

MAGILLIGAN RANGES  
COUNTY LONDONDERRY  
NORTHERN IRELAND.

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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 firing practice from the above-named Ranges.

## BYE-LAWS

The Ranges comprise the Classification Range (shown on the plan as a small shaded area) and the Combined Range (of which the Classification Range forms a part) used for Field Firing and other practices carried out on various ranges included in the expression the Combined Range.

1. These ranges may be used for Anti-Aircraft Machine Guns, Anti-Tank Rifles, Machine Guns, Mortars, Revolvers, Rifles and Grenades.

### GENERAL PROHIBITION.

2. During such time as notice is given by the hoisting and display of signals in the manner hereinafter provided in Bye-law No. 4 either that Classification Firing is being carried out on the Classification Range or that Field, Mortar, Anti-Tank, Anti-Aircraft and Machine Gun Firing are being carried out on the Ranges constituting and hereinafter called the Combined Range all intrusion on the land or any part thereof affected by the said Notice (hereinafter called "the land area") and the foreshore and sea abutting thereon (hereinafter called "the sea area") within the limits set out in the Schedule hereto, of the range on which firing is taking place and all obstruction of the use thereof is prohibited.

### OFFENCES DURING FIRING.

3. While notice that firing is taking place over the Ranges mentioned in Bye-law No. 2 is given by the hoisting and display of signals as provided in Bye-law No. 4, then:—

- (i) No person shall enter or remain in the land area or 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 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 in the sea area.
- (v) No aircraft shall alight on, 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. A. BY DAY—

(1) Notice that classification firing is taking place on the *Classification Range* will be given by the hoisting and display of Red Flags on the Flagstaffs Nos. 2 to 5 shown on the plan attached hereto.

(2) Notice that Field, Mortar, Anti-Tank, Anti-Aircraft and Machine Gun firing is taking place on the *Combined Range* will be given by the hoisting and display of Red Flags and chequered black and white Pennants on Flagstaffs Nos. 1 to 5 shown on the plan attached hereto.

(3) *Mortar Firing*.—Notice to Aircraft that Mortar Firing is taking place will be given by exposing a letter "F" (8 feet by 6½ feet) in black on a white background which has a red border, situated 100 yards West of the Hutted Camp.

(4) *Anti-Aircraft Range*.—Notice to Aircraft that Anti-Aircraft firing is taking place will be given by exposing a letter "A" (8 feet by 8 feet 2½ inches) in black on a white background with a red border, situated 100 yards West of the Hutted Camp.

#### B. BY NIGHT—

Notice that firing as described in A (1) above is taking place on the *Classification Range* will be given by the hoisting and display of Red Lights on Flagstuffs Nos. 3, 4 and 5.

No night firing will take place on the *Combined Range*.

### DURATION OF SIGNALS.

The Day Signals referred to will be hoisted or exposed half an hour before firing commences and will, subject to the provisions of Bye-law No. 7, remain hoisted or exposed until firing has ceased, when all flags and pennants will be lowered and the letters "F" and "A" will be covered up. The Red Lights will be displayed one hour before firing begins and will be hauled down and extinguished when firing has ceased.

### 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 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 whatever, 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 committing an offence against 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 the said Bye-laws are:—

(1) The Officer in charge of the Ranges.

- (2) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or any Military Policeman for the time being under the command of said Officer in Charge.
- (3) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said Officer in Charge, or
- (4) Any Constable.

#### WHEN VESSEL OR AIRCRAFT IS IN SEA DANGER AREA.

7.—(1) When any vessel or aircraft is observed within a sea danger area all firing shall cease in that danger area, and by day the flags and pennants referred to in Bye-law No. 4 (A) will be half-masted, and by night a second Red Light will be hoisted below each of the Red Lights referred to in Bye-law No. 4 (B) to notify the Master or Pilot or other person in charge of the vessel or aircraft that he is within the sea danger area.

(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 that range is in progress, such 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 Anti-Aircraft light machine gun range at a height estimated to be less than 10,000 feet when firing on that range is in progress, such firing will immediately cease, and will not be resumed until the aircraft is out of danger.

#### EXEMPTIONS.

8. The 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 buoys or other aids to navigation within the sea area.
- (d) His Majesty's Ships of War, His Majesty's Aircraft, or any vessel or aircraft employed under Admiralty, Army Council, or Air Council authority.
- (e) Any aircraft compelled to alight on or unable to quit the sea area.
- (f) Any vessel engaged in racing, provided due notice has been given of the racing fixture not less than three days previously to the Officer Commanding Troops, Magilligan, who will notify the Officer in Charge of the Ranges accordingly.
- (g) Any vessel belonging to the Commissioners of Irish Lights, Dublin, whilst employed on any duty or service.
- (h) Any vessel or person employed or assisting under the authority of the Minister of Shipping in connection with His Majesty's Coastguard Service and of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.
- (i) Any vessel which has obtained permission, by signal or otherwise, from the Officer Commanding Troops, Magilligan.

