



ALTCAR RIFLE RANGE

IN THE COUNTY OF LANCS.

BYE-LAWS

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

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1. The land situate at Altcar, between Hightown and Formby belonging to the West Lancashire Territorial Army Association and the foreshore (belonging partly to the West Lancashire Territorial Army Association and partly to the War Department) and the sea abutting thereon, within the limits hereinafter mentioned and described, which together constitute the danger zone of the range, shall be closed to all persons for the purpose of firing while the signals are hoisted in accordance with Bye-Law No. 5.

2. The area of land which will be closed (hereinafter called the "land area") is bounded as follows:—

On the South:—By a line starting from the London Midland & Scottish Railway (Liverpool, Crosby and Southport Line) at a point about 280 yards South of Altcar Rifle Range Station, and drawn in a direction $253^{\circ} 30'$ True to the Eastern Bank of the River Alt:—thence Southwards along the Eastern Bank of the river for a distance of about 120 yards:—thence across the River Alt to a post erected close to the Western bank on High Water Mark (Spring Tides):—thence following the line of High Water Southwards and South-westwards for a distance of about 430 yards to another post erected on the line of High Water and situated about 630 yards West of Hightown Railway Station. Thence:—

On the South and West:—By the line of High Water (Spring Tides) to a point where the Northern boundary of Altcar Parish cuts the line of High Water (about 285 yards South West of Victoria Beach Mark). Thence:—

On the North:—By the Northern boundary of Altcar Parish in a North-Easterly direction until the London Midland & Scottish Railway (Liverpool, Crosby and Southport Line) is reached at a point about 220 yards North North West of Formby Power Station. Thence:—

On the East:—By the West side of the London Midland & Scottish Railway (Liverpool, Crosby and Southport Line) and in a Southerly direction to the starting point.

Danger Notice Boards will be permanently fixed at the following points :—

- (i) At a point about 400 yards South-West of the point (referred to above) where the Northern boundary of Altcar Parish cuts the line of High Water (Spring Tides), about 285 yards South-West of Victoria Beach Mark.
- (ii) At two points on the line of High Water (Spring Tides) about 300 and 330 yards respectively South of Victoria Beach Mark.
- (iii) At a point on the Eastern boundary of the sea area (described in Bye-Law No. 3), about 770 yards North of the South-East corner of the Sea Area (from which Crosby Beacon bears 324° True).

3. The area of foreshore and sea which will be closed (hereinafter called the " sea area ") is bounded as follows :—

On the East :—By a line starting from the above-mentioned post erected on the line of High Water (Spring Tides) and situated about 620 yards West of Hightown Railway Station, and drawn in a direction 195° True (S. 30° 28' W. Mag.) for a distance of about 570 yards until a point is reached from which Crosby Beacon is seen bearing 278° True (N. 66° 32' W. Mag.), thence continuing in a direction 182° True (S. 17° 28' W. Mag.) for a distance of about 1,460 yards until a point is reached from which Crosby Beacon is seen bearing 324° True (N. 20° 32' W. Mag.) and Crosby Light Vessel is seen bearing 287° True (N. 57° 32' W. Mag.). Thence :—

On the South :—By a line drawn in a direction 256° 30' True (N. 88° 02' W. Mag.) for a distance of about 1,635 yards until a point is reached from which Crosby Beacon is seen bearing 12° True (N. 27° 28' E. Mag.) and Crosby Light Vessel is seen bearing 315° True (N. 29° 32' W. Mag.). Thence :—

On the West :—By a line drawn in a direction 342° 30' True (N. 2° 02' W. Mag.) for a distance of about 1,533 yards until a point is reached from which Crosby Beacon is seen bearing 57° True (N. 72° 28' E. Mag.) and Crosby Light Vessel is seen bearing 255° 30' True (N. 89° 02' W. Mag.) and thence continuing in a direction 26° True (N. 41° 28' E. Mag.) bearing on to Victoria Beach Mark until the line of High Water (Spring Tides) is reached at a point from which Formby Old Lighthouse bears 67° True (N. 82° 28' E. Mag.). Thence :—

On the North :—By the line of High Water (Spring Tides) to the starting point.

NOTICES.

4. Firing may take place on this range at any time and no special notice other than the signals provided in Bye-Law No. 5 will be given.

Notices will be posted at the Post Offices at Crosby, Hightown and Formby, intimating that the land and sea areas shall be closed at such times as the aforesaid signals are hoisted.

SIGNALS.

5. Signals that the land and sea areas are closed to the public will be given by hoisting red flags on two staffs erected (1) at the West end of the Butts and (2) at the East end of the Butts, West of Hightown Railway Station, and approximately 600 yards distant therefrom.

OFFENCES.

6. During such time as the land and sea areas are closed as aforesaid all footpaths thereon will be closed and no person shall enter or remain therein, nor bring, take, nor suffer to remain therein any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing.

7. No vessel shall be employed in fishing in any part of the sea area while closed.

8. No pleasure boat shall cruise in any part of the sea area while closed.

9. No vessel shall anchor or remain anchored in or ground on any part of the sea area while closed.

10. No aircraft shall alight on, remain in or travel upon the sea area while closed.

11. In the event of any vessel or aircraft being from any cause within the sea area while closed the Master or Pilot or other person in charge thereof shall use his utmost endeavours to pass out of the said area without loss of time.

12. The following persons, viz. :—

- (1) The Colonel-on-the-Staff i/c Administration, Western Command.
- (2) The Officer-in-Charge of the Range.
- (3) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or any Military Policeman for the time being under the Command of the said Colonel-on-the-Staff or of the said Officer-in-Charge.
- (4) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said Colonel-on-the-Staff or of the said Officer-in-Charge, or

(5) Any constable :

shall have power and are hereby authorised :—

- (i) To remove from the land area or the sea area and take into custody, without Warrant, and bring before a Court of Summary Jurisdiction as provided by the Military Lands Acts, 1892 to 1903, to be dealt with according to law, any person contravening any of these Bye-Laws.
- (ii) To remove from the land area or the sea area any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing found therein in contravention of any of these Bye-Laws, and any such vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing shall be liable to forfeiture as mentioned in the aforesaid Acts.

13. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening any of the preceding Bye-Laws, numbered 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 respectively, shall be deemed to commit an offence against the same, and is under the said Acts, liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding Five Pounds.

GENERAL.

14. When any vessel or aircraft is within the sea area all firing shall cease, and a second red flag will be hoisted below the red flags referred to in Bye-law No. 5 to notify the Master or Pilot or other person in charge thereof that he is within the danger area.

15. 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 of the Channel 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 or Air Council Authority.
- (e) Any aircraft compelled to alight on or unable to quit the sea area.

16. "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.

17. "Aircraft" in these Bye-Laws includes all balloons, whether fixed or free, kites, airships, aeroplanes, seaplanes, flying boats and other flying machines.

18. Copies of these Bye-Laws may be obtained and a plan and chart illustrating them may be seen at the Range Warden's Office at the Altcar Rifle Range.

Dated this sixth day of September One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

(Signed) L. WORTHINGTON EVANS.

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

The President of the Board of Trade hereby signifies his approval of the foregoing Bye-Laws.

(Signed) P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

26th September, 1927.

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.