

ABERAYRON LIGHT ANTI- AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY RANGE IN THE COUNTY OF CARDIGANSHIRE

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 above-mentioned Range.

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 as the Aberayron Light 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 by Bye-law No. 3, then in respect of the land and sea areas:—

- (a) No person shall enter or remain within the land area or sea areas, 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, travel upon or over the sea areas.
- (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—

- (i) A Red Flag and a Black Ball six feet in diameter, hoisted side by side on a flagstaff at the central gun position.
- (ii) When the wind is too strong for a Flag to be flown a Black Ball only, three feet in diameter, will be hoisted at the central gun position.

By Night—

- (iii) A Red Fixed Light on the flagstaff referred to in (a) (i) above.

(b) In respect of the Land Area, in normal circumstances when firing is taking place from the central gun position :—

By Day—

- (i) A Red Flag on a flagstaff with the Safety party on the hill above the Quarry beside CLOGFRYN FARM.
- (ii) A Red Flag on a flagstaff with the safety party on the spur of the hill about 150 yards East of the Ford at the foot of CWM CILFFORCH.

(c) When firing is taking place from the flank gun positions additional flags will be displayed as follows :—

- (iii) A Red Flag on a flagstaff just above the footpath on the spur of the hill, between the quarry at CLOGFRYN and PEN-Y-GLOYN.
- (iv) A Red Flag on the hillside about 200 yards North East of PON-Y-GILFACH.

By Night—

- (v) A Red Fixed Light on each of the flagstaffs referred to in (b) (i) and (ii) above.

Firing by night will take place from the central gun position only.

DURATION OF SIGNALS.

The signals referred to in this Bye-law will be hoisted and displayed one hour before firing is due to commence and will remain hoisted and displayed 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 land area or 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 land or 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 it, but shall immediately return it in its then condition and without tampering with it, 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 AUTHORISED.

5. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening any of the preceding Bye-laws Nos. 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 Nos. 2 or 4, or 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.

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 at the central gun position below the Flag and Ball or Red Light referred to in Bye-law No. 3 (a) (i) 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, but no shell will be fired which might fall or burst within half a mile of the vessel or aircraft.

EXEMPTIONS.

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 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 foreign vessel or aircraft when outside territorial waters.
- (h) The Area North of the Quarry at CLOGFRYN included in O.S. field 1, or the area south of CWM CILFFORCH included in O.S. fields 22, 23, 26, 29 and 30 except when firing is taking place from the Flank gun positions and when the Red Flags are displayed in accordance with Section 3, paragraph (c) of these Bye-laws.
- (i) Any vessel or person employed or assisting under the authority of the Ministry of War Transport in connexion with His Majesty's Coastguard Service and of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

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.

SCHEDULE.

DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND AREA.

(a) Land Area. The Land Area is bounded as follows:—

On the East.

Commencing at a point on the line of High Water Mark O.T. opposite Pen-y-Gloyn and following the eastern boundary of field ordnance No. 1, the western boundary of field ordnance No. 3 to the eastern boundary of the Quarry south west of Clog-fryn Farm and thence following the western boundary of field ordnance No. 16 the eastern boundary of field No. 78 thence proceeding eastwards until the main road is reached immediately south of Cwnc-y-fogel and thence continuing in a southerly direction along the western side of the main road (leading to Aberayron) for a distance of about 466 yards until a point is reached at the South Eastern corner of field ordnance No. 120.

On the South.

Commencing at the last mentioned point and continuing in a westerly direction following the southern boundaries of fields ordnance Nos. 120 and 118 and thence in a southerly direction for a distance of about 40 yards and thence in a westerly direction along the stream in the centre of field ordnance No. 75 and thence following the northern boundary of field ordnance No. 73 and thence to the stream known as Cwm Cilforch and following this stream and thence by the western boundary of field ordnance No. 31 and thence by the northern, eastern and western boundaries of field ordnance No. 29 and thence by the northern boundaries of fields ordnance Nos. 27, 43 and 25 until a footpath is reached (leading to the sea) and following the eastern side of the footpath in a northerly direction until the High Water Mark is reached.

On the North West.

Commencing at the last-mentioned point and following the line of low Water Mark O.T. in a north easterly direction until the starting point is reached.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SEA AREA.

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

Point of Origin—Latitude $52^{\circ} 13' 58''$ N., Longitude $4^{\circ} 16' 36''$ W.

On the South.

By a line drawn at 260° true from the point of origin having a length of $6\frac{1}{2}$ nautical miles.

On the West and North.

By the arc of a circle having a radius of $6\frac{1}{2}$ nautical miles from the point of origin.

On the East.

By a line drawn at $8\cdot5^{\circ}$ true from the point of origin and having a length of $6\frac{1}{2}$ nautical miles.

Dated this twenty-sixth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and forty two.

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 Military, Naval or Royal Air Force Authorities.

TIMES OF FIRING.

(4) Firing may take place on the range at any time of the day or night throughout the year.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF FIRING.

(5) The lowering of the Red Flags and the Black Ball will be the notification that firing has been completed for the day.

If on any day it is decided that no firing shall take place, a notification will be sent by telephone to Coast Guard Station at NEWQUAY as soon as the decision is made.

ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS DURING FIRING.

(6) Safety parties will be stationed at the following points when the Range is in use :—

(a) *When firing is taking place from the ordinary central gun position.*

- (i) Northern Safety party on the hill above the Quarry beside CLOGFRYN farm.
- (ii) Southern safety part at the Red Flag 150 yards East of the Ford at the foot of CWM CILFFORCH.
- (iii) Range Safety Officer and look-out man near the flagstaff in the central gun position.

(b) *When firing is taking place from the flank gun positions :—*

- (i) Northern Safety party just above the footpath on the spur of the hill, between the Quarry at CLOGFRYN and PEN-Y-GLOYN.
- (ii) Southern Safety party at the Red Flag about 200 yards North East of PONTY-Y-GILFACH.
- (iii) Range Safety Officer and Look-out man at the central gun position.
- (iv) One Range Safety Officer and Look-out man at each flank gun position.

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

(7) Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained and a plan of the Range can be inspected at :—

- (a) Police Station at ABERAYRON, LLANARTH and NEWQUAY.
- (b) The Post Offices at ABERAYRON, LLWYN-CELYN, LLANARTH and NEWQUAY.

AIRCRAFT WARNING.

(8) 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.