

# BORSTAL RIFLE RANGE.

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## BYE-LAWS

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1. The area of land affected by these Bye-Laws (hereinafter called the "Danger Area") lies East of the part of the old Pilgrim's Road, between Borstal and Wouldham Common, and West of Fort Bridgewoods, and is situate in the Parishes of St. Margarets (Rochester) and Wouldham (Kent).

It is bounded as follows :—

ON THE NORTH AND WEST.—By a line drawn from Borstal Prison, through the Range Warden's Quarters (situated about midway between the targets and Nashenden Farm) to the North end of Nine Acre Wood.

ON THE SOUTH.—By a line drawn from the North end of Nine Acre Wood, thence to the South end of Well Wood, and on to a point about 100 yards South of the North-East corner of Little Monk Wood, thence to the junction of Stony Lane with Rochester and Maidstone Road.

ON THE EAST.—By the crest of the hill along the Western side of Fort Bridgewoods to Borstal Prison.

Its length, running North and South, is about 1,000 yards, its width is about 900 yards.

2. During such time as firing is taking place the Danger Area will be closed to the public except as provided in Bye-Law No. 3, and notice that the Danger Area is closed will be given as follows :—

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

On the aforesaid boundaries :—

1. At the Range Warden's Quarters.
2. Near North-East corner of Little Monk Wood.
3. Near junction of Stony Lane with Rochester and Maidstone Road.

(b) By look-out men placed where necessary to warn persons who may be approaching it.

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, or thing shall be allowed to remain thereon, and all public roads and footpaths therein will be closed, except that any person in charge of a vehicle may be permitted to pass along that portion of the road between Nashenden Farm and Upper Nashenden Farm, which lies within the Danger Area, provided that permission is first obtained from the look-out man at the Range Warden's Quarters or North-East corner of Little Monk Wood, and that the central red flag is lowered. Such vehicles shall proceed as quickly as possible without loitering.

4. Notice boards will be placed where any road or footpath enters the Danger Area.

5. The following persons, *videlicet* :—

- (1) The General Officer, Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command.
- (2) The General Officer, Commanding Thames and Medway Area.
- (3) The Officer in charge of the Ranges.
- (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, the General Officer Commanding Thames and Medway Area, or of the said Officer in charge.
- (5) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, General Officer Commanding Thames and Medway Area, or of the said Officer in charge, or
- (6) Any Constable,

shall have power and are hereby authorised—

- (i) 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.
- (ii) To remove from the Danger Area any vehicle, animal or thing found thereon, and any such vehicle, animal or thing shall be liable to forfeiture as mentioned in the aforesaid Acts.

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.

7. A map showing the limits of the Danger Area and the position of flags referred to in Bye-law No. 2, and the roads and paths affected can be inspected at the following places :—

Corporation Offices, City of Rochester ;  
Rochester Police Station ;  
Wouldham Police Station.

8. Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained at the office of the Commanding Royal Engineer, Chatham.

9. The Bye-laws dated Sixth November, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen are hereby revoked.

*Dated this twelfth day of January, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.*

(Signed) DERBY,

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

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

(Signed) A. E. J. PRICE, *Mayor.*

(Signed) APSLEY KENNETTE, *Town Clerk.*

The Parish Council of Wouldham hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws.

(Signed) THOMAS BRIDGES, *Chairman.*

(Signed) TOM HILDER, JNR., *Clerk.*