



# WESTERHAM RIFLE RANGE

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## BYE-LAWS

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

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1. This Range may be used for Rifles, Machine Guns, Light Machine Guns and Revolvers.

2. The area of land affected by these Bye-laws (hereinafter called "The Danger Area") lies one mile north of Westerham and is situate in the parish of Westerham and Cudham (Kent), and is described in the Schedule hereto.

### GENERAL PROHIBITION.

3. During such time as notice is given by the hoisting or display of signals in manner hereinafter provided in Bye-law No. 5 that firing is being carried out on the Range, all intrusion on the land or any part thereof affected by the said notice (hereinafter called "the danger area") within the limits set out in the Schedule hereto, and all obstruction of the use thereof, is prohibited.

### OFFENCES DURING FIRING.

4. While notice that firing is taking place over the Range is given by the hoisting and display of signals as provided in Bye-law No. 5, no person shall enter or remain in the danger area, nor bring, take nor suffer to remain therein any vehicle, animal, aircraft or thing, except as provided in Bye-law No. 9.

### SIGNALS.

5. Notice that firing is taking place will be given by the hoisting and display of Red Flags by day and Red Lamps by night from flag-poles in the undermentioned positions, viz. :-

- (i) 650 yards east of Hawleys Corner,
- (ii) at "The Gray,"
- (iii) by the 600 yards firing point.

### DURATION OF SIGNALS.

The Day signals referred to in this Bye-law will be hoisted and exposed half an hour before firing is due to commence and will remain so hoisted or exposed until firing has ceased, when all flags will be hauled down. The Red Lights will be displayed one hour before firing begins and will be hauled down and extinguished when firing has ceased.

### ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS.

6. Notice Boards will be placed where any road or footpath enters the Danger Area.

Any person in charge of a vehicle may be permitted to pass along the portion of Pilgrims Way which lies within the danger area, providing that

permission is first obtained from the look-out man stationed thereon, and that the central red flag is lowered. Such vehicles shall proceed as quickly as possible without loitering.

#### RECOVERY OF SHELL, ETC.

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

Provided, nevertheless, that the provisions of this Bye-law shall not apply in cases of persons who recover projectiles under written instruction from the local Military or Royal Air Force Authorities.

#### OFFICERS AUTHORISED.

8. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-laws Nos. 3, 4, 6 or 7 shall be deemed to commit an offence against the Bye-laws so contravened.

The persons hereby authorised to remove or to take into custody without warrant any persons committing an offence against Bye-laws Nos. 3, 4, 6 or 7, or to remove any vehicle, animal, aircraft or thing found within the aforesaid Range area in contravention of any of the said Bye-laws, are :—

- (i) General Officer Commanding, South-Eastern Command.
- (ii) The Officer in Charge of the Ranges.
- (iii) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-commissioned Officer or Military Policeman, for the time being under the command of this General Officer Commanding, South-Eastern Command or of the said Officer in Charge.
- (iv) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said General Officer Commanding, South-Eastern Command or of the said Officer in Charge of the Ranges or
- (v) Any Constable.

#### EXEMPTIONS.

9. These Bye-laws shall not apply to animals (other than horses or animals of abnormally high value) grazing unattended within the danger area.

#### INTERPRETATION.

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

#### DATE OF OPERATION OF BYE-LAWS.

11. These Bye-laws shall come into force at the date hereof.

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#### SCHEDULE.

*On the North.*—By the south side of Grays Road from the flag-pole situated 650 yards east of Hawleys Corner to the flag-pole at "The Gray."

*On the South.*—By the 600 yards firing point.

*On the West.*—By an imaginary line running from the 600 yards firing point to a point 60 yards west of the most westerly target and thence to the flag-pole east of Hawleys Corner.

*On the East.*—By an imaginary line drawn from the 600 yards firing point to a point 60 yards east of the most easterly target, and thence to the flag-pole at "The Gray."

Dated this fifth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and forty-two.

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 :—

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 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.

##### PERIODS AND TIMES OF FIRING.

2. Firing may take place at any time of the day or night throughout the year.

##### AIRCRAFT WARNING.

3. Aircraft are warned not to fly in the vicinity of the Ranges while firing is in progress, and no liability for accident to aircraft arising from the use of the Range can be admitted.

##### WHERE PLAN OF RANGE CAN BE INSPECTED.

4. A plan showing the limits of the danger area and the positions of the signal flags and the roads and footpaths affected can be inspected at the office of the Deputy Commander, Royal Engineers, Idehurst, Hitchin Hatch Lane, Sevenoaks.

##### WHERE BYE-LAWS CAN BE OBTAINED.

5. Copies of the Bye-laws can be obtained from :—

- (a) The Deputy Commander, Royal Engineers, Office, Idehurst, Hitchin Hatch Lane, Sevenoaks.  
(b) Headquarters, Kent Area.