HORNSEA RIFLE RANGE

IN THE

COUNTY OF YORKSHIRE.

BYE-LAWS.

Made by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department with the consent of the Rural District Council of the Skirlaugh Union, and of the Board of Trade under the Military Lands Acts, 1892 to 1903, for regulating the use of the above-named range.

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1. The land (hereinafter called the “land area”) situate in the Rural District of Skirlaugh, and the foreshore and sea abutting thereon (hereinafter called the “sea area”), within the limits hereinafter mentioned and described, which together constitute the danger zone of the range, shall be closed to all persons to allow of firing from the range while the warning signal is hoisted in accordance with Bye-law 5.

2. The land area is situated about one and a quarter miles South-South-East of Hornsea and is bounded as follows:—

ON THE SOUTH-WEST:—

By the North-Eastern boundary of Rolston Lane, commencing from a point thereon about three hundred and fifty yards North of the cross-roads in Rolston Village and extending for a length North-Westwards along Rolston Lane of about four hundred yards; thence:—

ON THE NORTH:—

By the line of hedge marking the Southern boundary of Hornsea Urban District, to a point on the cliff edge East of the disused brick tile works, marked by a flagstaff referred to in Bye-law 5, thence:—

ON THE EAST:—

By the line of the cliff edge in a South-South-East direction for a distance of about three hundred and fifty yards; thence:—

ON THE SOUTH:—

To the starting point on Rolston Lane.

3. The sea area is bounded as follows:—

ON THE NORTH-WEST:—

By a line commencing at a point on High-Water Mark just below the flagstaff erected on the cliff at the North-East corner of the land area, and running in a direction 41° true (N. 55° 18’ E.
Mag.) until a point is reached (about a mile out) from which the
Coastguard look-out station at Hornsea bears 296° true (N. 49°
42' W. Mag.); thence:

ON THE NORTH-EAST:

By a line drawn in a direction 146° true (S. 19°42' E. Mag.) until
a point be reached from which the aforesaid Coastguard look-out
station bears 306°3' true (N. 39°12' W. Mag.); thence:

ON THE SOUTH:

By a line drawn in a direction 250° true (S. 84°18' W. Mag.)
to a point on High-Water Mark just below a notice board (painted
white) erected on the cliff at the South-East corner of the land
area, and thence:

ON THE WEST:

By the line of High-Water Mark to the starting point.

NOTICES.

4. The Chief Coastguard at Hornsea and the Coastguard at
Bridlington will be given notice 24 hours previously when firing
is intended to take place.

SIGNALS.

5. During the time of firing the land and sea areas will be closed
to the public (except to persons passing on lawful business on the
footpath along the cliff edge) as provided by this Bye-law, and
notice that these areas are closed will be given by hoisting a red
flag on a staff erected on high ground to the north of the land
area visible both by land and sea. When persons are passing
on the footpath the look-out man will lower the red flag and
hoist it up again when they have passed, and such persons shall
proceed as quickly as possible, without loitering, and shall not
pass until the flag is lowered.

OFFENCES.

6. During the time the land and sea areas are closed as aforesaid,
no person (save as aforesaid) shall enter or remain within
either area, nor bring, take, nor suffer to remain therein any
vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft 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. No aircraft shall alight on, remain in or travel upon the sea area while closed.

11. 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 said area without loss of time.

12. The following persons, viz.:

(1) The Officer in Charge of the Range,

(2) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer, or any Military Policeman, for the time being under the command of the said Officer in Charge,

(3) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said Officer in Charge of the Range,

(4) Any Constable,

shall have 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 the 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.

13. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening any of the preceding Bye-laws numbered 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 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.

14. When any vessel or aircraft is within danger in the sea area all firing shall cease. The red flag shall be lowered by the look-out man and a cone will be hoisted on the danger flagstaff to notify the Officer in Charge of the Range.

15. 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 engaged in racing, provided due notice has been given of the racing fixture not less than forty-eight hours previously to the Chief Coastguard at Hornsea, who will communicate the same to the Officer in Charge of the Range.

(d) Any vessel employed in tending, placing or replacing any Channel Mark Buoys or other aids to navigation within the sea area.

(e) His Majesty’s Ships of War, His Majesty’s 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 sea area.

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

17. “Aircraft” in these Bye-laws includes all balloons whether fixed or free, kites, airships, aeroplanes, seaplanes, flying boats or other flying machines.

18. The Bye-laws dated 18th November, 1908, are hereby revoked.

Dated this 19th day of September One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

(Signed) DERBY.

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) P. LLOYD-GREAME
President of the Board of Trade.

Dated this 16th day of November, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

The Skirlaugh Rural District Council hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws.

The Common Seal of the Skirlaugh Rural District Council was hereto affixed at a Meeting of the said Council held on the fifth day of October 1923, in the presence of

C. W. HOBSON.

Clerk to the said Council.

WILLIAM BETHELL.
Chairman.