

CASTLEMARTIN

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ARMOURED FIGHTING VEHICLES
RANGES.

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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-named Ranges.

1. These Ranges may be used for Artillery of all kinds, Anti-Tank guns, Anti-Tank Rifles, Machine Guns, Mortars, Revolvers, Rifles and .303-in. Anti-Aircraft Weapons. Any of these weapons may be fired from moving armoured fighting vehicles.

GENERAL PROHIBITION.

2. During such time as notice is given by the hoisting or display of signals in the manner hereinafter provided in Bye-law No. 4 that firing is taking place in the land and sea areas hereinafter referred to as the Armoured Fighting Vehicle Ranges, Castlemartin, the limits 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, except that fishermen's gear may remain therein at the owner's risk. This Bye-law shall not refer to vessels or aircraft mentioned in Bye-law No. 8.

OFFENCES DURING FIRING.

3. While notice that firing is taking place in the areas mentioned in Bye-law No. 2 is given by the hoisting or display of signals as provided in Bye-law No. 4, then in respect of the land and sea areas:—

(a) All roads and footpaths within the land area will be closed and no person shall enter or remain within the land area or the

sea area nor bring, take nor suffer to remain therein any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing except as provided in (b) of this Bye-law and Bye-law No. 8, except that any fishermen's gear may remain therein at the owner's risk.

- (b) No person without the authority of the Commander, Royal Engineers, Porthcawl, Glamorganshire, shall use the said land area for the purpose of grazing any horse, cow, sheep or other animal.
- (c) No vessel shall be employed in fishing in the sea area.
- (d) No pleasure boat shall cruise in the sea area.
- (e) No vessel shall anchor or remain anchored in or ground on the sea area.
- (f) No aircraft shall alight on, remain in or travel upon the sea area.
- (g) 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.

Provided, nevertheless, that crab and lobster potting in the sea area may take place at all times, but that fishermen are not allowed to go to the pots whilst firing is in progress, except at such times as will be suitable to the Officer in charge of the Ranges. Reasonable facility consistent with the firing of necessary practices shall be afforded by the Officer in charge of the Ranges to the fishermen concerned to attend the pots during periods of slack water.

SIGNALS.

4.—(a) Notice that firing is taking place on the Ranges is given by the hoisting and displaying of a Red Flag in respect of Day Firing or a Red Lamp in respect of Night Firing on flagstaffs situate at the following places :—

- (i) On Brownslade Burrows at the highest point of Great Furzenip.
- (ii) On the high ground immediately South West of Chapel Farm.
- (iii) On the boundary of the War Department area at the cross roads in CASTLEMARTIN.
- (iv) On the high ground on the boundary 400 yards west of WARREN School.
- (v) At a point where WEST LANE meets the War Department boundary at WARREN.
- (vi) Near the cross roads due South of WARREN.
- (vii) At a point 400 yards South of MERRION Cross roads.

- (viii) At a point inside the War Department area immediately South of THORNE CHAPEL.
- (ix) At a point near TRENORGAN Farm.
- (x) At a point on the War Department boundary 400 yards South of CAREW FARM.
- (xi) At a point where the War Department boundary crosses the road between CRICKMAIL and BUCKSPOOL.
- (xii) At a point on the road near NEWTON.
- (xiii) At a point on high ground on the War Department boundary approximately 400 yards south-south-east of TREVALEN.
- (xiv) At ST. GOVEN'S HEAD Coast Guard Station.
- (xv) At LINNEY HEAD Coast Guard Station.

(b) Notice to Aircraft that mortar firing is taking place on the Ranges will be given by exposing a letter " F " (8 feet by 5 feet) in black, on a white background in two suitably sited places.

(c) Notice to Aircraft that firing is taking place with Anti-Aircraft weapons will be given by exposing a suitably sited letter " A " (8 feet by 3 feet) in black on a white background.

DURATION OF SIGNALS.

The signals referred to in this bye-law will be hoisted and displayed or exposed one hour before firing is due to begin and will, subject to the provisions of Bye-law No. 7, remain so hoisted and displayed or exposed until firing has ceased, when the signals at St. Goven's Head, Linney Head and Great Furzenip, will be hauled down or extinguished immediately and the remaining signals will be hauled down or extinguished as soon as possible and the letters " F " and " A " covered up or blackened out.

RECOVERY OF SHELL, ETC.

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

Any person who, when trawling, dredging, or in any manner whatsoever shall come into possession of any such shot, shell, bomb, bullet or other projectile, or 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 the case of persons who recover projectiles under written instructions from the Naval, Military or Royal Air Force authorities.

OFFICERS AUTHORISED.

6. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-laws Nos. 2, 3 or 5, shall be deemed to commit an offence against the Bye-laws so contravened.

