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1. The land at Donna Nook situate in the Parishes of North Somercotes and Skidbrooke with Saltfleet Haven, in the County of Lincoln and the foreshore and sea abutting thereon, within the limits hereinafter mentioned and described, which together constitute the danger zone of the Range, shall be closed to all persons for the purpose of air gunnery and bombing practice, while the warning signals are hoisted in accordance with Bye-law No. 5.

2. The area of land which shall be so closed (hereinafter called the "land area") is situated at Donna Nook aforesaid and lies to the North East of North Somercotes between Red Farm and the sea shore and is marked by Danger Boards numbered 1 to 16 and is bounded as follows:—

ON THE NORTH WEST: By a line commencing at a point on the High Water Mark situated about 920 yards East of the Coastguard Station Flagstaff marked by a Danger Board No. 1 and running in a South Westerly direction for a distance of about 670 yards to a point situated on the sea bank bounding the Sand Dunes and the Main Land about 660 yards South of the Coastguard Station Flagstaff marked by a Danger Board No. 2 and thence in a West by South Westerly direction for a distance of about 260 yards to a point marked by a Danger Board No. 3 and continuing in the same direction for a distance of about 320 yards to a point situated about 780 yards North by North East from the Eastern End of Ark Road marked by a Danger Board No. 4, and thence:—

ON THE WEST: By a line commencing at the last mentioned point and running in a general Southerly direction along the line of a ditch marked by a series of Danger Boards Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 for a distance of about 1,730 yards passing the Eastern side of "Red

Farm" Buildings to a point situated about 770 yards North by North East of "Jarvis's Farm" Buildings, marked by a Danger Board No. 9, and thence:—

ON THE SOUTH, AND SOUTH WEST: By a line commencing at the last mentioned point and running in an East by North Easterly direction for a distance of about 225 yards to a point marked by a Danger Board No. 10 and continuing in the same direction for a distance of about 215 yards to a point situated on the sea bank bounding the Sand Dunes and the Main Land about 1,150 yards North East of "Jarvis's Farm" Buildings, marked by a Danger Board No. 11, and thence running in an Easterly direction for a distance of about 180 yards, to a Flagstaff situated at a point where the Sand Dunes bound the Sand Flats, and continuing in the same direction over the Sand Flats for a distance of about 120 yards to a point situated about 1,360 yards East by North-East of "Jarvis's Farm" Buildings marked by a Danger Board No. 12, and thence in a South by South-Easterly direction for a distance of about 1,000 yards to a point marked by a Danger Board No. 13 and continuing on in same direction for a distance of about 1,000 yards to a point situated about 1,100 yards East of "Warren House," marked by a Danger Board No. 14; and thence in a South-Easterly direction for a distance of about 1,235 yards to a point marked by a Danger Board No. 15 and continuing on in the same direction for a distance of about 1,235 yards to a point on High Water Mark situated about 1,900 yards East by North-East of Toby's Hill marked by a Danger Board No. 16, and thence:—

ON THE EAST: From the last mentioned point by the line of High Water to the starting point.

3. The area of foreshore and sea which shall be so closed (hereinafter called the "sea area") is bounded as follows, the magnetic variation used being 13° 35' West:—

ON THE NORTH WEST: By a line drawn from a point on High Water Mark (Latitude 53° 28' 10" N., Longitude 0° 10' 13" E.) marked by the Danger Board No. 1 at the Northern Extremity of the Land Area referred to in Bye-Law No. 2 and situated about 920 yards East of the Coastguard Station flagstaff and 1,130 yards East South East of Donna Nook Beacon, in a direction 46° (true) (N. 59° 35' E. Magnetic) for about 7,600 yards through a can buoy painted in black and yellow vertical stripes No. 1 (Latitude 53° 29' 27" N., Longitude 0° 12' 30" E.) until a point is reached (Latitude

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53° 30' 45" N., Longitude 0° 14' 47" E.) which is marked by a can buoy painted in black and yellow vertical stripes No. 2 and thence:—

ON THE EAST: By a line drawn in a direction 149° (true) (S. 17° 25' E. Magnetic) for about 4,960 yards until a point is reached (Latitude 53° 28' 39" N., Longitude 0° 16' 50" E.) which is marked by a can buoy painted in black and yellow vertical stripes No. 3, and thence in a direction 180° (true) (S. 13° 35' W. Magnetic) for about 6,130 yards until a point is reached (Latitude 53° 25' 35" N., Longitude 0° 16' 45" E.) which is marked by a can buoy painted in black and yellow vertical stripes No. 4 and thence:—

ON THE SOUTH: By a line drawn in a direction 270° (true) (N. 76° 25' W. Magnetic) for about 4,935 yards until a point is reached at High Water Mark (Latitude 53° 25' 38½" N., Longitude 0° 12' 41" E.) which is marked by the Danger Board No. 16 at the Southern Extremity of the Land Area referred to in Bye-Law No. 2 situated about 1,900 yards East by North of Toby's Hill, and thence:—

ON THE WEST: By the line of High Water to the starting point.