## 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 and other flying machines.

## DATE OF OPERATION OF BYE-LAWS.

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

## SCHEDULE.

## LIMITS OF THE MAGILLIGAN RANGES, LAND AND SEA AREAS.

## (A) LAND AREA.

(1) The area of land affected by these Bye-laws is situate on the North Coast of County Londonderry in the Townlands of Lower Doaghs and Lower Middle Doaghs, Parish of Fainlagh.

The area is bounded as follows:—

*North.*—By the line of High Water.

*South.*—By the County Road running from Upper Drummans to Magilligan Point.

*East.*—By a line drawn from the Coast Line from Flagpole No. 5 in a S.W. direction to Middle Drummans on the public road above-mentioned.

*West.*—By Lough Foyle.

## COMBINED RANGE.

The Land Area of the Combined Range, including Field Firing, Mortar, Anti-Tank, Anti-Aircraft and Machine Gun Ranges (large area on plan attached hereto) is bounded as described above in (1) "Description of LAND AREA."

## CLASSIFICATION RANGE.

(2) The Land Area of the Classification Range (small shaded area on plan attached hereto) is bounded as follows:—

*North.*—By the line of High Water.

*South.*—By the County Road before mentioned in (1).

*East.*—By a line drawn from the Coast Line from Flagpole No. 5 in a S.W. direction to Middle Drummans on the public road above-mentioned.

*West.*—By a line drawn from the 600 yards firing point No. 2 classification range North by the sea at Flagstaff No. 2.

## DESCRIPTION OF SEA AREAS.

### COMBINED RANGE.

(B)—(1) The Sea Area of the Combined Range, including Field Firing, Mortar, Anti-Tank, Anti-Aircraft and Machine Gun Ranges (large area on the plan attached hereto) is bounded as follows:—

*On the West.*—From a point "A" on the High Water Line  $191^{\circ} 1.05$  nautical miles from Warren Point Light to a point "B"  $152\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} 0.43$  nautical miles from Warren Point Light, thence to a point "C"  $103^{\circ} 0.56$  nautical miles from Warren Point Light thence.

*On the North and East.*—From point "C" by the arc of a circle of radius 2.0 nautical miles, centre position  $172^{\circ} 2.13$  nautical miles from Warren Point Light to point "D"  $133^{\circ} 3.14$  nautical miles from Warren Point Light, thence to Point "E"  $137\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} 3.13$  nautical miles from Warren Point Light, thence:—

*On the South.*—From point "E" to point "F" on the High Water Line  $149^{\circ} 2.36$  nautical miles from Warren Point Light, thence by the High Water Line to the starting point "A."

### CLASSIFICATION RANGE.

(2) The Sea Area of the Classification Range (small shaded area on plan attached hereto) is as follows:—

*On the West.*—From a point (1) on the High Water Line  $173^{\circ} 1.21$  nautical miles from Warren Point Light to a point (2)  $167\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} 0.91$  nautical miles from Warren Point Light, thence to point (3)  $114^{\circ} 0.55$  nautical miles from Warren Point Light, thence:—

*On the North.*—From point (3) to point (4)  $114^{\circ} 1.05$  nautical miles from Warren Point Light, thence:—

*On the East.*—From point (4) to point (5)  $133^{\circ} 1.34$  nautical miles from Warren Point Light thence to point (6)  $134^{\circ} 2.3$  nautical miles from Warren Point Light, thence to point (7) on the High Water Line  $149^{\circ} 2.36$  nautical miles from Warren Point Light, thence:—

*On the South.*—From point (7) by the High Water Line to the starting point (1).

### BUOYS AND DIRECTION POSTS.

The Western Boundary of the Sea Area is marked by two buoys, as shown on the plan attached hereto. The buoys are painted white, with two blue stripes crossing at right angles at the top of the buoy, and having the letters "D" and "A" in red on the side of the buoy in alternate spaces between the blue stripes. The Eastern Boundary of the sea area is indicated by two Direction Posts erected on the land at the positions shown on the plan attached hereto. Red Lights will be displayed from these posts when night firing is taking place on the Classification Range.

DATED this fifth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and forty.

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, 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 THE 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 AREAS.

(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 sea 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 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.

## PROCEDURE FOR CROSSING LAND AREA.

(4) When any persons desire to pass on lawful business within the limits of the land area, the look-outs referred to in Notice No. 5 will signal for firing to cease. Such persons will proceed as quickly as possible without loitering, and shall not pass until the danger flags are lowered.

### ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS DURING FIRING.

(5) When day firing is taking place look-outs will be posted as follows : -

- (i) *Classification Range.*—At Flagstaffs Nos. 3 and 5.
- (ii) *Combined Range, including Field Firing, Mortar, Anti-Tank, Anti-Aircraft and Machine Gun Ranges.*—At Flagstaffs Nos. 1, 3 and 5.

When night firing is taking place on the Classification Range, lookouts will be posted at Flagstaffs Nos. 3 and 5.

