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1. THE War Department land and the foreshore and sea abutting thereon within the boundaries hereinafter mentioned and described, which together constitute the danger zone of the range, shall be closed to all persons for the purpose of firing from the range while the Signals are hoisted in accordance with Bye-law No. 5.

2. THE area of land which will be closed (hereinafter called the "land area") is all that portion of War Department land, known as Browndown, situate in the Parish of Crofton, and bounded as follows:—

Commencing at a War Department Boundary Stone on the line of High Water, which is about Seventy yards South of Elmore Halt on the Lee-on-the-Solent branch of the Southern Railway, and running in an East by South direction along the Southern Boundary of the said Branch for about Nine hundred yards, then continuing in an E.S.E. direction (passing about Seventy yards South of Browndown Halt) across Browndown Camp Fields and along the top of an existing bank to the crest of the salient of old parapet South by East of Browndown Camp, Marine Hutments, thence by a line running in a S.S.W. direction to a flagstaff on the East side of Browndown West Battery, and thence by a line bearing 241° True to a point on the line of High Water thence on the seaward side by the line of High Water to the starting point.

3. THE sea area which extends into the Solent for about Two thousand five hundred yards from High Water Mark is bounded as follows:—

On the South.—From High Water Mark by a line drawn from the flagstaff adjoining the Eastern side of Browndown West Battery in a direction of 241° True (S. 73° 53' W. Mag.) until a point is reached (about One thousand

nine hundred yards from flagstaff) from which the head of Lee-on-the-Solent Pier is seen bearing $341^{\circ} 20'$ True (N. $5^{\circ} 47'$ W. Mag.); thence by a line bearing 258° True (N. $89^{\circ} 07'$ W. Mag.) for a distance of about One thousand five hundred and forty yards until a point is reached marked by a red pillar shaped light buoy (with "RIFLE RANGE" painted thereon in black letters) from which is seen the head of Lee-on-the-Solent Pier bearing $12^{\circ} 30'$ True (N. $25^{\circ} 23'$ E. Mag.) and the flagstaff East of Browdown West Battery bearing 69° True (N. $81^{\circ} 53'$ E. Mag.): thence :—

On the West.—By a line drawn bearing $335^{\circ} 30'$ True (N. $11^{\circ} 37'$ W. Mag.) for a distance of about One thousand eight hundred and forty yards until a point is reached marked by a red barrel-shaped buoy from which is seen the head of Lee-on-the-Solent Pier bearing $48^{\circ} 40'$ True (N. $61^{\circ} 33'$ E. Mag.) and the Flagstaff East of Browdown West Battery bearing 96° True (S. $71^{\circ} 07'$ E. Mag.); thence by a line bearing $7^{\circ} 40'$ True (N. $20^{\circ} 33'$ E. Mag.) for a distance of about Seven hundred yards until a point is reached marked by a red barrel-shaped buoy from which is seen the head of Lee-on-the-Solent Pier bearing 68° True (N. $80^{\circ} 53'$ E. Mag.) and the Flagstaff East of Browdown West Battery bearing 107° True (S. $60^{\circ} 07'$ E. Mag.); thence :—

On the North.—By a line bearing 94° True (S. $73^{\circ} 07'$ E. Mag.) for a distance of about One thousand five hundred yards until a point is reached marked by a red barrel-shaped buoy from which the head of Lee-on-the-Solent Pier is seen bearing 342° True (N. $5^{\circ} 07'$ W. Mag.); thence by a line bearing 105° True (S. $62^{\circ} 07'$ E. Mag.) to the line of High Water at a point about One thousand one hundred and forty yards South East of Lee-on-the-Solent Pier; thence :—

On the East.—By the line of High Water to the starting point.

NOTICES.

4. FIRING may take place on this range at any time and no special notices of day firing will be issued.

When night firing is to take place, one week's notice of such firing will be given to the following :—

The District Fishery Officer, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The Secretary, Lee-on-the-Solent Sailing Club.

