

On the West—

By the line of High Water to the starting point.

Dated this Eleventh day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight.

(Signed) L. WORTHINGTON EVANS.

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

The Board of Trade hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws.

(Signed) P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

President of the Board of Trade.

The Parish Council of Latheron hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws.

(Signed) GEORGE KING, *Chairman.*

(Signed) A. G. DOULL, *Clerk.*

The County Council of the County of Caithness hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws.

(Signed) D. KEITH MURRAY, *Concener.*

(Signed) JAMES YOUNG, *County Clerk.*

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 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, 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 be declared by a Court of Summary Jurisdiction to be forfeited to His Majesty.

APPLICATION TO SEA AREA.

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

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.

TIMES OF FIRING.

(3) Firing on the Range will be restricted to the months of March to October (inclusive).

PUBLIC NOTICES.

Notification that firing will take place will be given, 24 hours previously, to the following :—

- (i) The Local Police Authorities at Lybster and Latheron.
- (ii) The Coastguard Station, Wick, Caithness.
- (iii) The tenant of the grazing rights within the land area.

ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS DURING FIRING.

(4) In addition to the signals referred to in Bye-law No. 3 sentries will be posted at the North East and South East corners of the Land Area to warn persons who may be approaching the area.

FACILITIES TO FISHERMEN.

(5) Arrangements will be made to suspend firing on the Range at any time to allow any fishing vessels to cross the sea danger area on their way to or from the fishing grounds or the Harbour, and/or to allow fishermen to cross the land area on their way to or from the Harbour.

WHERE PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AND BYE-LAWS OBTAINED.

(6) A plan showing the land and sea areas and footpaths affected and the position of the Flagstaffs referred to in Bye-law No. 3 and in the schedule can be inspected at the County of Caithness Territorial Army Association Office, Cromarty, Ross-shire, and copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained at the same office.