



**FELIXSTOWE, SUFFOLK**

**LANDGUARD FORT RIFLE**

**RANGE.**

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**BYE-LAWS.**

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1. The land (hereinafter called the "land area") belonging to the War Department at Landguard, in the Urban District of Felixstowe, 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 signal is hoisted in accordance with Bye-law No. 5.

2. The land area is a piece of coast land of an average width of 650 yards, and a total length of some 800 yards, the landward boundaries being, on the North-West:—The Eastern side of the Military Road from a point due West of the 500 yards firing point on "B" Range to Boundary Stone W $\blacktriangle$ D No. 4, where the Military Road joins the "Carr Road," *i.e.*, the Felixstowe Pier Station to Felixstowe Town Road.

The North-East boundary is a line running South-Easterly from Boundary Stone W $\blacktriangle$ D No. 4, passing to the North-East of the 600 yards firing point on "A" Range, and South of The Royal Air Force Wireless Station to the North-East Barrier gate on the Landguard Road, and then South-Eastwards to the Flagstaff 530 feet South-Westward of the Landguard Lodge Officers' Mess House; thence to High Water Mark in a direction directly towards PLATTERS BUOY.

The South-East boundary is the line of High Water.

The South-West boundary is a line running South-East from a point on Military Road due West of the 500 yards firing point on "B" range, touching the East side of Military Hospital buildings, to the South-West Barrier gate on the Landguard Road and the Flagstaff about 50 feet South of that gate; thence to High Water Mark in a direction directly towards INNER RIDGE BUOY.

3. The sea area, which extends out to sea for about  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles from High Water Mark, is bounded as follows:—

*On the North-East:—*By a line drawn from a point on High Water Mark directly between the first flagstaff mentioned in Bye-law 2 and PLATTERS BUOY to that buoy, thence:—

*On the South-East:—*By a line joining PLATTERS BUOY and INNER RIDGE BUOY, thence:—

*On the South-West* :—By a line drawn from INNER RIDGE BUOY to the point where High Water Mark is cut by the line joining that buoy with the second flagstaff, mentioned in Bye-law 2.

*On the North-West* :—By the line of High Water to the starting point.

#### NOTICES.

4. A programme of firing will be exhibited at the following places at least 24 hours before firing is to take place.

Police Station, Main Road, Dovercourt.  
 Police Station, Princes Road, Felixstowe.  
 Town Hall, Church Street, Harwich.  
 Town Hall, Undercliffe Road, Felixstowe.

#### SIGNALS.

5. The signal that the land and sea areas are closed will be a red flag hoisted on the flagstaff near the foreshore on the North-East of the Rifle Range Butts there.

The flag will be hoisted half-an-hour before firing begins, and will remain hoisted until firing has ceased.

#### OFFENCES.

6. During the time the land and sea areas are closed as aforesaid all roads and footpaths within the land area shall be closed (save as provided in Bye-law 7), and no person shall enter or remain within either area, nor bring, take, nor suffer to remain therein any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing.

7. During any such time as the land and sea areas are closed as aforesaid any person requiring to pass along the Military Road through the Felixstowe R.A.F. Station, for the purpose of access or egress to or from Landguard Fort, or the hut barracks there, or the Lighthouse, or the breakwater at Landguard Point may, notwithstanding anything in these Bye-laws to the contrary, pass along the said road for that purpose, but not for any other purpose; but during such time as aforesaid no person shall proceed by any other way than the said road, or cross or attempt to cross the said rifle ranges.

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

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

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

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

12. 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.

13. The following persons, viz. :—

- (1) The Major-General i/c Administration, Eastern Command ;
- (2) The O.C. Troops, Harwich Defences ;
- (3) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer, Range Warden, or any Military Policeman, for the time being under the command of the O.C. Troops, Harwich Defences ;
- (4) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the O.C. Troops, Harwich Defences ;
- (5) Any Constable ;

shall have power and are hereby authorised :—

- (i) To remove from the land area or 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.

14. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening any of the preceding Bye-laws, numbered 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 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.

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

16. 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.

17. "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.

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

19. The Bye-laws dated 11th October, 1887, relating to the above-named Ranges, are hereby revoked.

*Dated this 15th day of April, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.*

(Signed) L. WORTHINGTON EVANS,  
*His Majesty's Principal Secretary of  
State for the War Department.*

The Board of Trade hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws.

(Signed) P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER,  
*President of the Board of Trade.*

NOTE.—Copies of these Bye-laws may be inspected or obtained free of charge at the Office of the Officer Commanding Troops, Felixstowe, and at the Police Stations at Princes Road, Felixstowe, and Main Road, Dovercourt, and a plan illustrating the Bye-laws may be inspected at the Royal Engineer Division Office, Landguard Fort, Felixstowe.