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WILLSWORTHY RANGES DEVON

BYE-LAWS

Made 23rd December, 1949

His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Military Lands Acts, 1892 to 1903, ^(a) as amended by Regulation 52 ^(b) of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, as continued in force by the Emergency Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1947 ^(c) and by that Regulation, hereby makes the following Bye-laws :—

(a) 55 & 56 VICT. C. 43; 60 & 61 VICT. C. 6; 63 & 64 VICT. C. 56; 3 EDW. VII C. 47.

(b) S. R. & O. 1939 (No. 927).

(c) 11 & 12 GEO. VI C. 10.

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1. THESE Bye-laws may be cited as the "Willsworthy Ranges Military Bye-laws, 1949".

LANDS AFFECTED

2. THE area of land affected by these Bye-laws is the land more particularly described in the Schedule hereto and is hereinafter referred to as "the Danger Area".

3. THESE ranges may be used for firing exercises with Rifles, Revolvers, Machine Guns, Light Machine Guns, 2" and 3" Mortars, Rifle Grenades, Hand Grenades, and Anti-Aircraft Small Arms.

PROHIBITIONS DURING FIRING EXERCISES

4. DURING such time as notice is given by the hoisting and display of signals, as hereinafter provided in Bye-law No. 6, that a firing exercise is taking place, then, so long as the said signals remain hoisted and displayed, the Danger Area, including all public roads and footpaths crossing the Danger Area, will, except as hereinafter provided in Bye-law No. 5, be closed to the public, and all intrusion on the Danger Area and all obstruction of the firing exercise are hereby prohibited and, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of this prohibition, no unauthorised person shall bring onto or enter or remain in, or permit to enter or remain in, the Danger Area, any vehicle, animal, aircraft or thing.

PASSAGE OF PERSONS AND TRAFFIC THROUGH DANGER AREA

5. WHEN a firing exercise is taking place by day (which expression in these Bye-laws means during the hours between sunrise and sunset) as indicated by the signals provided in Bye-law No. 6, a look-out man will be posted on Chat Tor. WHEN any person desires to pass by day through the Danger Area, from the Eastern boundary lying to the East of Chat Tor in a South-westerly Direction passing between boundary stone No. 16 and Wallbrook Head and continuing in a South-westerly Direction to the Boundary at Bearwalls Plantation, or in the reverse direction, at any time when a

firing exercise is in progress, the look-out will lower the Red Flag on Chat Tor as a signal for firing to cease to allow such person to pass. Such person shall not cross the boundary of the Danger Area until the Red Flag is lowered and shall then proceed through the Danger Area as quickly as possible without loitering.

WHEN a firing exercise is taking place by night (which expression in these regulations means during the hours between sunset and sunrise) a look-out man will not be posted and accordingly passage through the Danger Area is prohibited.

SIGNALS

6. (a) NOTICE that a firing exercise is taking place will be given by the hoisting and display on flagstaves of RED FLAGS BY DAY and RED LIGHTS BY NIGHT at the following places :

1. Chat Tor
2. White Hill ✓
3. Ger Tor
4. Lanehead ✓
5. Standon Hill ✓
6. Hare Tor ✓

The positions of the Flagstaves referred to above are shown on the plan attached hereto.

- (b) NOTICE to aircraft that Mortar firing exercise is taking place will be given by exposing a suitably sited letter "F" (8 feet by 6½ feet) in black on a white background.

- (c) NOTICE to aircraft that a firing exercise is taking place with light anti-aircraft weapons will be given by exposing a suitably sited letter "A" (8 feet by 8 feet 2½ inches) in black on a white background.

DURATION OF SIGNALS

The signals referred to in (a), (b) and (c) of this Bye-law will be hoisted or lit and in the case of the letters "F" and "A" displayed half an hour before a firing exercise commences. They will be lowered, extinguished or covered up, immediately the firing exercise has ceased.

RECOVERY OF SHELL, ETC.

7. No person shall search for any projectile in the Danger Area or touch, tamper or otherwise interfere with any projectile found in the Danger Area and for the purpose of this Bye-law the expression "projectile" shall include any shot, shell, bomb, bullet, explosive or other projectile and any part thereof, provided that this Bye-law shall not apply to persons who recover or handle projectiles under the instructions of the local military authorities.

OFFENCES

8. ANY person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-laws No. 4 or 7, shall be deemed to commit an offence against the Bye-law so contravened. ,

OFFICERS AUTHORISED

9. THE persons authorised to remove or take into custody without warrant any person committing an offence against Bye-laws No. 4 or 7, or to remove any vehicle, animal or thing found on the said Danger Area, in contravention of Bye-law No. 4 are :—

- (i) The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command.
- (ii) The Officer-in-Charge of Willsworthy Ranges.
- (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 of the said Officer-in-Charge.
- (v) Any Constable.

