



MANORBIER
ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY RANGE
IN THE COUNTY OF PEMBROKESHIRE

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 Manorbier Anti-Aircraft Artillery Range.

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GENERAL PROHIBITION.

1. During such time as notice is given by the hoisting and display of signals in manner hereinafter provided that firing is taking place in the land and sea areas hereinafter referred to of the Manorbier Anti-Aircraft Artillery Range, the limits of which are set out in the Schedule hereto, all intrusion on the land and sea areas 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 Bye-law No. 1 is given by the hoisting and display of signals as provided in Bye-law No. 3, then in respect of the land and sea areas :—

- (a) No person shall enter or remain in the land area or sea area, nor bring, take or suffer to remain therein any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing except as provided in Bye-law No. 7.
- (b) No vessel shall be employed in fishing in the sea area.
- (c) No pleasure boat shall cruise in any part of the sea area.
- (d) No vessel shall anchor or remain anchored in or ground in the sea area.
- (e) No aircraft shall alight on, remain in, or travel upon the sea area.
- (f) 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 and display of the following signals :—

- (a) In respect of the sea area.

By Day—A Red Flag ten feet above a Black Ball six feet in diameter on a flagstaff at a point in the vicinity of

Latitude 51° 38' 16" N, Longitude 4° 46' 51" W, adjacent to Old Castle Head.

A Red Flag on a Flagstaff at each of the following places :—

- (1) The Coastguard Station, TENBY.
- (2) St. Ann's Head, Signal Station.

By Night—A Red flashing light, giving one red flash every five seconds, on the flagstaff at a point in the vicinity of Latitude 51° 38' 16" N., Longitude 4° 46' 51" W., adjacent to Old Castle Head.

(b) In respect of the land area.

By Day—A Red Flag ten feet above a Black Ball six feet in diameter hoisted on a staff at the position occupied by a safety party which will be stationed at North-West corner of Ordnance Survey Field 866.

By Night—Two Red fixed Lights arranged vertically, three feet apart, hoisted on a staff in Manorbier camp.

DURATION OF SIGNALS.

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

RECOVERY OF SHELL, ETC.

4. No person shall trawl, dredge or search for, or otherwise interfere with any shot, shell or other projectile or portions thereof within the sea area, or take or retain, or be in possession of any such shot, shell or other projectile, or portions thereof, found within the sea area.

Any person who, when trawling, dredging or in any manner whatever, shall come into possession of any such shot, shell or other projectile, or any portion thereof, within the sea area, shall not retain them, but shall immediately return them in their then condition, and without tampering with them, into the water.

Provided, nevertheless, that the provisions of this Bye-law shall not apply in case of persons who recover projectiles under written instructions from the local Naval, Military or Royal Air Force Authorities.

OFFICERS AUTHORIZED.

5. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening any of the preceding Bye-Laws No. 1, 2 or 4, 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-Laws No. 1, 2 or 4 to remove any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing found in the land area or in the sea area in contravention of any of the said Bye-Laws are :—

- (1) The Major-General in charge of Administration, Western Command.
- (2) The Officer in Charge of the Range.

- (3) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer, or any 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.
- (5) Any Constable.
- (6) Chief Fishing Officer, South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee.

WHEN VESSEL OR AIRCRAFT IN DANGER.

6. While any vessel or aircraft is observed within the sea area a second red flag by day or an additional red light by night will be hoisted on the flagstaff adjacent to Old Castle Head, below the flag and ball or flashing red light, referred to in Bye-Law No. 3 (a) to notify the Master or Pilot or other person in charge of the vessel or aircraft that he is within such sea area. Firing will then normally be continued outside the limit of twenty degrees on either side of such vessel or aircraft.

EXCEPTIONS.

7. 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.
 - (f) Any vessel, belonging to the Corporation of Trinity House, London, whilst employed on any Trinity House duty or service.
 - (g) Any pilot vessel when employed on pilotage duty.
 - (h) Any foreign vessel or aircraft when outside territorial waters.

INTERPRETATION.

8. (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, gliders or other flying machines.

DATE OF OPERATION OF BYE-LAWS.

9. These Bye-Laws shall come into force at the date hereof on and after which date, the Bye-Laws for Manorbier Anti-Aircraft Artillery Range, dated Fourth August, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, shall cease to have effect.

