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# **LYDD RANGES**

**IN THE COUNTY OF KENT**

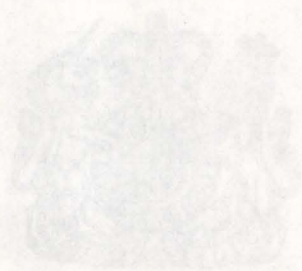
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## **BYE - LAWS**

Made by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department, under the provisions of the Military Lands Acts 1892-1903, with the consent of the Board of Trade for regulating the use of the above-named ranges.

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These Bye-Laws are made in pursuance of the Statute in that behalf made, and shall have effect as if they had been made by the Council of the County of Kent, and as if they had been made in pursuance of the Statute in that behalf made, and as if they had been made in pursuance of the Statute in that behalf made.

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1. These ranges may be used for anti-tank guns, anti-tank rifles, machine guns, mortars, pistols, rifles, grenades and anti-aircraft weapons.

#### **GENERAL PROHIBITION**

2. During such time as notice is given by the hoisting of signals in manner hereinafter provided in Bye-law No. 5, that firing is taking place on the LYDD Ranges, all intrusion on the War Department Property at LYDD defined in these Bye-laws as the Land Area, and the foreshore and sea abutting thereon, hereinafter called the Sea Areas, within the limits set out in the Schedule hereto, and all obstruction of the use thereof, is prohibited.

#### **LAND AND SEA AREAS AFFECTED**

3. The land area and sea areas affected when firing takes place are described in the Schedule hereto.

#### **OFFENCES DURING FIRING**

4. Whilst notice that firing is taking place on the LYDD Ranges over the areas mentioned in Bye-law No. 3 (which is given by the hoisting of signals as provided in Bye-law No. 5) then

- (i) All roads and footpaths within the land area will be closed and no person shall enter or remain within the land area or sea areas, nor bring, take, nor suffer to remain therein any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing, except as provided in Bye-law No. 9.
- (ii) No vessel shall be employed in fishing in the sea areas.
- (iii) No pleasure boat shall cruise in the sea areas.
- (iv) No vessel shall anchor or remain anchored or ground in the sea areas.
- (v) No aircraft shall alight on or remain in or travel upon the sea areas.
- (vi) In the event of any vessel or aircraft being from any cause within the sea areas, the master or pilot or any person in charge thereof shall use his utmost endeavours to pass out of the sea areas without loss of time.



### SIGNALS

5. Notice that the land and sea areas are closed to the Public is given by the hoisting and display of the following signals:—

- (a) By Day. By a Red Flag at each of the undermentioned places:—
  - (i) On the Flag Staff in LYDD Camp.
  - (ii) On the Observation Tower close to GALLO-WAYS old Coastguard Station.
  - (iii) On the Observation Tower about 250 yards East of JURY'S GAP Coastguard Station.
  - (iv) On the Central Control Tower about 400 yards S.W. of LYDD Camp.
- (b) When firing with Mortars takes place notice to Aircraft will be given by the exposition of a suitably sited letter "F" (8 feet by 5 feet) in black on a white background which has a red border.
- (c) When firing with .303 Anti-Aircraft Rifles and Light Machine Guns takes place, notice to Aircraft will be given by the exposition of a suitably sited letter "A" (8 feet by 8 feet 2½ inches) in black on a white background, which has a red border.
- (d) By Night. By a Red Lamp at each of the places mentioned in (i) to (iv) of (a) above.
- (e) When firing is taking place By Day involving the closing of the Extended Sea Area described in the Schedule hereto, the Patrol Vessel on duty off the LYDD Ranges Danger Areas will display a Black Ball below the Red Flag which she will always hoist when firing is in progress. The Extended Sea Area will NOT be used at night.

### DURATION OF SIGNALS

The "day" signals referred to in this Bye-law will be hoisted and displayed half an hour before firing is due to begin and will, subject to the provisions of Bye-law No. 8, remain so hoisted and displayed until firing has ceased, when the signals will be hauled down and the letters "F" and "A" covered up.

The "night" signals referred to in (d) of this Bye-law will be displayed half an hour before firing is due to begin and will, subject to the provisions of Bye-law No. 8, remain so displayed until firing has ceased, when they will be extinguished.

### RECOVERY OF SHELL, ETC.

6. No person shall trawl, dredge or search for or otherwise interfere with any shot, shell or other projectile or portions thereof within the sea areas or take or retain, or be in possession of, any such shot, shell or other projectile or portions thereof, found within the sea areas.