NOTICES.

4. Air Gunnery and bombing practice will take place on the Range during the period 1st April to 31st October inclusive as follows:—

Mondays to Fridays (inclusive) 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturdays 7 a.m. to 12 noon.

No special notices of such practice on the above days and at the above times will be issued.

SIGNALS.

5. The signals that the land and sea areas are closed to the public will be given by hoisting red flags at the following places:—

(i) On the flagstaff situated on the North Western boundary of the land area, by the Danger Board No. 2 referred to in Bye-law No. 2.

(ii) On the flagstaff situated on the Southern boundary of the land area, and referred to in Bye-law No. 2.

The above signals will be hoisted half-an-hour before practice commences, and will be hauled down when practice has ceased. Sentries will be posted at the points above-named in order to warn the public that practice is taking place.

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OFFENCES.

6. During such time as the land and sea areas are closed to the public as aforesaid, no person shall enter or remain therein nor bring take nor suffer to remain therein any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing.

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

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

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

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

11. In the event of any aircraft being from any cause within the land area while closed the Pilot or other person in charge thereof shall use his utmost endeavours to remove such aircraft out of the said land area without loss of time.

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 sea area without loss of time.

13. No person shall trawl, dredge, or search for or otherwise interfere with any shot, shell or bomb or other projectile or portion thereof within the sea area, or take, or retain, or be in possession of any such shot, shell, bomb, or other projectile or portion thereof found within the sea area.

Any person who, when trawling dredging or in any manner whatsoever shall come into possession of any such shot, shell, bomb 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 case of persons who recover projectiles under written instructions from the local Naval, Air Force or Military Authorities.

14. The following persons, viz. :—

(1) The Officer Commanding R.A.F. North Coates Aerodrome.

(2) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or any Service Policeman for the time being under the Command of the said Officer Commanding.

(3) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said Officer Commanding; or

(4) Any Constable

shall have power and are hereby authorised:—

(1) To remove from the land area or the sea area and take into custody, without Warrant, and bring before a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, as provided by the Military Lands Acts 1892 and 1900 to be dealt with according to law, any person contravening any of these Bye-laws.

(2) 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.

15. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening any of the preceding Bye-laws, numbered 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 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.

16. When any vessel is within the sea area or any aircraft is within the sea area or the land area all firing shall cease, and a second red flag will be hoisted below the red flags referred to in Bye-law No. 6 to notify the Master or Pilot or other person in charge of the vessel or aircraft that he is within the sea area or the land area as the case may be.

17. 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, War Department or Air Council authority.

(e) Any aircraft compelled to alight on or unable to quit the sea area or the land area.

(f) Any vessel or person employed under the authority of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

(g) Any vessel employed under the authority of Trinity House in dealing with Wrecks.

18. In these Bye-laws the expressions " Air Gunnery and Bombing Practice " and " Practice " include the firing of all kinds of ammunition from aircraft and the dropping of live or other bombs from aircraft and any or all of such operations.

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19. "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.

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

21. These Bye-laws shall come into force on the day of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

Note.—The local Air Force Authorities will afford to the fishermen in the pursuit of their occupation every facility consistent with the carrying out of essential firing and bombing practices on this range.

Notice Boards displaying a copy of these Bye-laws are placed where any footpath enters the Land Area.

Copies of these Bye-Laws can be seen and a plan of the Range can be inspected at the following places:—

The Offices of the Louth Rural District Council, 14, Uppgate, Louth.

The Offices of the Clerk to the Commissioners of Sewers for the Wapentakes of Louth-Eske and Ludborough, 24, Mercer Road, Louth.

The Post Offices at Louth, North Somercotes, and Saltfleet and Cleethorpes.

The Coastguard Stations at Donna Nook, Scarborough and Mablethorpe.

The Custom Houses at Grimsby and Immingham.

The Office of the Superintendent of Police, Police Headquarters, Louth.

The Offices of the Humber Conservancy Board, Whitefriar Gate, Hull and the Custom House, Hull.

Copies of the Bye-laws can also be obtained at the Post Office, Louth, free of charge by any person who desires to obtain the same.

Dated this day of One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

(Signed)

President of the Air Council.

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

(Signed)

President of the Board of Trade.