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1. The War Department property at Hythe and the foreshore and sea abutting thereon, within the areas hereinafter mentioned and described, shall be closed to all persons for the purpose of firing while the signals are hoisted in accordance with Bye-law 4.

2. The boundaries of the land which shall be so closed (hereinafter called the land area) are, on the landward side, the boundaries of the said War Department property, which are marked by boundary stones and by a red flag and notice board on the foreshore east of Martello Tower No. 14, and a red flag and notice board on the foreshore at Dymchurch Redoubt; and, on the seaward side, High Water Mark.

The area of foreshore and sea which shall be so closed (hereinafter called the sea area) is bounded as follows:

**On the East**—
By a line starting from the flagstaff east of Martello Tower No. 14 and drawn in a direction S. (true) until a point is reached, about 3,000 yards out from H.W. Mark, from which Lympne Church Tower bears N. 43° 30' W. (true); and thence

**On the South**—
By a line drawn in a direction S. 50° W. (true) until a point is reached from which Hythe Church bears N. 29° E (true), and Dymchurch Redoubt bears N. (true); and thence

**On the West**—
By a line drawn in a direction N. (true) to the flagstaff at H.W. Mark at Dymchurch Redoubt; and thence

**On the North**—
By the line of High Water to the starting point.

NOTICES.

3. Notice that firing will take place will be given by posters affixed to the Town Hall, Hythe, the day before firing.
SIGNALS.

4. Signals that the land and sea areas are closed to the public will be given by red flags hoisted at Martello Tower 14, and on Dymchurch Redoubt.

OFFENCES.

5. During such time as the said land and sea areas shall be closed as aforesaid, no person shall enter or remain therein, nor bring, take, nor suffer to remain therein any vehicle, animal, vessel or thing.

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

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

8. 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.

9. The Officer in charge of the ranges, or any officer, warrant-officer, non-commissioned officer, or military police for the time being under his command, or any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said officer in charge of the ranges, or any constable, shall have power and is 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, animal, vessel or thing found therein, in contravention of any of these Bye-laws, and any such vehicle, animal, vessel or thing shall be liable to forfeiture as mentioned in the aforesaid Acts.

10. Any person doing anything prohibited by, or otherwise contravening any of the preceding Bye-laws, numbered 5, 6, 7 and 8 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.

11. When any vessel is within danger in the sea area all firing shall cease.

12. 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.

13. "Vessel" in these Bye-laws includes ship, yacht, lighter, boat, and craft of every kind, and whether navigated by steam, sail, oars, or otherwise.

14. These Bye-laws shall come into operation on the 1912, on and after which day the Bye-laws respecting these Ranges, dated 10th November, 1894, shall be revoked.