Any person who, when trawling, dredging, or in any manner whatever shall come into possession of any such shot, shell or other projectile, or any portion thereof, within the sea areas, shall not retain it, but shall immediately return it in its then condition and without tampering with it into the water, and shall report to the local military authorities, police or coastguard the position where the shot, shell or other projectile or portion thereof was returned into the water.

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

#### OFFICERS AUTHORISED

7. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-laws Nos. 2, 4 and 6, shall be deemed to commit an offence against the Bye-law so contravened.

The persons hereby authorised to remove or to take into custody without warrant any persons contravening Bye-laws Nos. 2, 4 and 6 or to remove any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing found on the land area or the sea areas in contravention of the said Bye-laws are:—

- (i) The Major-General i/c Administration, Eastern Command.
- (ii) Officer Commanding Troops, Shorncliffe and Lydd.
- (iii) The Commandant, Lydd Ranges.
- (iv) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-commissioned Officer or any Military Policeman or soldier for the time being under the command of O.C. Troops, Shorncliffe and Lydd.
- (v) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said O.C. Troops, Shorncliffe and Lydd, or of the said Commandant, Lydd Ranges, or
- (vi) Any constable.

#### WHEN ANY VESSEL OR AIRCRAFT IS IN DANGER

8. (1) While any vessel or aircraft is within the sea area of the range in use all firing will cease and a second Red Flag by day and an additional Red Lamp by night will be hoisted at either or both of the Observation Posts at GALLOWAYS and JURY'S GAP and at the Control Tower South West of Lydd Camp, to notify the master or pilot or other person in charge of the vessel or aircraft that he is within the sea areas.



- (2) (a) When any aircraft is observed on a course likely to bring it flying over the danger area of the Mortar Range at a height estimated to be less than 3,000 feet when firing on the range is in progress, firing will immediately cease, and will not be resumed until the aircraft is out of danger.
- (b) When any aircraft is observed on a course likely to bring it flying over the danger area of the .303 Anti-Aircraft Rifle and Light Machine Guns Range at a height estimated to be less than 10,000 feet, when firing on the range is in progress, firing will immediately cease and will not be resumed until the aircraft is out of danger.

#### EXEMPTIONS

9. These Bye-laws shall not apply to:—
- (i) Any vessel entering or passing through the sea areas in the ordinary course of navigation. (See Note at end of Bye-laws).
  - (ii) Any vessel compelled to enter or unable to quit the sea areas by reason of the exigencies of navigation.
  - (iii) Any vessel employed in tending, placing or replacing any of the channel mark buoys or other aids to navigation within the sea areas.
  - (iv) H.M. Ships of War, H.M. Aircraft, or any vessel or aircraft employed under Admiralty, Army Council or Air Council authority.
  - (v) Any aircraft compelled to alight on or unable to quit the sea areas.
  - (vi) Any vessel belonging to the Corporation of Trinity House, London, whilst employed on any Trinity House duty or service.

#### INTERPRETATION

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

#### DATE OF OPERATION OF BYE-LAWS

11. These Bye-laws shall come into force at the date hereof on and after which date Bye-laws in respect of Lydd Tank Artillery Ranges, dated 22nd January, 1925, and the Lydd Musketry Practice Range, dated 2nd October, 1923, shall cease to have effect.



**SCHEDULE**  
**DESCRIPTION OF LAND AND SEA AREAS**

**1. LAND AREA**

*On the North.*

Starting from a point on the Main LYDD-JURY'S GAP Road at RUNNING WATER gate, in a straight line South Eastwards for about 800 yards and then North Eastwards for about 500 yards to the Camp Flag Staff; thence in a straight line to the eastern edge of the 600 yards Firing Point of "A" Range, thence:—

*On the East.*

By a line following the Eastern boundary of the War Department land to a point on the LYDD-GALLOWAYS Road 900 yards North West of the GALLOWAYS Observation Tower: thence by the line of the LYDD-GALLOWAYS Road to a point 600 yards North West of the GALLOWAYS Observation Tower and near W.D. boundary stone No. 6; thence in a straight line to a point on the High Water Mark of ordinary tides about 200 yards West South West of the GALLOWAYS Observation Tower, thence:—

*On the South.*

By the line of High Water Mark of ordinary tides Westwards for a distance of about 5,000 yards to a point on the same High Water Mark immediately South of where the Midrips track crosses the green sea wall; thence:—

*On the West.*

By a straight line to a point on the LYDD-JURY'S GAP Road near W.D. Boundary Stone No. 48; thence to a point on the Midrips track immediately South of Midrips Cottages and thence following the Western edge of the flooded area North East of Midrips Cottages to a point on the LYDD-JURY'S GAP Road near W.D. Boundary Stone No. 39; thence following the line of the LYDD-JURY'S GAP Road to RUNNING WATER Gate.