The persons hereby authorised to remove or take into custody without warrant, any person contravening Bye-laws Nos. 2, 3 or 5 or to remove any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing found on the land area or in the sea area in contravention of any of the said Bye-laws are:—

- (1) General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Command.
- (2) The Officer in Charge of the Ranges.
- (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 or
- (6) Chief Fishery Officers, South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee.

WHEN VESSEL OR AIRCRAFT IS IN DANGER.

7.—(a) While any vessel or aircraft is within the sea area all firing from weapons over .303" calibre will cease and a second red flag by day and a second red lamp by night will be hoisted below the first red flag or the first red lamp on the flagstaffs at the Look-outs on Great Furzenip, Linney Head and St. Goven's Head to notify the Master or Pilot or other person in charge of the vessel or aircraft that he is within the danger area. Firing with small arms ammunition will similarly cease when any vessel or aircraft is within 2,000 yards of High Water Mark when a third red flag by day and a third red lamp by night will be hoisted on the gaff of the flagstaff at the look-outs on Great Furzenip, Linney Head and St. Goven's Head.

(b) When any aircraft is observed flying on a course likely to bring it over the danger area of the Mortar Range at a height estimated to be less than 3,000 feet, when firing is in progress, firing will immediately cease and will not be resumed until the aircraft is out of danger.

(c) When any aircraft is observed flying on a course likely to bring it over the danger area when firing is taking place with .303 Anti-Aircraft weapons at a height estimated to be less than 10,000 feet, firing will immediately cease and will not be resumed until the aircraft is out of danger.

EXEMPTIONS.

8. 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 mark buoys or other aids to navigation within the sea area.
- (d) Any vessel employed under the authority of Trinity House, London, or any pilot vessel whilst engaged on pilotage duties.
- (e) H.M. Ships of War, H.M. Aircraft or any vessel or aircraft employed under Admiralty or Air Council Authority.
- (f) Any aircraft compelled to alight on or unable to quit the land area or the sea area.

INTERPRETATION.

9.—(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, gliders, airships, aeroplanes, seaplanes, flying boats and other flying machines.

DATE OF OPERATION OF BYE-LAWS.

10. These Bye-laws shall come into force at the date hereof.

SCHEDULE.

DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND AREA.

The land area is bounded as follows:—

On the North.

Commencing at a point on the High Water Mark adjoining Gupton Burrows about 500 yards north of Great Furzenip Point and thence in an east-north-easterly direction for a distance of about 150 yards until the southern side of footpath is reached (leading to Wurzypark Lane) and thence following the southern side of footpath on the War Department boundary for a distance of about 1,900 yards until a point is reached on the north-western corner of the field adjoining the western boundary of Chapel Farm and thence crossing the said field in an easterly direction for a distance of 280 yards until the south-western boundary of Chapel Farm is reached and thence following the southern boundary of Chapel Farm in an easterly direction for a distance

of 100 yards until a point is reached on the south-east corner of Chapel Farm and thence following the War Department boundary in a general east-south-easterly direction for a distance of 850 yards until a lane is reached (leading from Castlemartin to Frainslake) and thence crossing the said lane and following southern side of this lane in a north-easterly direction for a distance of 200 yards and thence in an easterly direction for a distance of about 130 yards until a lane leading to Brownslade Lodge is reached and thence crossing the lane in an easterly direction and thence in a northerly direction along the eastern side of the lane (leading to Castlemartin) for a distance of 100 yards, until a point is reached at the cross roads of the main road from Castlemartin to St. Twynnels and thence continuing along the southern side of the said main road for a distance of 1,500 yards until a school is reached and thence in a southerly direction for a distance of 50 yards along the parish boundary of Castlemartin and Warren and thence in a general easterly direction for a distance of about 60 yards until a point is reached on the south-eastern corner of the said school, and thence continuing in a general south-easterly direction for a distance of about 480 yards until a point is reached on the western side of West Lane and thence crossing West Lane, and continuing in a general south-easterly direction for a distance of 380 yards until a point is reached on the western side of a road leading to Flimston Down and thence following the western side of the said road for a distance of 150 yards until a point is reached at the cross roads and thence following War Department boundary along southern side of the main road in an easterly direction for a distance of 1,400 yards—passing Merriion Cross until a point is reached at the junction of two roads on the west side of a road leading to Hayston and on the west of Treforce.

On the East.

Commencing at the last-mentioned point at the junction of the two roads and following the western side of the road leading to Trenorgan in a general southerly direction for a distance of about 1,200 yards passing Hayston and Thorne Chapel until a point is reached 300 yards north-west of Trenorgan and thence following the War Department boundary in a general south-easterly direction for a distance of 6,100 yards, skirting Lyserry Covert, and Carew Farm, Bucks pool, until a point is reached on the high-water mark 450 yards south of Star Rock and 1,200 yards north of Long Matthew Point.

