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IN THE COUNTY OF DORSET.

1. The land (hereinafter called the "land area") situate in the Parishes of East and West Lulworth and the foreshore and sea abutting thereon (hereinafter called the "sea area") within the limits hereinafter mentioned and described, which together constitute the danger area of the Range, shall be closed to all persons to allow of firing from the Range while the warning signals are hoisted in accordance with Bye-law 6.

2. The land area lies to the South-West of East Lulworth, and to the East of West Lulworth. The area is quadrilateral in shape, with its seaward base (about a mile and a quarter long) on the line of High Water and its inland base (about 1,700 yards long) about 1 mile inland.

Each side of the land area is marked by two triangular-shaped Beacons, more particularly referred to below, which are painted white to make them as conspicuous as possible.

The area is bounded as follows:—

On the East.

By a line commencing at a point on High Water Mark just below a triangular-shaped Beacon, painted white, on the west side of Arish Mell Gap, and running in a North-Westerly direction for a distance of about 1,370 yards, through the aforementioned triangular-shaped Beacon and a second triangular-shaped Beacon, also painted white, erected just South of Maiden Plantation, until a point is reached on the War Department Boundary on the West side of Broom's Plantation about 580 yards South-East of the East-West Lulworth Road; thence—

On the North.

By a line running in a Westerly direction roughly parallel to but about 450 yards South of the East-West Lulworth Road, for a distance of about 1,700 yards until a point is reached just North-West of St. Andrew's Farm; thence—

On the West.

By a line running in a Southerly direction through a triangular-shaped Beacon painted white, erected on Bindon Hill, to a point on High Water Mark, just below another triangular-shaped Beacon, also painted white, about 730 yards East of Potters Hole; and thence—

On the South.

By the line of High Water in an Easterly direction to the starting point.

A flagged pole is sited at the highest point of Bindon Hill, and a Look-out is established at this point. Two other Look-outs are situated:—

(a) On the East side of Bindon Hill, by Arish Mell.

(b) On the West side of Bindon Hill, where the War Department boundary line passes over the hill.

Other flagged poles are sited as follows:—

(a) About the middle of the Northern boundary of the Range.

(b) On the East of the Range, by Sea Vale Farm.

(c) On the East of the Range, by Arish Mell.

(d) On the West of the Range, where the War Department boundary line passes over Bindon Hill.

(e) On the West of the Range, near West Lulworth Reservoir.

(f) Near the Barn, South of Bindon Hill.

(g) Where the Roman Road from West Lulworth over Bindon Hill first touches the War Department area.

3. Notice Boards are placed where any road or path enters the danger area.

4. The sea area, which extends out to sea for about 4,000 yards from High Water Mark, is a prolongation of the Eastern and Western boundaries of the land area.

The sea area is inside the following bearings (true):—

Swyre Barrow Hill ... 77° (S. 89° 18' E. Mag.)

Beacons in line about 900 yds.

East of Lulworth Cove ... 360° (N. 13° 42' E. Mag.)

Beacons in line near Arish Mell

Gap, Worbarrow Bay ... 346° (N. 18' W. Mag.)

NOTE.—An observer at sea will be outside the sea area if he keeps about 2½ miles from High Water Mark.

NOTICES.

5.—(a) No firing will take place on this range on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. Firing will normally be carried out daily from Monday to Friday, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.

(b) A weekly programme of firing will be issued in advance, not later than Thursday in the preceding week, to the following persons :—

The Inspector, H.M. Coastguard, Weymouth.
 The District Officer, H.M. Coastguard, Swanage.
 The District Officer, H.M. Coastguard, Wyke.
 The Harbour Master, Weymouth.
 The Post Master, East Lulworth.
 The Post Master, West Lulworth.
 The Sub-Fishery Officer at Lulworth of the Southern Sea Fisheries District Committee.
 The Police Constable, East Lulworth.
 The Vicar, West Lulworth.
 The Excise Officer, Coastguard Station, Osmington Mills.

and copies thereof will be exhibited, not less than 48 hours before the commencement of the time of intended firing, at the following places :—

The Post Office, East Lulworth.
 The Post Office, West Lulworth.
 The Police Station, East Lulworth.
 The Coastguard Station, Osmington Mills.
 On the Green opposite the Castle Inn.

(c) This weekly programme will be adhered to as far as possible, but is subject to alteration if necessitated by exceptional military requirements, and emergency notices will be issued in respect of each and every such alteration in the weekly programme.

All emergency notices will be issued not less than 24 hours before the commencement of the time of intended firing to the following persons :—

The Sub-Fishery Officer at Lulworth of the Southern Sea Fisheries District Committee.
 The Post Master, West Lulworth.
 The Excise Officer, Coastguard Station, Osmington Mills.

and copies thereof will be exhibited, not less than 24 hours before the commencement of the time of intended firing, at the following place :—

The Post Office, West Lulworth.