The Southampton Harbour Master.

The Commander-in-Chief (for King's Harbour Master),
Portsmouth.

The Police, Lee-on-the-Solent.

The Lee-on-the-Solent Pier Company Limited.

SIGNALS.

5. THE signals that firing is taking place will be given as follows :—

By day.—By hoisting a Red Flag on (1) the Camp Flagstaff ; (2) the Signal Flagstaff at No. 1 Look-out situated near the shore One thousand three hundred yards South-East of the Lee-on-the-Solent Pier, and (3) the Signal Flagstaff at No. 2 Look-out situated near the shore Four hundred and fifty yards West of Browdown Battery (West).

By night.—By a red light displayed on the aforementioned Flagstaffs.

The red flags will be hoisted at half mast half-an-hour before firing is due to begin and will be hoisted close up when firing begins, and will remain so hoisted until firing has ceased, subject to the provisions of Bye-Law No. 14.

The red lights will be displayed one hour before firing begins and will be lowered when firing has ceased.

OFFENCES.

6. DURING the time the land and sea areas are closed as aforesaid no person shall enter or remain within either area, 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 sea area while closed.

11. 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 area without loss of time.

12. THE following persons, *viz.* :—

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

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

14. WHILE any vessel or aircraft is within the Sea Area all firing will cease and, by day, the red flags on the Signal Flagstaffs at No. 1 and No. 2 Look-outs will be lowered to half-mast and, by night, a second red light will be displayed below the red lights on the said Flagstaffs, to notify the Master or Pilot or other person in charge of the vessel or aircraft that he is within the danger area.

15. 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) Any yacht when actually engaged in racing provided that fourteen days' notice of the racing fixture has been given to the Commandant at Browdown Camp.

(e) His Majesty's Ships of War, His Majesty's Aircraft or any vessel or aircraft employed under Admiralty or Air Council Authority.

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

16 "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.

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

18. THESE Bye-laws shall come into force on the first day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty nine after which date the Bye-laws dated twenty eighth August, One thousand nine hundred and eighteen, in respect of Browdown Rifle Ranges, shall be revoked.

NOTE.—A sketch plan showing the land and sea areas of the Range and the positions of the Signal Posts and buoys is attached hereto. Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained and a large scale plan as above can be inspected at the Office of the Camp Commandant, Browdown Camp.

Dated this Eleventh day of April, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine.

