



ELVEDEN RIFLE RANGE

In the County of 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-mentioned Range.

1. This Range may be used for Machine Guns, Revolvers, Rifles and Mortars, but not Tracer Ammunition and Mark VIIIz ammunition. Pistol shooting will take place only between the Markers' Gallery and the Stop Butt.

LANDS AFFECTED.

2. The area of land affected by these Bye-Laws is set out in the Schedule hereto.

GENERAL PROHIBITION.

3. During such time as notice is given by the hoisting and display of signals in manner hereinafter provided in Bye-Law No. 6, that firing is taking place on the Elveden Range, the limits of the area of which are set out in the schedule hereto, all intrusion on the areas of the range and all obstruction of the use thereof is prohibited.

OFFENCES DURING FIRING.

4. During such time as notice that firing is taking place in the area mentioned in Bye-law No. 3 is given by the hoisting and display of Signals as provided by Bye-Law No. 6, then in respect of the area, no person shall enter or remain in the area, nor bring, take or suffer to remain therein any vehicle, animal or thing, except as provided in Bye-law No. 10.

USE OF "RIDES," ENTERING THE DANGER AREA.

5. During such time as firing is taking place as directed by the Signal mentioned in Bye-law No. 6 (a) the "Rides" will be considered closed. A Notice Board calling attention to the Signal will be erected at the time of firing at each point of intersection of the "Rides" with the danger area.

SIGNALS.

6.—(a) Notice that firing is taking place on the range is given by the hoisting and display on a flagstaff of a red flag by day and red light at night on the STOP BUTT of the Range.

(b) Notice to aircraft that Mortar firing is taking place will be given by exposing a suitably sited letter "F" (8 ft. by 5 ft.) in black on a white background with red border.

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 be lowered and the letter "F" covered up immediately firing has ceased.

ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS.

7. Notice Boards calling attention to the Red Flag will be permanently erected at the following positions:—

- (a) At intersection of "Rides" three-quarters of a mile East by North of the Brandon-Elveden Road, near the Thetford Municipal Borough Boundary.
- (b) At intersection of "Rides" 1,000 yards East by North of the Brandon-Elveden Road (750 yards North-West of (a)).
- (c) At intersection of "Ride" a quarter of a mile East by North of High Wrong Corner.
- (d) At intersection of "Ride" a quarter of a mile East of (c).
- (e) At intersection of "Ride" a quarter of a mile East of (d).
- (f) At intersection of "Ride" 500 yards East by South of (e).
- (g) At intersection of "Ride" a quarter of a mile South of (f).

The positions of Notice Boards are shown on the plan attached hereto.

RECOVERY OF SHELL, ETC.

8. No person shall search for or otherwise interfere with any shot, shell, bomb, bullet or other projectile or portions thereof within the Elveden Range area, or take, retain or be in possession of any shot, shell, bomb, bullet, or other projectile or portions thereof found within the aforesaid range area.

Provided nevertheless that the provisions of this Bye-law shall not apply in the cases of persons who recover shot, shell, bombs, bullets or other projectiles under the instructions of the local Military authority.

OFFICERS AUTHORISED.

9. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-laws Nos. 3, 4 or 8 shall be deemed to commit an offence against the bye-law so contravened.

The persons hereby authorised to remove or take into custody without warrant any person committing an offence against Bye-laws Nos. 3, 4 or 8 or to remove any vehicle, animal or thing found on the said danger area in contravention of any of the said Bye-laws are:—

- (i) The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command.
- (ii) The Officer in charge of the 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 the said Officer in charge of the Range.
- (iv) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief.
- (v) Any constable.

EXEMPTIONS.

10. These bye-laws shall not apply to animals (other than horses or animals of abnormally high value) grazing unattended within the danger area.

AIRCRAFT IN DANGER.

11. When any aircraft is observed flying over the Danger Area, when Mortar firing is in progress, at a height estimated to be less than 3,000 feet, firing will immediately cease, and will not be resumed until the aircraft is out of danger.

DATE OF OPERATION OF BYE-LAWS.

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

SCHEDULE.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND AREA.

Those parts of Parsonage Heath, Redneck Heath, and Thetford Warren due East from "Spinks Cottage" on the Brandon-Elveden Road for a distance of $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles and having a width at the Eastern extremity of half a mile North and South, extending for the same width westward for a distance of 1,500 yards, then reducing evenly in width to a point 300 yards East from the above-mentioned Brandon-Elveden Road, where the approach to the Range adjoins the said road.

Dated this sixth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty-two.

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.

PERIODS AND TIMES OF FIRING.

2. Firing may take place at any time of the day or night throughout the year.

ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS.

3. The limits of the danger area described in the Schedule hereto are marked by Notice Boards which are placed where any road or footpath enters the danger areas.

AIRCRAFT WARNING.

4. Aircraft are warned not to fly in the vicinity of the Ranges while Motrar firing is in progress, and no liability for accident to Aircraft arising from the use of the Ranges can be admitted.

WHERE PLAN OF RANGE CAN BE INSPECTED.

5. A plan showing the limits of the danger area and the positions of the signal flags and the roads and footpaths affected can be inspected at :—

Commander, Royal Engineer's Office,
44, Parkside,
Cambridge.

WHERE BYE-LAWS CAN BE OBTAINED.

6. Copies of the Bye-laws can be obtained from :—

Commander, Royal Engineer's Office,
44, Parkside,
Cambridge.