**2. SEA AREA.**

This sea area is bounded as follows:—

*On the West.*

By a line commencing on High Water Mark in Latitude  $50^{\circ} 55' 33''$  N. Longitude  $0^{\circ} 50' 21''$  E. and running in a direction  $223^{\circ} 30'$  for a distance of 1.10 nautical miles to a point in Latitude  $50^{\circ} 54' 45''$  N. Longitude  $0^{\circ} 49' 10''$  E. and thence in a direction  $188^{\circ}$  for a distance of .65 of a nautical mile to a point in Latitude  $50^{\circ} 54' 06''$  N. Longitude  $0^{\circ} 49' 02''$  E. and thence:—

*On the South.*

By a line commencing at the last mentioned point and running in a direction  $114^{\circ}$  for a distance of 1.87 nautical miles to a point in



latitude  $50^{\circ} 53' 23''$  N. Longitude  $0^{\circ} 51' 42''$  E. and thence in a direction  $93^{\circ} 30'$  for a distance of 1.5 nautical miles to a point in Latitude  $50^{\circ} 53' 17''$  N. Longitude  $0^{\circ} 54' 03''$  E. and thence:—

*On the East.*

By a line commencing at the last mentioned point and running in a direction  $39^{\circ}$  for a distance of .56 of a nautical mile to a point in Latitude  $50^{\circ} 53' 42''$  N. Longitude  $0^{\circ} 54' 35''$  E. and thence in a direction  $352^{\circ}$  to a point on High Water Mark in Latitude  $50^{\circ} 54' 57''$  N. Longitude  $0^{\circ} 54' 18''$  E. and thence:—

*On the North.*

By the line of High Water Mark from the last mentioned point to the starting point in Latitude  $50^{\circ} 55' 33''$  N. Longitude  $0^{\circ} 50' 21''$  E.

### 3. EXTENDED SEA AREA

This sea area is bounded as follows:—

*On the West.*

By a line commencing on the High Water Mark in Latitude  $50^{\circ} 55' 33''$  N. Longitude  $0^{\circ} 50' 21''$  E. and running in a direction  $232^{\circ}$  for a distance of 1.89 nautical miles to a point in Latitude  $50^{\circ} 54' 22''$  N. Longitude  $0^{\circ} 48' 02''$  E. and thence:—

*On the South.*

Commencing at the last mentioned point by an arc of a circle with its centre in Latitude  $50^{\circ} 55' 56''$  N. Longitude  $0^{\circ} 52' 39''$  E. on a radius of 3.3 nautical miles to a point in Latitude  $50^{\circ} 53' 06''$  N. Longitude  $0^{\circ} 55' 21''$  E. and thence:—

*On the East.*

By a line commencing at the last mentioned point and running in a direction  $340^{\circ}$  to a point on High Water Mark in Latitude  $50^{\circ} 54' 57''$  N. Longitude  $0^{\circ} 54' 15''$  E. and thence:—

*On the North*

By the line of High Water Mark from the last mentioned point to the starting point in Latitude  $50^{\circ} 55' 33''$  N. Longitude  $0^{\circ} 50' 21''$  E.

Dated this Fifteenth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

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

(Signed) G. W. LAMBERT.

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

(Signed) OLIVER F. G. STANLEY,

President of the Board of Trade.



## NOTICES

## PENALTY FOR OFFENCES

1. By Section 17 (2) of the Military Lands Act, 1892, as amended by Section 92 of and Schedule 3 to the Criminal Justice Act 1967, 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 TWENTY POUNDS, and may be removed by any Constable or Officer authorized 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 Officer as aforesaid, and, on due proof of such contravention, be declared by a Court of Summary Jurisdiction to be forfeited to Her Majesty.**

## APPLICATION TO SEA AREA

2. By Section 2 (2) of the Military Lands Act, 1900, it is provided:—

**Where any land, the use of which can be regulated by Bye-laws under the Military Lands Act, 1892, or this Act, abuts on any sea or tidal water or where Rifle or Artillery practice is or can be carried on over any sea, tidal water or shore from any such land, Bye-laws may be made in relation to any such sea, tidal water or shore, as if they were part of the land.**

