



# WEYBOURNE RANGE

NORFOLK

## 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-named Range.

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## BYE-LAWS

1. This Range may be used for Anti-Aircraft Weapons, Anti-Tank Rifles, Mortars, Machine Guns, Light Machine Guns, Sub Machine Guns, Rifles, Revolvers, Rifle Grenades and Hand Grenades.

### GENERAL PROHIBITION.

2. During such time as notice is given by the hoisting or display of signals in the manner hereinafter provided by Bye-law No. 4 that firing is taking place on the Range, all intrusion into the land area described below and the foreshore and sea abutting thereon, hereinafter called the sea area, within the limits set out in the Schedule hereto, and all obstruction of the use thereof is prohibited.

### LAND AND SEA AREAS AFFECTED.

The Land and Sea areas are set out in the Schedule hereto and shown on the plan attached hereto.

### OFFENCES DURING FIRING.

3. While notice that firing is taking place on the Range mentioned in Bye-law No. 2 is given by the hoisting or display of signals as provided in Bye-law No. 4, then in respect of the land area and the sea area :—

- (i) All roads and footpaths within the land area will be closed, and no person shall enter or remain within the land area or the sea area nor bring, take, nor suffer to remain therein any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing, except as provided in Bye-law No. 8.
- (ii) No vessel shall be employed in fishing or in the process of taking any kind of fish (shell fish or otherwise) in the sea area.
- (iii) No pleasure boat shall cruise in the sea area.
- (iv) No vessel shall anchor or remain anchored in or ground on the sea area.
- (v) No aircraft shall alight on, or remain in or travel upon the sea area.
- (vi) In the event of any vessel or aircraft being from any cause within the sea area, the Master or Pilot or other person in charge thereof shall use his utmost endeavours to pass out of the sea area without loss of time.

## SIGNALS.

4. Notice that firing is taking place is given as follows :—
- (a) *By Day*.—By the hoisting and displaying on Flagstuffs of Red Flags at each of the following places :—
- (i) At the butts. (900 yards east of Weybourne Coast Guard Station.)
  - (ii) On the top of the cliff at the North East limit of the land area. (1,000 yards east of Weybourne Coast Guard Station.)
  - (iii) On the top of the cliff at the North West limit of the land area. (600 yards east of Weybourne Coast Guard Station.)
- (b) *By Night*.—By the hoisting and displaying on Flagstuffs of Red Lamps at each of the following places :—
- (i) At the butts. (900 yards east of Weybourne Coast Guard Station.)
  - (ii) On the top of the cliff at the North East limit of the land area. (1,000 yards east of Weybourne Coast Guard Station.)
  - (iii) On the top of the cliff at the North West limit of the land area. (600 yards east of Weybourne Coast Guard Station.)
- (c) Notice to Aircraft that Mortar firing is taking place will be given by exposing a suitably sited letter " F " (8 feet by 5 feet) in black on a white background.
- (d) Notice to Aircraft that firing is taking place with 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 this Bye-law will be hoisted and displayed or exposed one hour before firing commences and will remain so hoisted and displayed or exposed until firing has ceased, when the signals will be hauled down or extinguished and the letters " F " and " A " covered up or blackened out.

## RECOVERY OF SHELL, ETC.

5. No person shall trawl, dredge, touch or search for or otherwise interfere with any shot, shell, bomb, bullet or other projectile or any portion thereof found within the land area or the sea 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 land area or the sea area.

Any person who when trawling, dredging, or in any manner whatsoever, shall come into possession of any such shot, shell,

bomb, bullet, or other projectile, or any portion thereof, within the sea area, shall not retain it, but shall immediately return it in its then condition, and without tampering with it, into the water.

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 Naval, Military or Royal Air Force Authorities.

#### OFFICERS AUTHORISED.

6. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-laws Nos. 2, 3 or 5 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 person contravening Bye-laws Nos. 2, 3 or 5, or to remove any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing found on the land area or the sea area in contravention of any of the said Bye-laws are :—

- (1) The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command.
- (2) The Officer in Charge of the Range.
- (3) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer, or Military Policeman, for the time being under the command of the said Officer in Charge.
- (4) Any Person authorised in writing under the hand of the said Officer in Charge, or
- (5) Any Constable.

#### WHEN VESSEL OR AIRCRAFT IN DANGER.

7. While any vessel or aircraft is observed within the sea area all firing will cease and a second Red Flag by day or Red Lamp by night will be hoisted below the first Red Flag or first Red Lamp on the flagstaff at the butts to notify the Master or Pilot or other person in charge of the vessel or aircraft that he is within the danger zone.

#### EXEMPTIONS.

8. 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 employed in tending, placing or replacing any Mark Buoys or other aids to navigation within the sea area.
  - (d) H.M. Ships of War, H.M. Aircraft or any Vessel or aircraft employed under Admiralty, War Department or Air Council Authority.