AIRCRAFT IN DANGER

10. (a) WHEN any aircraft is observed flying over the Danger Area at an estimated height of less than 15,000 feet, all firing exercises with mortars and with light anti-aircraft weapons will cease and will not be resumed until the aircraft is no longer over the Danger Area.
- (b) WHEN an aircraft is seen to be on a course which is estimated to bring it over the Danger Area at height of less than 15,000 feet, all firing exercises with mortars and with light anti-aircraft weapons will cease until the aircraft is clear of the Danger Area, or until it becomes clear that its course will not, in fact, place the aircraft in danger.

DATE OF OPERATION OF BYE-LAWS

11. THESE Bye-laws shall come into force on the date hereof on and after which date the Bye-laws in respect of Willsworthy Rifle and Mortar Ranges dated the Tenth day of April, One thousand, nine hundred and forty-one shall be revoked.

SCHEDULE**DESCRIPTION OF LANDS AFFECTED**

THE Danger Area consists of the land known as the Willsworthy Ranges in the County of Devonshire and is the land on the said County bounded :—

On the North

By a line commencing at and including the North-west fence of the 8-acre plantation being Ordnance Survey No. 1130 South of Bearwalls plantation, thence North-westerly to Bearwalls plantation, thence in a North-easterly direction across the summit of Doe Tor to the Willsworthy Manor boundary stone W.D. No. 15 on the South side of Doe Tor Brook, thence South-easterly to a point 50 yards South of boundary stone No. 16 thence by a line drawn in a North-easterly direction to Rattlebrook Hill continuing for approximately 300 yards towards Rattle Brook, thence :—

On the East

By a semi-circular line drawn in a South-easterly direction crossing Rattle Brook at a point approximately 1,000 yards North of Dead Lakefoot to the River Tavy at a point 80 yards West of boundary stone No. 22 situated on the South bank of the River Tavy, continuing to a point 230 yards East of Standon Hill, thence :—

On the South

By a line drawn in a North-westerly direction across the River Tavy to a point 100 yards South of Nat Tor, thence in a Westerly direction to Willsworthy Brook at a point 280 yards North from boundary stone No. 35, thence :—

On the West

Continuing in a North-westerly direction to the Eastern boundary of the Camping Ground, thence in a North Easterly direction to North-westfence of the plantation South of Bearwalls plantation.

Dated this Twenty-third day of December, One thousand nine hundred and forty-nine.

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.

TIMES OF FIRING AND NOTICES

2. (a) Firing may take place in any part of the land affected by the Bye-laws at any time of the day or night throughout the year.

(b) Notice giving the periods during which firing will take place will be sent to the following at least 24 hours before the period starts:

19 Group R.A.F., Mount Wise, Devonport.
 The Occupier, Bearwalls Farm.
 Landlord, Dartmoor Inn, Lydford, Bridestowe.
 Landlord, Manor Hotel, Lydford, Bridestowe.
 Landlord, Castle Hotel, Lydford.
 Post Office, Lydford.
 The Occupier, Nattor Farm.
 The Occupier, Lower Lane End Farm, Peter Tavy.
 Mr. J. W. Evans, Range Clearer, Standon Farm,
 Peter Tavy.
 Landlord, Elliott Arms, Mary Tavy, Tavistock.
 Landlord, Royal Standard Inn, Mary Tavy
 Tavistock.
 Landlord, The Inn, Peter Tavy, Tavistock.
 Landlord, Fox and Hounds, Bridestowe.
 Station Master, Lydford, G.W.R. & Southern
 Railway Station.
 Station Master, Bridestowe, Southern Railway
 Station.

(c) Notice of firing will also be sent to The Editor, The Western Morning News, Plymouth, for publication in the Friday edition preceding the week in which firing is to take place.

ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS

3. Notice Boards displaying a copy of these Bye-laws are placed at each end of any roads and footpaths where they enter the land affected by the Bye-laws.

RIGHTS OF WAY

4. Persons desiring to exercise rights of way (if any) other than those referred to in Bye-law No. 5 during such time as firing is in progress, will be permitted to pass over War Department property, outside the land affected by the Bye-laws, by diversions made in agreement with the Rural District Council of Tavistock.

WHERE PLAN OF RANGES CAN BE INSPECTED

5. A Plan showing the limits of the land affected by the Bye-laws, the positions of the Signal Flags referred to in Bye-law No. 6 and the roads and footpaths affected can be inspected at the Office of the Commander, Royal Engineers, Devon and Cornwall, Higher Barracks, Exeter.

WHERE COPIES OF BYE-LAWS CAN BE OBTAINED

6. Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained at the Office of the Commander, Royal Engineers, Devon and Cornwall, Higher Barracks, Exeter.

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