## PROCEDURE FOR CLEARING THE SEA AREA

3. (a) Vessels entering or remaining within the sea areas in contravention of any of the preceding Bye-laws may, under Section 17 (2) of the Military Lands Act, 1892 (see 1 above) be removed from the areas.
- In such cases any vessel acting under the orders of the local Military Authorities will, when necessary, tow the offending vessel out of the area.
- (b) Masters of vessels entering or remaining within the sea area in the ordinary course of navigation by reason of the exigencies of navigation and exempt from the operation of the Bye-laws under Bye-law No. 9 (ii) are requested to assist the carrying out of firing practice by hastening through the area or by consenting to be towed out of the area, if necessary, by any vessel acting under the orders of the local Naval, Military or Royal Air Force Authorities.



### TIMES OF FIRING

4. Firing may take place on the ranges throughout the year.

### ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS DURING FIRING

5. In addition to the signals referred to in Bye-law No. 5 look-out men will be posted to warn persons approaching the danger area and to keep a look-out for vessels or aircraft entering the sea areas as follows:—

- (i) The Observation Tower near Galloways old Coastguard Station.
- (ii) The Observation Tower near Jury's Gap Coastguard Station.
- (iii) The Central Control Tower.

### PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

6. Notice that firing is to take place will be made as follows:—
- (a) By warning sent by the Commandant, Lydd Ranges, 48 hours previously to the Mayor of LYDD and the Preventive Officer, RYE. The Mayor of LYDD and the Preventive Officer, RYE have agreed to arrange for the Notices to be displayed 24 hours previous to the time of the commencement of firing, in the town of LYDD and at the Customs House, RYE, respectively.  
The Commandant, LYDD Ranges, will also post a warning notice at his office in LYDD Camp.
  - (b) Warning will be sent by the Commandant, LYDD Ranges, in writing, to the Coastguard Station at JURY'S GAP and to the Admiralty station, DUNGENESS.
  - (c) Warning will also be sent to Officials of the local authorities concerned, of the Board of Trade, of the local Sea Fisheries Committee and any other Officials and residents who may request this to be done. A list of names and addresses will be maintained in the Office of the Commandant, Lydd Ranges, which will be kept up to date by the Commandant in accordance with notifications sent to him from time to time by the officials and residents concerned.
  - (d) Whenever firing with mortars, grenades, anti-tank guns and anti-tank rifles is to take place, particular notice of this fact will be included in the warning notices.
  - (e) Whenever firing is to take place after 4 p.m., particular notice will be included stating the hours between which firing will take place.
  - (f) Whenever firing over the extended sea area is to take place, 7 days' notice will be sent to the persons mentioned in (a), (b) and (c) above.



### INSPECTION OF BYELAWS

7. A copy of these Bye-laws may be inspected at the Office of the Commandant, LYDD Ranges. They may also be inspected at the Office of the Defence Land Agent, Department of the Environment, Property Services Agency, Chaucer Barracks, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1JS, where copies of the Bye-laws may be obtained at the price of Five pence (5p.) for each copy.

### WHERE PLAN OF RANGES CAN BE INSPECTED

8. A plan and chart showing the land and sea areas of the ranges and the positions of the Signal Flags, Lamps and Signals to Aircraft, referred to in Bye-law No. 5, can be inspected at the Office of the Commandant, LYDD Ranges.

### AIRCRAFT WARNING

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

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### NOTE

With regard to Bye-law No. 9 (i), it is clearly understood that, as far as possible, Masters of vessels bound up and down Channel, of yachts and of vessels trading in and out of Rye Harbour, as well as of fishing vessels proceeding to and from the fishing grounds, will assist the carrying out of Firing Practices by passing South of the Stephenson Shoal.

INSPECTION OF BYLAWS

A copy of these by-laws may be inspected at the Office of the  
Comptroller of the State, Albany, New York, and may be obtained at the  
Office of the State Comptroller, Albany, New York, for a fee of  
\$1.00, which covers the cost of the copy and the postage at the price  
of five cents per copy.

WHERE PLAN OR KAYAKS CAN BE INSPECTED

Plans and blueprints showing the layout and location of the  
and the location of the State, New York, and Albany, New York,  
located in a building in Albany, New York, and may be inspected at the Office of the  
Comptroller of the State, Albany, New York.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information regarding the by-laws, please contact the  
Office of the State Comptroller, Albany, New York.

NOTE

With regard to the law No. 100, it is being understood that  
as of the date of the passage of the law, the State Comptroller  
is authorized to receive and hold the same until the date of the  
passage of the law, and to issue the same to the State Comptroller  
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