- (e) Any aircraft compelled to alight on or unable to quit the sea area.
- (f) Any vessel belonging to the Corporation of Trinity House, London, whilst employed on any Trinity House duty or service.

#### INTERPRETATION.

9. (a) "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.

(b) "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.

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

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#### SCHEDULE.

##### DESCRIPTION OF LAND AND SEA AREAS.

1. The land (hereinafter called the "land area") situate in the Parish of WEYBOURNE in the County of NORFOLK, 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 signals are hoisted in accordance with Bye-law No. 4.

2. The land area which lies to the North East of the Village of WEYBOURNE is quadrilateral (almost triangular) in shape with its base extending about 500 yards along High Water Mark and with its apex about 500 yards inland.

It is bounded as follows :—

*On the North—*

Commencing at a point (hereinafter called "No. 1 point") on the High Water Mark 150 yards west of the WEYBOURNE-SHERINGHAM Parish boundary and drawn along the High Water Mark in a Westerly direction to a point (hereinafter called "No. 2 point") on the High Water Mark 425 yards distant from No. 1 point.

*On the South-west—*

From No. 2 point in a South-Easterly direction (on a bearing

of  $43^{\circ}$ ) for a distance of 530 yards to a point (hereinafter called No. 3 point) on a bank dividing two fields 6 yards east of the junction of two banks.

*On the South—*

From No. 3 point in an easterly direction for a distance of 40 yards along the said Bank to No. 4 point.

*On the East—*

In a straight line from No. 1 point to No. 4 point.

The boundaries will be marked by poles painted Black and White surmounted by a triangle in addition to the flag poles mentioned in Bye-law No. 4 above.

These will be placed as follows:—

One pole at each of Nos. 3 and 4 points.

One pole on the top of the cliff on the boundary line as near as convenient to Nos. 1 and 2 points.

3. The sea area which extends out to sea for about one and a half miles from High Water Mark is bounded as follows:—

*On the West—*

By a line commencing at a point on High Water Mark in Latitude  $52^{\circ} 56' 58''$  N., Longitude  $1^{\circ} 09' 35''$  E., and drawn in a direction of  $317^{\circ}$  to a point in Latitude  $52^{\circ} 57' 15''$  N., Longitude  $1^{\circ} 09' 05''$  E., thence by a line drawn in a direction of  $340^{\circ}$  to a point in Latitude  $52^{\circ} 58' 00''$  N., Longitude  $1^{\circ} 08' 30''$  E., thence—

*On the North—*

By a line commencing at the last mentioned point and drawn in a direction of  $70^{\circ}$  to a point in Latitude  $52^{\circ} 58' 15''$  N., Longitude  $1^{\circ} 09' 30''$  E., thence —

*On the East—*

By a line commencing at the last mentioned point and drawn in a direction of  $160^{\circ}$  to a point in Latitude  $52^{\circ} 57' 30''$  N., Longitude  $1^{\circ} 09' 57''$  E., thence by a line drawn in a direction of  $183^{\circ}$  to a point on High Water Mark in Latitude  $52^{\circ} 56' 55''$  N., Longitude  $1^{\circ} 09' 55''$  E., thence—

*On the South—*

By the line of High Water Mark from the last mentioned point to the starting point in Latitude  $52^{\circ} 56' 58''$  N., Longitude  $1^{\circ} 09' 35''$  E.

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Dated this twenty-fourth day of April one thousand nine hundred and forty-one.

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

## 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 SEA AREA.

3. (a) Vessels entering or remaining within the sea area 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 area. 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 or by reason of the exigencies of navigation and exempt from the operation of the Bye-laws under Bye-law No. 8 (a) and (b) are requested to assist the carrying out of the 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.

## FIRING PROGRAMME AND PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.

4. Firing on the Range may be carried out throughout the year, both by day and by night, and no special notification will be given.

A provisional programme of firing for the ensuing week will, however, be issued weekly to the following departments or persons :—

The Post Offices at SHERINGHAM AND WEYBOURNE,  
The Offices of the SHERINGHAM URBAN DISTRICT  
COUNCIL, and the ERPINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT  
COUNCIL (both at SHERINGHAM),

The Coastguard Stations at SHERINGHAM and CLEY,  
The Eastern Sea Fisheries Bailiff (at present Mr. W. J.  
HANNAH of Ivy Dene, Priory Road, SHERINGHAM).

This weekly programme will be adhered to as far as possible, but is subject to alteration if necessitated by Military requirements.

No additional Notices will be issued in respect of any such alterations in the provisional programme, and the signals referred to in Bye-law No. 4, which will be hoisted one hour before firing commences, shall be deemed sufficient notice in such cases of the intention to carry out firing.