On the South and West.

Commencing at the last-mentioned point and following the high-water mark in a southerly direction to St. Goven's Head passing St. Matthew's Point and thence in a westerly direction until Linney Head is reached—passing Saddle Head, the Castle, Newsford Point, Flimston Bay, Pen-y-Holt Bay and thence in a northerly direction passing Wind Bay, Brinstone Rock, Blucks Pool, Frainslake Sands, Great Furzenip—until the starting point is reached.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SEA AREA.

The sea area is bounded as follows:—

On the North.

By a line commencing at a point on high-water mark in latitude $51^{\circ} 39' 04''$ N, longitude $5^{\circ} 3' 12''$ W. and drawn in a direction of 270° to a point in latitude $51^{\circ} 39' 04''$ N., longitude $5^{\circ} 7' 36''$ W.

On the West.

By a line drawn from the last-mentioned point in a direction 216° to a point in latitude $51^{\circ} 37' 42''$ N., longitude $5^{\circ} 9' 12''$ W., thence by a line drawn in a direction 163° to a point in latitude $51^{\circ} 34' 00''$ N., longitude $5^{\circ} 7' 30''$ W., thence

On the South.

By a line drawn from the last-mentioned point in a direction 108° to a point in latitude $51^{\circ} 31' 18''$ N., longitude $4^{\circ} 54' 15''$ W., thence by the arc of a circle with centre in latitude $51^{\circ} 36' 36''$ N., longitude $4^{\circ} 56' 14''$ W. radius, 5.50 nautical miles drawn to a point in latitude $51^{\circ} 3' 33''$ N., longitude $4^{\circ} 49' 06''$ W., thence

On the East.

By a line drawn from the last-mentioned point in a direction 313° to a point in latitude $51^{\circ} 35' 18''$ N., longitude $4^{\circ} 54' 52''$ W., thence

On the North.

By a line drawn from the last-mentioned point in a direction of 270° to a point on high-water mark in latitude $51^{\circ} 36' 18''$ N., longitude $4^{\circ} 55' 24''$ W., thence

On the North and East.

By the line of high-water mark to the starting point on latitude $51^{\circ} 39' 04''$ N., longitude $5^{\circ} 3' 12''$ W.

Dated this first day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two.

By Order of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for 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 in the ordinary course of navigation or by reason of the exigencies of navigation and exempt from the operation of the Bye-laws under Bye-law No. 8 (a) and (b) are requested to assist the carrying out of firing practice by hastening through the area, or 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 may take place on the ranges at any time of the day or night throughout the year provided the range is seen to be clear for a distance equal to the maximum range of the weapons in use at the time.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF FIRING.

5.—(a) A notification of firing will be issued in advance, not later than Thursday of the preceding week, to the following persons:—

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Docks, Milford Haven.

The Harbour Master's Office, Milford Haven.

The Harbour Master's Office, Tenby.

The Post Master, Bosherton.

The Post Master, Stackpole.

The Post Master, Angle.

The Post Master, Merrion.

The Post Master, Castlemartin.

The Police Station, Milford Haven.

The Police Station, Tenby.

F.O.I.C. Milford Haven.

F.O.I.C. Cardiff.

C.O.R.N.A.S. Lawrenny Ferry.

And copies thereof will be exhibited, not less than 48 hours before the commencement of the time of intended firing, at the above places.

(b) This firing programme will be adhered to as far as possible, but is subject to alteration. Emergency notices will be issued in respect of each and every such alteration in the firing programme.

All emergency notices will be issued not less than 24 hours before the commencement of the time of intended firing to the persons referred to in paragraphs 5 (a) above, and a copy thereof will be exhibited, not less than 24 hours before the commencement of the time of intended firing, at the Post Office, Castlemartin.

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

6. Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained, and a plan showing the danger area of the ranges can be inspected, at the Offices of the Commander, Royal Engineers, Porthcawl, Glamorganshire, and the Deputy Commander, Royal Engineers, Royal Engineers Office, Pembroke Dock.

AIRCRAFT WARNING.

7. Aircraft are warned not to fly in the vicinity of these ranges while firing is in progress, and no liability for accidents to aircraft arising from the use of the ranges can be admitted.

NOTE.

Consideration will be given to any application from geological or other scientific Societies, who wish to have access to the danger area at specified times when the ranges would normally be in use. Applications should be made to the Commandant, Armoured Fighting Vehicle Range, Castlemartin, Pembrokeshire, who will, if possible, arrange accordingly.