(signed) L. WORTHINGTON EVANS,

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

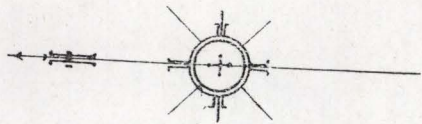
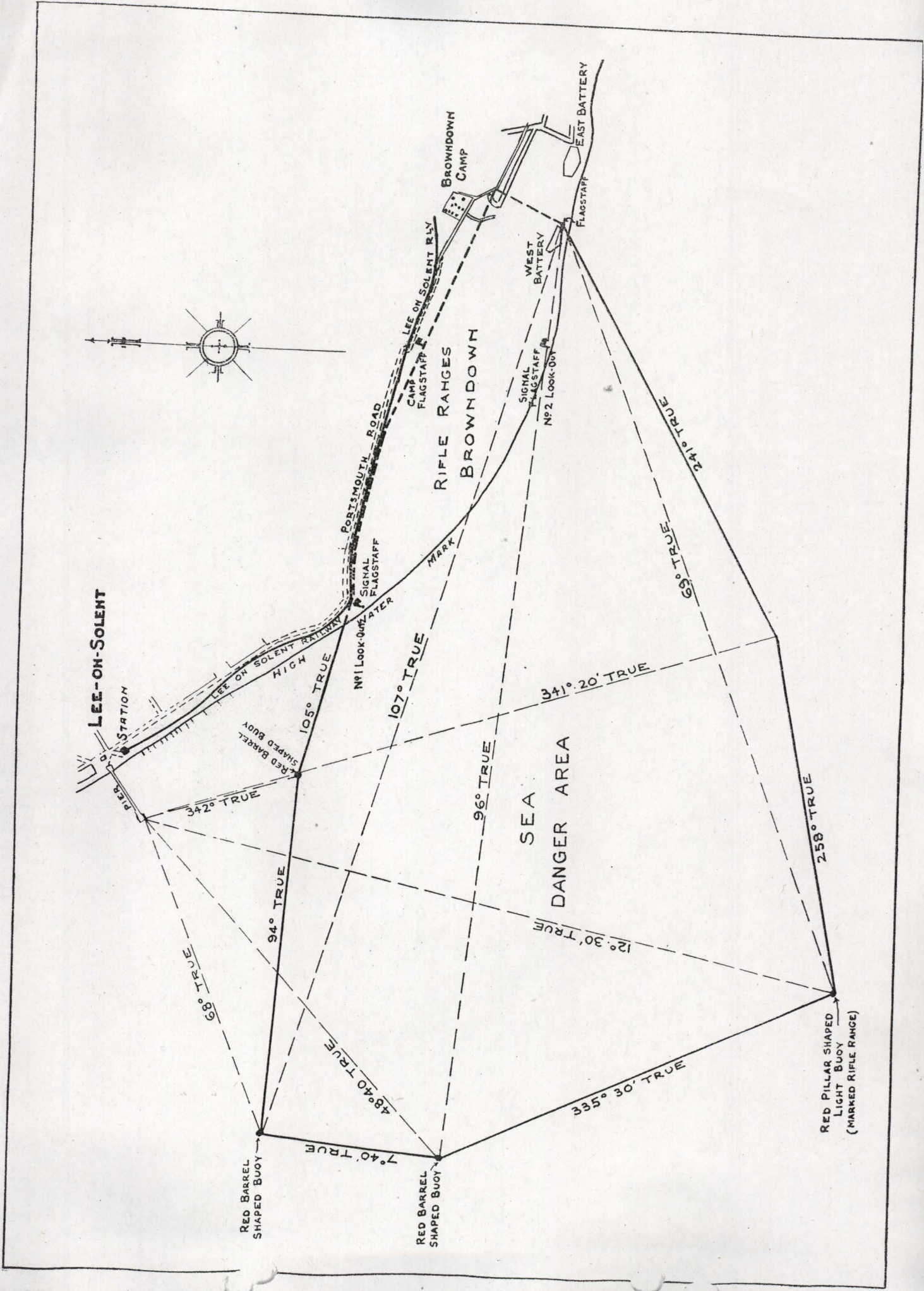
The Board of Trade hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws.

(signed) P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER,

President of the Board of Trade.

26th April, 1929.

NOTE:—The Range will be closed, if necessary, during the Sprat fishing season, on notification of the commencement of this season being made by the District Fishery Officer to the Camp Commandant, Browdown Camp, Gosport.



LEE-ON-SOLENT
STATION

PIER

RED BARREL
SHAPED BUOY

68° TRUE

94° TRUE

7° 40' TRUE

RED BARREL
SHAPED BUOY

48° 40' TRUE

96° TRUE

107° TRUE

105° TRUE

341° 20' TRUE

SEA
DANGER AREA

12° 30' TRUE

335° 30' TRUE

258° TRUE

RED PILLAR SHAPED
LIGHT BUOY
(MARKED RIFLE RANGE)

69° TRUE

241° TRUE

PORTSMOUTH ROAD

RIFLE RANGES
BROWNDOWN

BROWNDOWN
CAMP

WEST
BATTERY

EAST BATTERY

SIGNAL
FLAGSTAFF

FLAGSTAFF

CAMP
FLAGSTAFF

LEE ON SOLENT RLY

SIGNAL
FLAGSTAFF

N°1 LOOK-OUT
WATER

LEE ON SOLENT RAILWAY

HIGH

MARK

N°2 LOOK-OUT