



HAWKENBURY CLASSIFICATION RANGE

BYE-LAWS

Made by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department, under the provisions of the Military Lands Act, 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-mentioned Range.

1. This Range may be used for rifles, machine guns, revolvers and machine carbines.

LANDS AFFECTED.

2. The Area of Land affected by these Bye-Laws and set out in the Schedule hereto is situated at Bayham Abbey Estate on either side of the Bells Yew Green-Hawkenbury Road and comprises the Danger Area of the Hawkenbury Classification Range.

GENERAL PROHIBITION.

3. During such time as notice is given by the hoisting or display of signals in the manner hereinafter provided in Bye-Law No. 6 that firing is taking place in the land area all intrusion on the land area and all obstruction of the use thereof are prohibited.

OFFENCES DURING FIRING.

4. During such time as notice is given by the hoisting of signals as hereinafter provided in Bye-Law No. 6 that firing is taking place, then so long as the the said signals are hoisted all public roads and foot-paths crossing the said Danger Area will be closed to the public, and no person shall enter or remain within the Danger Area, and no vehicle, animal, aircraft or thing shall be permitted to remain therein, except as provided in Bye-Law No. 9.

USE OF PUBLIC ROADS.

5. During such time as firing is taking place as directed by the signals referred to in Bye-Law No. 6 look-out men will be placed at Rushlye Farm and Bush Houses to divert traffic on the Bells Yew Green-Hawkenbury Road, and to warn persons who may be approaching the Danger Area.

When firing has ceased, traffic shall proceed with all reasonable speed along the said road through the Danger Area.

SIGNALS.

6. Notice that firing is taking place on the Range shall be 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 situated at the places named below as follows :—

- (a) *On the Stop butt.*—When facing the Targets the flag is situated at the right-hand end of the butts and is about 600 yards ~~N.W. East-North-East~~ of Court Lodge.
- (b) ~~N.W.~~ at a point on the Golf Course, South of Benhall Mill Road and about 250 yards East of Railway Lines.
- (c) At a point West of Bells Yew Green-Hawkenbury Road about 300 yards West of Rushlye Farm.
- (d) At a point 150 yards outside the East Boundary of the Danger Area at the junction of four footpaths 300 yards South-South-East of the North-East corner of the Danger Area.

DURATION OF SIGNALS.

The signals referred to in this Bye-Law shall be hoisted and displayed one hour before firing commences, and shall be lowered when firing has ceased.

RECOVERY OF SHELL, ETC.

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

Provided, nevertheless, that the provisions of this Bye-Law shall not apply in cases of persons who recover projectiles under written instructions from the local military authority.

OFFICERS AUTHORISED.

8. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-Laws Nos. 3, 4, 5 or 7 shall be deemed to commit an offence against the Bye-Law so contravened.

The persons hereby authorised to remove or take into custody without warrant any person committing an offence against Bye-Laws Nos. 3, 4, 5 or 7 or to remove any vehicle, animal, aircraft or thing found in any of the said Areas in contravention of Bye-Laws Nos. 3, 4, 5 or 7 are :—

- (i) The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, South-Eastern Command.

- (ii) The Officer in Charge of the Range.
- (iii) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or Military Policeman for the time being under the Command of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief or of the said Officer in Charge.
- (iv) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief or the said Officer in Charge.
- (v) Any constable.

EXEMPTIONS.

9. These Bye-Laws shall not apply to :—

- (a) Animals (other than horses or animals of an abnormally high value) grazing unattended within the Danger Area.
- (b) Any aircraft compelled to alight on or unable to quit the Danger Area.

DATE OF OPERATION OF BYE-LAWS.

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

SCHEDULE.

On the North.

Commencing at a point about 400 yards South-East of Windmill Farm, at the Northern end of the 500-yard firing point, and proceeding in an Easterly direction for a distance of about 2,000 yards, passing the Northern ends of the firing points and crossing a road leading to Hawkenbury until a point is reached 660 yards South-South-West of Sunninglye (House) and thence

On the East.

Commencing at the last-mentioned point and proceeding in a South-by-Westerly direction (crossing the track leading to Bayham Abbey) for a distance of 650 yards to a point 670 yards East of Rushlye Farm, and thence

On the South-West.

Commencing at the last-mentioned point and proceeding in a West-North-Westerly direction for a distance of about 2,000 yards, crossing the road leading to Hawkenbury and the Southern ends of the firing points until a point is reached 500 yards South-South-East of Windmill Farm, and thence

On the North-West.

Commencing at the last-mentioned point and proceeding along the line of 500 yards firing point until the starting point is reached.

Dated this twenty-first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and forty-three.

By Order of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department.

(Signed) G. W. LAMBERT.

NOTICES.

PENALTY FOR OFFENCES.

1. By Section 17 (2) of the Military Lands Act, 1892, it is provided that :—

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.

TIMES OF FIRING AND PUBLIC NOTICES.

2. Firing on the Range shall not commence before 9 a.m. and shall cease at 6 p.m., except as follows :—

Firing will be permitted at any time of the day or night provided that at least three days' notice in writing has been given to the Local Councils, the Local Constabulary and the War Department Land Agent.

NOTICES TO BE SERVED.

3. Notice that firing is taking place on the Rifle Range shall be served to the following :—

Marquis Camden, Bayham Abbey.
Messrs. F. & B. Pomfret, Rushlye Farm.
W. Weeding, Esq., Bush Houses.
E. Watson, Esq., Sunninglye Farm.

ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS.

4. Notice Boards with a copy of the Bye-Laws and of these Notices are placed where any road or pathway enters the Danger Area.

COPIES OF BYE-LAWS AND INSPECTION OF PLAN.

5. Copies of the Bye-Laws can be obtained from, and the plan inspected at the Royal Engineer Office, Tilton, Catsfield Stream, Ninfield, Sussex.

WARNING TO AIRCRAFT.

6. Aircraft are warned not to fly in the vicinity of this Range while firing is in progress and no liability for accidents to aircraft arising from the use of the Range can be admitted.