

Berwick Rifle Range, in the County of Northumberland.

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1. The land (hereinafter called "the land area") situate in the Parish of Berwick-upon-Tweed, 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 signals are hoisted in accordance with Bye-law 5.

2. The land area is situated about half-a-mile North of the town of Berwick, and is triangular in shape, with its seaward base (about 300 yards long) on the line of High Water mark, and its apex about 770 yards inland. Each side of the land area is marked by two poles, the front or seaward poles with a triangle on the top, the apex of the triangle pointing *upwards*, the rear poles about 100 yards further inland with a wooden triangle on the top, the apex of the triangle pointing *downwards* and surmounted by a red flag when the range is in use. The triangles and poles are painted black and white to make them as conspicuous as possible.

3. The sea area, which extends out to sea for about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from High Water mark, is a prolongation of the land area, the land and sea areas together making one large triangle.

The position of the *Eastern unflagged pole* (seaward base) is as follows:—Spire of the Town Hall, Berwick, bearing 187° (S. 23° W. Mag.), distant about 1,900 yards.

The bearings and distances of the other poles from it (the Eastern unflagged pole) are:—*Eastern flagged pole* (inland) $219\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ (S. 55° W. Mag.), distant about 100 yards. *North-Western unflagged pole* (seaward base) 316° (N. 28° W. Mag.), distant about 300 yards. *North-Western flagged pole* (inland) 295° (N. 49° W. Mag.), distant about 270 yards.

NOTE.—An observer at sea will be aware that he is within the sea area if both the inland flagged poles are seen anywhere between the two unflagged poles, when he is within $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of the shore.

NOTICES.

4. Firing may take place on this range at any time and no special notices will be issued.

SIGNAL.

5. The signal that the land and sea areas are closed will be given by hoisting a red flag on the poles marking the sides of the land area, viz.: the inland poles referred to in Bye-law 2.

OFFENCES.

6. During the time the land and sea areas are closed as aforesaid all footpaths within the land area will be stopped up and no person shall enter or remain within either area, nor bring, take, nor suffer to remain therein any vehicle, horse, vessel or thing.

7. No vessel shall be employed in fishing on 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. In the event of any vessel being from any cause within the sea area while closed, the Master or other person in charge thereof shall use his utmost endeavours to pass out of the said area without loss of time.

11. The following persons, viz.:—

- (1) The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Scottish Command.
- (2) The Officer in Charge of the Range.
- (3) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, or any 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,

shall have the 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

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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.

- (2) To remove from the land area or the sea area any vehicle, horse, vessel, or thing found therein in contravention of any of these Bye-laws, and any such vehicle, horse, vessel, or thing shall be liable to forfeiture as mentioned in the aforesaid Acts.

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

13. While any vessel is within the sea area all firing will cease, and a second red flag will be hoisted below the first flag on the inland poles to notify the Master or other person in charge of the vessel that he is within the Danger area.

14. 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, or any vessel employed under Admiralty Authority.

15. "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.

16. These Bye-laws shall come into force on the day of _____, 1916.

Dated this _____ day of _____, One thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

(Signed) R. H. BRADÉ,

*On behalf of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
for the War Department.*