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HARTLEY RANGE

NORTHUMBERLAND

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 range.

HARTLEY RANGE

BYE-LAWS

1. This Range may be used for Anti-Tank Rifles, Machine Guns, Light Machine Guns and Revolvers.

GENERAL PROHIBITION.

2. During such time as notice is given by the hoisting or display of signals in the manner hereinafter provided in Bye-Law No. 4 that firing is taking place on the range, 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. The land and Sea Areas are set out in the Schedule hereto.

OFFENCES DURING FIRING.

3. While notice that firing is taking place on the range mentioned in Bye-Law No. 2 is given by the hoisting or display of signals as provided in Bye-Law No. 4, then in respect of the land area and the sea area affected :—

- (i) All roads and footpaths within the land area will be closed, and 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. 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, 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.

4. Notice that firing is taking place on the range is given as follows :—

By Day—

- (a) By hoisting and displaying a Red Flag on a flagstaff situated on the mainland near Curry Point at a

point bearing 215° from St. Mary's Lighthouse and 450 yards therefrom, the position of which is shown on the plan attached hereto.

By Night—

- (b) By hoisting and displaying a Red Lamp on a flagstaff situated on the mainland near Curry Point at a point bearing 215° from St. Mary's Lighthouse and 450 yards therefrom, the position of which is shown on the plan attached hereto.

DURATION OF SIGNALS.

- (c) These signals will be hoisted one hour before firing commences and will remain hoisted until firing has ceased and will indicate that the land and sea areas are closed.

RECOVERY OF SHELL, ETC.

5. 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, dredging, 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.

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-laws so contravened.

The persons hereby authorised to remove or to take into custody without warrant, any person contravening 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 any of the said Bye-laws are :—

- (1) The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern 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 DANGER.

7. While any vessel or aircraft is within the sea area all firing will cease, and a second Red Flag by day or Red Lamp by night will be hoisted six feet below the first Red Flag or first Red Lamp, on the pole at the range stop butts to notify the Master or Pilot or other person in charge of the vessel or aircraft that he is within the danger zone.

EXEMPTIONS.

8. 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 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.
 - (f) Any vessel engaged in running the measured mile off St. Mary's Island.
 - (g) Any vessel belonging to the Corporation of Trinity House whilst employed on Trinity House duty or service.

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 or other flying machines.

DATE OF OPERATION OF BYE-LAWS.

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

SCHEDULE.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND AND SEA AREAS.

1. The land (hereinafter called the land area) situate in the parish of Hartley in the County of Northumberland 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. 4.

2. The land area which lies to the East of the Blyth-Whitby Bay Road is bounded as follows :—

On the North—

By an imaginary line running North East from the Northern extremity of the 600-yard firing point through the sandpit situated just to the East of the public footpath at Curry's Point to the High Water Mark of Ordinary Tides, a distance of 580 yards.

On the South—

By an imaginary line running South East from the Southern extremity of the 600-yard firing point through the point where the main Blyth-Whitby Bay Road to Curry's Point bends North East to the High Water Mark of Ordinary Tides a distance of 400 yards.

On the East—

By the High Water Mark of Ordinary Tides between the terminal points of the two imaginary lines referred to above.

*Sea Area :—**On the North—*

By a line commencing at a point on High Water Mark in Latitude $55^{\circ} 04' 12''$ N. Longitude $1^{\circ} 27' 04''$ W., and drawn in a direction of 62° to a point in Latitude $55^{\circ} 04' 26''$ N. Longitude $1^{\circ} 26' 18''$ W., thence by a line drawn in a direction of 77° to a point in Latitude $55^{\circ} 04' 36''$ N. Longitude $1^{\circ} 25' 02''$ W., thence—

On the East—

By a line commencing at the last mentioned point and drawn in a direction of 167° to a point in Latitude $55^{\circ} 04' 01''$ N. Longitude $1^{\circ} 24' 45''$ W., thence—

On the South—

By a line commencing at the last mentioned point and drawn in a direction of 257° to a point in Latitude $55^{\circ} 03' 50''$ N. Longitude $1^{\circ} 26' 03''$ W., thence by a line drawn in a direction of

272° to a point on High Water Mark in Latitude 55° 03' 52" N. Longitude 1° 27' 09" W., thence—

On the West—

By the line of High Water Mark from the last mentioned point to the starting point in Latitude 55° 04' 12" N. Longitude 1° 27' 04" W.

Dated this twentieth day of December one thousand nine hundred and forty.

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

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 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 case 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 from the operation of the Bye-laws under Bye-law 8 (a) and (b) 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.

TIMES OF FIRING.

4. Firing may take place on these ranges at any time of the day or night throughout the year.

WHERE BYE-LAWS CAN BE OBTAINED.

5. Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained at the office of the Headquarters, Northumbrian Area, Darlington.

WHERE PLAN OF RANGE CAN BE INSPECTED.

6. A plan and chart showing the land and sea areas of the range and the position of flagstaff and signals can be inspected at the office of the Headquarters, Northumbrian Area, Darlington.

AIRCRAFT WARNING.

7. Aircraft are warned not to fly in the vicinity of these ranges while firing is in progress and no liability for accident to aircraft arising from the use of the ranges can be admitted.