(d) In order to avoid the possibility of accident due to the mis-carriage or loss of the programme of firing, or the amendments thereto through unforeseen circumstances, the land and sea areas shall be deemed to be closed during such time as the signal flags are hoisted in accordance with Bye-law No. 6 subject to the issue of the notices referred to in sub-clauses (b), (c) and (e).

(e) Firing may, if necessitated by exceptional military requirements, take place at other times than those laid down in (a)

13. In the event of any vessel or aircraft being from any cause within the sea area while closed, 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.

14. No person shall trawl, dredge, or search for, or otherwise interfere with any shot, shell or other projectile, or portions thereof, within either the land area or the sea area at any time, or take or retain, or be in possession of any such shot, shell or other projectile, or portions thereof, found within the said 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 or other projectile, or portions 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 this Bye-law shall not apply in the case of persons who recover projectiles under written instructions from the local Military Authority.

15. 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:—

(i) 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.

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

16. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening any of the preceding Bye-laws, numbered 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 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**.

above, in which case at least 24 hours' previous notice of the intention to carry out such firing will be issued to the persons named and exhibited at the places mentioned in (b) above.

SIGNALS.

6. The signal that the land and sea areas are closed will be given by hoisting red flags on the flagstaffs at the following places:—

- (1) On the highest point of Bindon Hill.
- (2) On the Northern boundary of the Danger Area about 770 yards East of St. Andrew's Farm.
- (3) On the Eastern side of the Danger Area, near Sea Vale Farm.
- (4) On the Western side of the Danger Area, near West Luiworth Reservoir.
- (5) On the East of the Range, by Arish Mell.
- (6) On the West of the Range, where the War Department boundary line passes over Bindon Hill.
- (7) Near the Barn, South of Bindon Hill.
- (8) Where the Roman Road from West Luiworth over Bindon Hill first touches the War Department area.

These flags will be hoisted one hour before firing commences and will be lowered immediately firing has ceased.

OFFENCES.

7. 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, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing except as provided in Bye-laws 8 and 19, and except that any fishermen's gear may be allowed to remain therein, at the owner's risk.

8. No person, without the authority of the Commanding Royal Engineer, Wessex Area (East), R.E. Office, Milldam Barracks, Portsmouth, shall use the said land area for the purpose of grazing any horse, cow, sheep or other animal.

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

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

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

12. No aircraft shall alight on, remain in or travel upon the sea area while closed.

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17. While any vessel or aircraft is within the sea area all firing will cease, and a second red flag will be hoisted below the first flag on the pole at the Look-out on the top of Bindon Hill to notify the Master or Pilot or other person in charge of the vessel or aircraft that he is within the Danger area.

18. If any vessel or craft from the Admiralty Torpedo Range, flying a red flag, is seen in or near the danger area, all firing will at once cease, and will not be re-opened until the said craft has been seen to haul down the red flag and leave the vicinity.

19. 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) 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.

20. "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.

21. "Aircraft" in these Bye-laws includes all balloons whether fixed or free, kites, airships, aeroplanes, seaplanes, flying boats and other flying machines.

22. Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained, and a plan showing the danger area of the range can be inspected, at the Offices of the Commanding Royal Engineer, Wessex Area (East), R.E. Office, Milldam Barracks, Portsmouth, and the D.C.R.E., R.E. Office, Bovington Camp, Wool, Dorset (Postal address, Bovington Camp, near Wareham), the Mercantile Marine Offices at Weymouth and Poole, and at the Coastguard Stations at Kimmeridge, Osmington, Portland Bill, St. Albans Head, Swanage and Weymouth.

23. These Bye-laws shall come into force on the First day of September, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, and shall remain in force until the termination or expiry of the lease of lands at Lulworth granted by Mr. Humphrey Joseph Weld (by his Committee) to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for

the War Department, dated the thirteenth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven. The aforesaid lease will terminate on the thirty-first day of August, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, but may be terminated by the Lessor or the said Secretary of State either on the thirty-first day of August, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, or the thirty-first day of August, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.

Dated this twentieth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine.

(Signed) T. SHAW,
His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department.

The Board of Trade hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws.

(Signed) WILLIAM GRAHAM,
President of the Board of Trade.

The Wareham and Purbeck Rural District Council hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws.

(Signed) F. HOLLAND SWANN,
Chairman.

(Signed) LIONEL H. WARD,
Clerk.

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 range would normally be in use. Applications should be made to the Officer Commanding Gunnery School, Royal Tank Corps, West Lulworth, who will, if possible, arrange accordingly.