

Browndown Rifle Ranges in the County of Hampshire.

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1. The area of land, foreshore and sea, within the boundaries hereinafter mentioned and described, shall be closed for the purpose of firing while the Signals are hoisted in accordance with Bye-law No. 5.

2. The area of land which will be closed (hereinafter called the "land area") is all that portion of War Department land, known as Browndown, situate in the Parish of Crofton, and bounded as follows:—

Commencing at a War Department Boundary Stone on the line of High Water Mark, which is about 70 yards South of Elmore Station on the Lee on Solent Railway, and running in an East by South direction along the Southern side of Portsmouth Road for about 730 yards, then continuing in an E.S.E. direction (passing about 70 yards South of Browndown Railway Station) across Browndown Camp Fields and along the top of an existing bank to the crest of the salient of old parapet S. by E. of Browndown Camp, Marine Hutments, thence by a line running in a S.S.W. direction past the Eastern side of Browndown West Battery, through a flagstaff to the line of High Water Mark thence on the seaward side by the line of High Water Mark to the starting point.

3. The sea area which extends into the Solent for about 2,000 yards from High Water Mark is bounded as follows:—

On the South—By a line drawn from the flagstaff adjoining the Eastern Side of Browndown West Battery in a direction 243° (S. 78° W. Mag.) until a point is reached from which Spit Fort open South of Gilkicker Fort is seen bearing 96° (S. 69° E. Mag.); thence by a line to the present charted position of the East Bramble Quay until a point is reached from which the head of Lee on Solent pier is seen bearing 26° (N. 41° E. Mag.) thence:—

On the West—By a line drawn from this point bearing 360° (N. 15° E. Mag.) until a point is reached from which the head of Lee on Solent pier is seen bearing 9° (S. 75° E. Mag.) thence:—

On the North—By a line drawn from this point in a direction 90° (S. 75° E. Mag.) passing through the head of Lee on Solent pier to a point on the Esplanade at High Water Mark, about 80 yards South of Lee on Solent Railway Station.

On the landward side the boundary is the line of High Water Mark.

NOTICES.

4. Firing may take place on this range at any time and no special notices will be issued.

SIGNAL.

5. The signal that firing is taking place will be given by hoisting a red flag on the Camp Flagstaff.

OFFENCES.

6. During the time the land and sea areas are closed as aforesaid all footpaths within the land area will be stopped up and no person shall enter or remain within either area, nor bring, take nor suffer to remain therein any vehicle, horse, vessel or thing.

7. No vessel shall be employed in fishing in any part of the sea area while closed.

8. No pleasure boat shall cruise in any part of the sea area while closed.

9. No vessel shall anchor or remain anchored in or ground on any part of the sea area while closed.

10. In the event of any vessel being from any cause within the sea area while closed, the Master or other person in charge thereof shall use his utmost endeavours to pass out of the said area without loss of time.

11. The following persons, viz. :—

- (1) The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern 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, or
- (5) Any Constable,

shall have the power and are hereby authorised :—

- (1) To remove from the land area or the sea 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 any of these Bye-laws.

- (2) To remove from the land area or the sea area any vehicle, horse, vessel or thing found therein in contravention of any of these Bye-laws, and any such vehicle, horse, vessel or thing shall be liable to forfeiture as mentioned in the aforesaid Acts.

12. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening any of the preceding Bye-laws, numbered 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 respectively, 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.

GENERAL.

13. While any vessel is within the sea area all firing will cease, and a second red flag will be hoisted below the first flag on the flagstaff to notify the Master or other person in charge of the vessel that he is within the Danger area.

14. 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, or any vessel employed under Admiralty Authority.

15. "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.

16. These Bye-laws shall come into force forthwith.

Dated this 28th day of August, One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

(Signed) R. H. BRADE,

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