



FANHOLE RIFLE RANGE

IN THE
COUNTY OF KENT.

BYE-LAWS.

Made by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department under the provisions of the Military Lands Acts, 1892 to 1903, with the consent of the Board of Trade, and of the Dover Rural District Council for Regulating the use of the above-named Range.

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1. The land (hereinafter called "the land area") situate in the Parish of St. Margaret's at Cliffe, 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 signal is hoisted in accordance with Bye-law 5.

2. The land area is quadrilateral in shape, with its South-Eastern boundary (about 690 yards long), on the line of High Water, and extends about 900 yards inland. It is bounded as follows :—

ON THE NORTH-EAST—

By a line running from the North-East end of the 600 yards Firing Point on the North side of the St. Margaret's Upper Road (130 yards from that road and 403 yards in a North Easterly direction from the point where the road crosses the Dover-Martin Mill Light Railway) to Fan Point 640 yards 82° true from the Flagstaff at the Old Coastguard Station at Cornhill ; thence :—

ON THE SOUTH-EAST :—

By the line of High Water to a point thereon 133 yards 200° true from the Flagstaff at the Old Coastguard Station at Cornhill ; thence :—

ON THE SOUTH-WEST :—

By a line running in a North-North-Westerly direction to the North-West end of the 600 yards Firing Point ; thence :—

ON THE NORTH-WEST :—

By the line of the 600 yards Firing Point to the starting point.

3. The sea area extends out to sea about $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles from High-Water Mark. Its North-Eastern boundary follows the prolongation of the North-Eastern side of the land area for 590 yards, and then turns in a South-Easterly direction for 1,500 yards to a point, the bearings of which are :—

The end of the Admiralty Pier $249^{\circ} 30'$ (true) (S. $82^{\circ} 16'$ W. Mag.).

Flagstaff at the Old Coastguard Station, Cornhill 302° (true) (N. $45^{\circ} 14'$ W. Mag.).

The South-Western boundary of the sea area follows the prolongation of the West Side of the land area for 870 yards, and then turns in a South-Easterly direction for 1,500 yards to a point, the bearings of which are :—

The end of the Admiralty Pier $255^{\circ} 30'$ (true) (S. $88^{\circ} 16'$ W. Mag.).

Flagstaff at the Old Coastguard Station, Cornhill, $327^{\circ} 30'$ (true) (N. $19^{\circ} 44'$ W. Mag.).

The South-Eastern boundary of the sea area is the line joining the two points of which bearings are given above ; while the North-Western boundary of the sea area coincides with the portion of the line of High Water which forms the South-Eastern boundary of the land area described in Bye-law 2 above.

NOTICES.

4. Firing will take place on this Range daily throughout the Musketry season (*i.e.*, from 1st March to 30th November), and Notice of the intention to commence firing will be published at the commencement of each Musketry season, at least 24 hours before the first day of firing, at the following places :—

The Town Hall, Dover.

The Harbour Master's Office. Dover.

The Pilot Office, Dover.

The Custom House, Dover.

The Custom House, Deal.

The Coastguard Station, St. Margaret's.

Notice giving the date from which firing will be discontinued will also be published at the above places, at the termination of each Musketry Season.

In the event of Military requirements necessitating firing taking place at times other than during the Musketry Season warning will be posted 24 hours previously at the above-mentioned places, warning being sent by telephone at the same time to the Coastguard Station at St. Margarets.

SIGNALS.

5. The Signal that firing is to take place will be given by hoisting a red flag on the Staff at the Old Coastguard Station, Cornhill.

The Signal will be hoisted half an hour before firing begins, and will remain hoisted until firing has ceased.

OFFENCES.

6. During the time the land and sea areas are closed as aforesaid all roads and footpaths within the land area shall be closed (save as provided in Bye-law No. 7), and 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. The road from Dover to St. Margaret's shall be closed as provided in Bye-law No. 6 when firing is taking place from the 500 and 600 yards firing points and look-out men will be placed at each end of the road where it enters the danger area, and at a signal from the Officer in Charge of the firing point, all firing shall cease, and traffic will be allowed to cross the danger area.

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

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

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

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

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 area without loss of time.

13. The following persons, viz. :—

- (1) The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern 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 ;
- (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 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 these Bye-laws, and any such vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing shall be liable to forfeiture, as mentioned in the aforesaid Acts.

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

15. When any vessel or aircraft is within the sea area, all firing shall cease, and a second red flag will be hoisted below the flag referred to in Bye-law 5, to notify the Master or Pilot or other person in charge of the vessel or aircraft that he is within the danger area.

16. 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 or Air Council Authority.
- (e) Any aircraft compelled to alight on or unable to quit the sea area.

17. "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.

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

19. A plan showing the land and sea areas and the roads and footpaths affected can be inspected at, and copies of the Bye-laws can be obtained at the Commanding Royal Engineer's Office, Archcliffe Fort, Dover.

Dated this 25th day of March, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

(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.

The Dover Rural District Council hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws.

(Signed) F. PITTMAN KING,

Acting Chairman.

(Signed) C. DACRE CARDER.

Clerk.