### WHERE BYE-LAWS CAN BE OBTAINED.

5. Copies of the Bye-laws, together with a plan of the Range attached thereto, can be obtained at the Office of DEPUTY COMMANDER, ROYAL ENGINEERS, NELSON BARRACKS, NORWICH, WHERE PLAN OF RANGE CAN BE INSPECTED.

6. A plan and chart showing the land and sea areas of the Ranges and the position of Flagstaffs and signals and posts, can be inspected at the office of DEPUTY COMMANDER, ROYAL ENGINEERS, NELSON BARRACKS, NORWICH.

### AIRCRAFT WARNING.

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

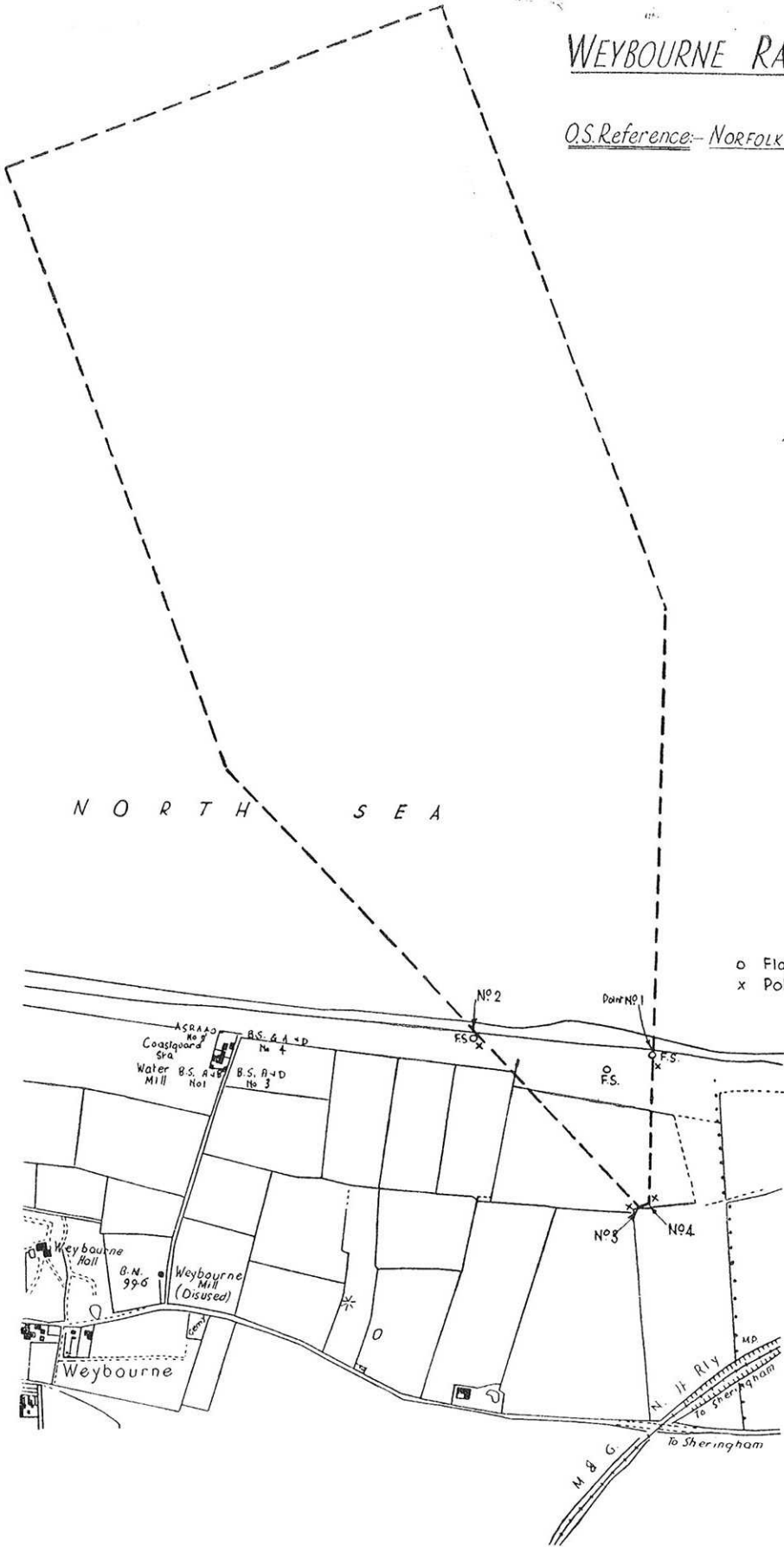
### ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS DURING FIRING.

8. Safety parties will be stationed on top of the cliffs close to points 1 and 2 during firing.



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O.S. Reference:- Norfolk Sheet X.NE



Key.  
o Flag Staff.  
x Pole with Triangle.

