



LANGENHOE FIELD FIRING RANGE

(IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX).

BYE-LAWS

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

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1. THE area of land foreshore and water affected by these bye-laws (hereinafter called the "Danger Area") is situate at and/or adjacent to Langenhoe Marshes, near Colchester, and at and/or adjacent to East and West Mersea in the County of Essex; the land being in the Parishes of Langenhoe and East and West Mersea respectively.

The firing points are about one-half of a mile and three-quarters of a mile South of Langenhoe Hall, and the Danger Area extends East for about two and one-quarter miles in the direction of Pewit Island.

It is bounded as follows:—

On the North by a line commencing at the Northern end of the firing point which is about nine hundred yards South of Langenhoe Hall, and running in an East-North-Easterly direction across Wick Farm for a distance of about one thousand two hundred yards, thence in a North-Easterly direction for about six hundred yards, thence in the direction of East by North across Langenhoe Marsh for a distance of about one thousand five hundred and seventy-five yards to a point twenty-five yards from the Southern Sea Wall bounding Geeton Creek, and thence South-East for six hundred and seventy-five yards to a point on the Marsh about six hundred yards North of the Western point of Pewit Island; thence

On the East by a line from this point running due South for a distance of about one thousand nine hundred and eighty yards, crossing the Pyefleet Channel over the West of Pewit Island, and crossing Reeveshall Marsh to a point about eight hundred yards East of Reeves Hall; thence

On the South by a line from this latter point running for a distance of about one thousand nine hundred and fifty yards in a Westerly direction (passing about sixty yards north of Reeves Hall) to a point about one hundred and twenty yards North-East of May Days Farm, thence continuing for a distance of about two thousand one hundred and thirty yards in a North-Westerly direction, crossing the branches of Pyefleet Channel to the Southern end of the Firing Point about one thousand six hundred and eighty yards South of Langenhoe Hall; thence

On the West by a line from this latter point running in a North-Westerly direction for a distance of two hundred yards, thence in a direction about North-East by East for a distance of four hundred and fifty yards by the rear line of the firing point to the starting point, thence North to the South point of the Eastern end of the firing point.

Its extreme length running East is about four thousand and eighty yards. Its extreme width is about two thousand three hundred and fifty yards.

SIGNALS.

2. DURING such time as firing is taking place the Danger Area will be closed to the Public and notice that the Danger Area is closed will be given as follows :—

(a) By Red Flags hoisted at the following places :—

Three near the Firing Point North of Stroud House,
One near Wick Farm,
Two near South Geeton Creek,
One at the Packing Shed, Pewit Island,
One about seven hundred and fifty yards East of Reeves Hall,
One near May Days Farm.

(b) By River Police on Pewit Island, who will lower the flag on the Packing Shed when vessels wish to enter the portion of Pyefleet Channel which is within the danger area. This will be answered by the lowering of the flag at the Firing Point by the Look-out man.

OFFENCES.

3. NO person shall enter or remain within the Danger Area when and during the time the flags are hoisted as aforesaid, and no vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing shall be allowed to remain thereon, and all public roads, footpaths and waterway

therein will be closed, except that vessels may enter the said portion of Pyefleet Channel as provided in Bye-Law 2 (b), but shall proceed with all possible despatch and shall not anchor within the Danger Area.

4. NOTICE Boards, with a copy of these Bye-laws, will be placed where any road or footpath or navigable stream enters the Danger Area.

5. THE following persons, viz . :—

- (1) The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command.
- (2) The General Officer Commanding the Division quartered in Colchester.
- (3) The Officer in Charge of the Range.
- (4) 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, of the said General Officer Commanding or of the said Officer in Charge.
- (5) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, of the said General Officer Commanding or of the said Officer in Charge, or
- (6) Any Constable or River Policeman,

shall have power and are hereby authorised :—

- (1) To remove from the Danger 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 Bye-law No. 3.
- (2) To remove from the Danger Area any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing found therein in contravention of Bye-law No. 3.

6. ANY person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-law No. 3, 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.

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

8. " 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.

9. A MAP showing the limits of the Danger Area and the position of flags and Notice Boards referred to and the roads and paths affected can be inspected at the following places :—

Headquarter Office, Colchester.

Commanding Royal Engineer Office, Colchester.

Chief Constable, Town Hall, Colchester.

Office of the Clerk to the Lexden and Winstree Rural District Council, Victoria Chambers, Colchester.

10. COPIES of these Bye-laws can be obtained at the Office of the Commanding Royal Engineer, Colchester District.

11. THESE Bye-laws shall come into force forthwith.

Dated this seventh day of May, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-six.

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

The Corporation of Colchester hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws.

The Corporate Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Colchester was affixed hereto in pursuance of a resolution passed by a meeting of the Council of the said Borough duly convened and held on the Seventh day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six; and the same was so affixed in the presence of :—

(Signed) ARTHUR W. PIPER,
Mayor.

(Signed) H. C. WANKLYN,
Town Clerk.