



# WEST RUNTON RANGES, NORFOLK.

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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 the use of the above Ranges.

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## BYE-LAWS.

1. The Ranges may be used for Rifles, Revolvers and Light Machine Guns.

### LAND AND SEA AREAS AFFECTED.

2. The Land and Sea areas are set out in the Schedule hereto.

### GENERAL PROHIBITION.

3. During such time as notice is given by the hoisting and display of signals in the manner hereinafter provided in Bye-law No. 5 that firing is taking place on the West Runton Ranges, all intrusion on the land area, 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.

### OFFENCES DURING FIRING.

4. While notice that firing is taking place on the ranges mentioned in Bye-law No. 3 is given by the hoisting or display of signals as provided in Bye-law No. 5 then in respect of the land area and the area of sea affected :—

- (i) 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. 9.
- (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, 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.

5. Notice that firing is taking place is given as follows :—

- (a) *By Day*.—By hoisting and displaying a red flag on the pole at West end of the Butts 830 yards East of Beeston Regis Church.
- (b) *By Night*.—By hoisting and displaying a red fixed light on the pole mentioned in 5 (a).

### DURATION OF SIGNALS.

- (c) These signals will be hoisted one hour before firing commences and will remain hoisted until firing has ceased.

### PROCEDURE FOR CROSSING LAND AREA.

- (d) Firing will cease at certain intervals to enable the public to pass through the land area to the beach. Persons passing through the land area will proceed as quickly as possible without loitering and shall not pass until the danger flags are lowered.

## RECOVERY OF SHELL, ETC.

6. No person shall trawl, dredge 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, 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.

7. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-laws Nos. 3, 4 or 6 shall be deemed to commit an offence against the Bye-laws so contravened.

The persons hereby authorised to remove or to take into custody without warrant, any person contravening Bye-laws Nos. 3, 4 or 6 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 Ranges.
- (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 SEA DANGER AREA.

8. While any vessel or aircraft is within the sea area all firing will cease, and a second red flag by day or red fixed light by night will be hoisted below the first red flag or first fixed light on the pole at West end of the Butts (830 yards East of Beeston Regis Church) to notify the Master or Pilot or other persons in charge of the vessel that he is within the danger area.

## EXEMPTIONS.

9. 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 when racing, provided due notice of the racing fixtures has been given, not less than forty-eight hours previously to the Headquarters, Cambridge Area.
- (d) Any vessel employed in tending, placing or replacing any Buoys or other aids to navigation within the sea area.
- (e) H.M. or Allied Government Ships of War, H.M. or Allied Governments Aircraft, or any vessel or aircraft employed under Admiralty, Army Council, Air Council or Allied Government authority.

- (f) Any aircraft compelled to alight on or unable to quit the sea-area.
- (g) Any vessel belonging to the Corporation of Trinity House, whilst employed on any duty or service.
- (h) Any vessel or person employed or assisting under the authority of the Minister of War Transport in connection with H.M. Coastguard Service and of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.
- (i) Animals (other than horses or animals of abnormally high value) grazing unattended, and poultry, within the Danger Area.

#### INTERPRETATION.

10.—(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.

11. These Bye-laws shall come into force at the date thereof.

#### SCHEDULE.

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

The LAND AREA which lies to the North of West Runton is approximately triangular in shape with its apex to the South and its base extending 520 yards along High Water Mark and 520 yards inland.

It is bounded as follows:—

- (a) *On the West*.—Commencing at a point 30 yards North of West Runton—East Runton Coast Road, 300 yards due East of Holy Trinity Church and proceeding in a North Westerly direction to a house known as THE COPSE marked by notice board and sentry and proceeding on this line to High Water Mark. This point will be marked by a Danger Board thence.
- (b) *On the North*.—Along line of High Water Mark for 520 yards. This point will be marked by a Danger Board notice.
- (c) *On the East*.—By a line at the East end of an old rifle butt 150 yards West of sewage outfall and proceeding in a South Westerly direction to 400 yards firing point shown as the commencing point to (a) above. This line crosses a track leading to sea known as Water Lane marked by a Danger Board.

The SEA AREA which extends out to sea for about one and a third miles from High Water Mark is bounded as follows:—

##### (a) ON THE WEST.

By a line drawn from a point on the High Water Mark in Latitude  $52^{\circ}56'32''$  Longitude  $1^{\circ}14'40''$  in a direction of  $342\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  true to a point in Latitude  $52^{\circ}56'55''$  N. Longitude  $1^{\circ}14'28''$  E. and thence by a line in the direction of  $356^{\circ}$  true to a point Latitude  $52^{\circ}57'40''$  N. Longitude  $1^{\circ}14'22''$  E.

## (b) ON THE NORTH.

Commencing at the last-mentioned point and continuing by a line drawn at  $86^{\circ}$  true to a point Latitude  $52^{\circ}57'42''$  N. Longitude  $1^{\circ}15'8''$  E.

## (c) ON THE EAST.

Commencing at the last-mentioned point and continuing by a line drawn at  $176\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  true to a point in Latitude  $52^{\circ}56'58''$  N. Longitude  $1^{\circ}15'13''$  E. and thence by a line drawn in a direction  $188^{\circ}$  true to a point on the high water mark Latitude  $52^{\circ}56'30''$  N. Longitude  $1^{\circ}15'5''$  E.

## (d) ON THE SOUTH.

Commencing at the last-mentioned point and following the line of high water mark until the starting point is reached in Latitude  $52^{\circ}56'32''$  N. Longitude  $1^{\circ}14'40''$  E.

Dated this seventh 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 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 for the operation of the Bye-laws under Bye-law 9 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 ranges may be carried out throughout the year, both by day and by night and no special notification will be given.

Notice of firing will be given to the Officers in Charge, H.M. Coast-guard Stations at Sheringham and Cromer and to the Postmasters at West Runton, Sheringham and Cromer.

When firing is to take place at the 400 yards firing point, the owners of poultry runs situate east of the 300 yards firing point will be warned by the Officer in Charge of the Ranges not to enter the land danger area.

Notice Boards calling attention to Red Flags, etc., will be exhibited on footpaths and roads at the points where they enter the Danger Area.

#### WHERE BYE-LAWS CAN BE OBTAINED.

5. Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained at the Office of the Deputy Commander, Royal Engineers Norfolk, Nelson Barracks, Norwich.

#### WHERE PLAN OF RANGE CAN BE INSPECTED.

6. A plan showing the land and sea areas of the range and the positions of flag staff and signals can be inspected at the Office of the Garrison Engineer, R.E. Office, Half Acre, Cromer Road, Holt, or Officer in Charge, H.M. Coast Guard Station, Cromer.

#### AIRCRAFT WARNING.

7. "Aircraft are warned not to fly at low altitudes in the vicinity of these ranges while firing is in progress and not below 3,000 feet when the letter 'F' is exhibited, and no liability for accidents to aircraft flying over the ranges contrary to this notice and which arise from the use of the ranges, can be admitted."

#### FACILITIES TO FISHERMEN.

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