*Sea Area.*—The look-outs at Flagstaffs Nos. 1, 3 and 5 on coastline will signal for firing to cease in the event of any vessel entering the sea area.

### TIMES OF FIRING.

(6) Firing on these Ranges may take place at any time throughout the year.

### WHERE PLAN OF RANGES CAN BE INSPECTED AND BYE-LAWS OBTAINED.

(7) A plan showing the land and sea areas of the Ranges and position of the flagstaffs and signals to aircraft referred to in Bye-law No. 4 can be inspected at Headquarters Office, Victoria Barracks, Belfast, and at the Ministry of Commerce, Chichester Street, Belfast, and copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained at these offices.

### FACILITIES TO FISHERMEN.

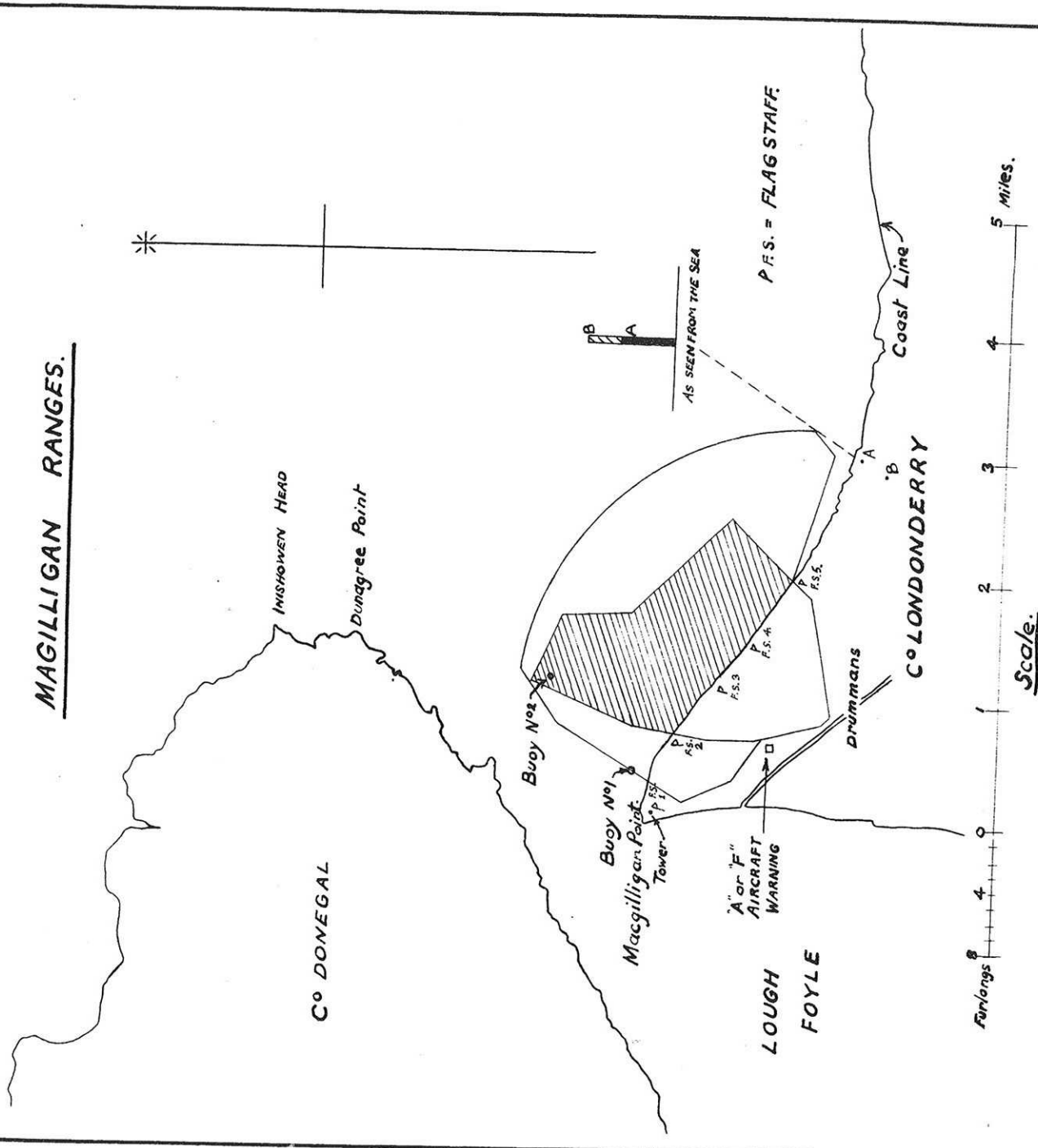
(8) The Officer in Charge of Ranges will afford to the fishermen in pursuit of their occupation every facility consistent with the carrying out of essential firing practices.

### 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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*Notwithstanding any fine limit mentioned in the above byelaws the current maximum fine as at 01/09/2008 is the sum of £500 being the maximum on level 2 of the standard scale.*