SCHEDULE

DESCRIPTION OF LAND AND SEA AREAS.

(a) Land Area—The land area is situate on the coast at Old Castle Head, about three-quarters of a mile South-East of Manorbier, and is bounded as follows :—

Commencing at a point on High Water Mark at the Southern end of Skrinkle Haven and following the High Water line Southward, Westward and Northward to the North-East corner of Conigar Pit, thence by a line northward along the cliff edge to the North-East corner thereof, and thence in a straight line in an Easterly direction to the starting point.

(b) Sea Area—The Sea Area is bounded :—

On the North—

By the High Water line.

On the South—

By an arc of a circle with a radius of 24,000 yards (11.84 nautical miles) with its centre in Latitude $51^{\circ} 38' 18''$ N., Longitude $4^{\circ} 46' 56''$ W., on Admiralty Chart 1076.

On the East and West—

By lines drawn on true bearing 106° and 230° respectively, from the above centre to meet the above-mentioned arc.

DATED this fourth day of February one thousand nine hundred and forty-one.

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

(Signed) G. W. LAMBERT.

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.

PROCEDURE FOR CLEARING SEA AREA.

(3) (a) Vessels entering or remaining within the sea area in contravention of any of the preceding Bye-Laws may, under Section 17 (2) of the Military Lands Act, 1892 (see (1) above), be removed from the area. In such cases any vessel acting under the orders of the local Military Authorities will, when necessary, tow the offending vessel out of the area.

(b) Masters of vessels entering or remaining within the sea area by reason of the exigencies of navigation and exempt from the operation of the Bye-Laws under Bye-Law No. 7 (b) are requested to assist the carrying out of Artillery Practice by consenting to be towed out of the area, if necessary, by any vessel acting under the orders of the local Naval, Military or Royal Air Force Authorities.

TIMES OF FIRING.

(4) Firing will take place on the range from First January to Thirty-first December inclusive annually.

Except when night firing occurs, no firing will take place between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. the following morning.

In normal circumstances night firing will not last after 2 a.m.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF FIRING.

(5) Public Notification that firing will take place will be given Twenty-four hours previously, to the following :—

- (a) Police Office, Tenby.
- (b) Harbour Master, Tenby.
- (c) Officer in Charge of Coast Guard, Tenby.
- (d) Royal Air Force, H.M. Dockyard, Pembroke Dock.
- (e) Trawler Owners' Association, The Docks, Milford Haven.
- (f) St. Ann's Head Signal Station.
- (g) Fishery Officer, 26, King's Road, Mumbles.

- (h) Rear Admiral, Flag Officer-in-Charge, Cardiff, Imperial Buildings, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff.
- (i) Control Officer, Bristol Aerodrome.

ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS DURING FIRING.

- (6) Safety parties will be stationed on each boundary of the Land Area during firing, at the following points :—
- Eastern Party on top of cliff above the High Water Mark Southern End of Skrinkle Haven.
 - Western Party on top of cliff at North-Eastern Corner of Conigar Pit.

WHERE BYE-LAWS CAN BE OBTAINED AND PLAN OF THE RANGE INSPECTED.

(7) Copies of these Bye-Laws and a Plan of the Range can be inspected at :—

- (a) The Police Station at Tenby.
- (b) The Post Office at Manorbier.
- (c) The Harbour Master's Office, Tenby.
- (d) The Clerk, Sea Fisheries Committee, Wyndham Chambers, Bridgend.
- (e) The Offices of the Trawler Owners' Association, Milford Haven.
- (f) The Fishery Officer, Milford Haven Docks.
- (g) The Customs House, Milford Haven Docks.

(7a) Copies of these Bye-Laws can be obtained free on application to :—

- (a) The Officer Commanding Troops, Pembroke Dock.
- (b) The Commander, Royal Engineers, Welsh Area, Shrewsbury.

FACILITIES TO FISHERMEN.

(8) The Commandant, Manorbier Camp, will afford to fishermen in pursuit of their occupation over the sea area every facility consistent with the carrying out of the firing connected with the range.

AIRCRAFT WARNING.

(9) Aircraft are warned not to fly in the vicinity of this range while firing is in progress, and no liability for accidents 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.