



# WILLSWORTHY RANGES

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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, as amended by Regulation 52 of the Defence Regulations, 1939, and by virtue of that Regulation, for regulating the use of the above-named Ranges.

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## BYE-LAWS.

1. THESE ranges may be used for Rifles, Revolvers, Machine Guns, Light Machine Guns, Mortars, Rifle Grenades, Hand Grenades, Anti-Tank Guns, Anti-Tank Rifles and Anti-Aircraft Small Arms.

### LANDS AFFECTED.

2. THE area of land affected by these Bye-laws and set out in the Schedule hereto is hereinafter referred to as the Danger Area.

### OFFENCES DURING FIRING.

3. DURING such time as notice is given by the hoisting and display of signals, as hereinafter provided in Bye-law No. 5 that firing is taking place on the Ranges, then, so long as the said signals remain hoisted and displayed, the Danger Area, including all public roads and footpaths crossing the Danger Area, will, except as hereinafter provided in Bye-law No. 4 be closed to the public, and no unauthorised person shall enter or remain within the Danger Area, and no vehicle, animal, aircraft, or thing shall be permitted to remain therein.

### PASSAGE OF PERSONS AND TRAFFIC THROUGH DANGER AREA.

4. DURING such time as firing is taking place, as indicated by the signals provided in Bye-law No. 5 a look-out man will be posted on Hare Tor.

WHEN any person desires to pass through the Danger Area between the Red Post at Wallabrook Head (near Boundary Post No. 18) and the pile of stones (forming the North point of War Department land) to the North-East of Hare Tor, or between the aforesaid Red Post and a Red-and-White Post near the Southern extremity of Bearwalls, at any time while firing is in progress, the Look-out man will lower the Red Flag on Hare Tor as a signal for firing to cease to allow such persons to pass. Such persons will proceed as quickly as possible without loitering, and shall not pass until the danger flags are lowered.

IF firing is in progress, as indicated by the signals provided in Bye-law No. 5, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., or at any time after 6 p.m., and any traffic requires to pass at such times along the right of way from Lane End to Deadlake, the Look-out man will lower the Red Flag on Hare Tor as a signal for firing to cease, to allow such traffic to pass. Such traffic will proceed as quickly as possible without loitering and shall not pass until the danger flags are lowered.

### SIGNALS.

5.—(a) NOTICE that firing is taking place on the ranges is given by the hoisting and display on flagstaffs of RED FLAGS



BY DAY and RED LIGHTS BY NIGHT at the following places :—

1. Black Down.
2. Hare Tor.
3. White Hill.
4. Ger Tor.
5. Lane End.
6. Standon Hill.

The positions of the Flagstaffs referred to above are shown on the plan attached hereto.

(b) NOTICE to aircraft that Mortar firing is taking place will be given by exposing a suitably sited letter " F " (8 feet by 6½ feet) in black on a white background.

(c) NOTICE to aircraft that firing is taking place with light anti-aircraft weapons will be given by exposing a suitably sited letter " A " (8 feet by 8 feet 2½ inches) in black on a white background.

#### DURATION OF SIGNALS.

The signals referred to in (a) of this Bye-law will be hoisted and displayed half an hour before firing commences and will be lowered and in the case of the letters " F " and " A " referred to in (b) and (c) above, covered up immediately firing has ceased.

#### RECOVERY OF SHELL, ETC.

6. NO person shall search for or otherwise interfere with any shot, shell, bomb, bullet or other projectile or portions thereof within the Willsworthy Ranges Area or take, retain or be in possession of any such shot, shell, bomb, bullet, or other projectile, or portions thereof found within the aforesaid Ranges Area.

PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS that the provisions of this Bye-law shall not apply in cases of persons who recover shot, shell, bombs, bullets or other projectiles under the instructions of the Local Military Authority.

#### OFFICERS AUTHORISED.

7. ANY person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-law No. 3 or 6, shall be deemed to commit an offence against the Bye-law so contravened.

THE persons hereby authorised to remove or take into custody without warrant any person committing an offence against Bye-laws No. 3 or 6, or to remove any vehicle, animal or thing found on the said Danger Area in contravention of Bye-law No. 3 are :—

- (i) The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command.
- (ii) The Officer-in-Charge of Willsworthy Ranges.



- (iii) 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 or of the said Officer-in-Charge.
- (iv) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief or of the said Officer-in-Charge.
- (v) Any Constable.

#### AIRCRAFT IN DANGER.

8.—(a) WHEN any aircraft is observed flying over the Willsworthy Ranges Area at a height estimated to be less than 3,000 feet, when Mortar firing is in progress, firing will cease immediately and will not be resumed until the aircraft is out of danger.

(b) WHEN any aircraft is observed flying over the Willsworthy Ranges Area at a height estimated to be less than 10,000 feet, when firing with light Anti-Aircraft weapons is in progress, firing will cease immediately and will not be resumed until the aircraft is out of danger.

#### DATE OF OPERATION OF BYE-LAWS.

9. THESE Bye-laws shall come into force on the date hereof on and after which date the Bye-laws in respect of Willsworthy Rifle and Mortar Ranges dated the sixteenth day of January One thousand, nine hundred and thirty-five shall be revoked.

#### SCHEDULE.

##### DESCRIPTION OF LANDS AFFECTED.

THE area of land affected by these Bye-laws, comprising the danger area of the Willsworthy Ranges, is shown on the plan referred to in Notice No. 5 hereof. The area is bounded as follows :—

##### *On the North—*

By a line commencing at Watervale on the Tavistock-Okehampton Road and drawn along the entrance road to Bearwalls Farm, thence in a North-Easterly direction across the summit of Doe Tor to Willsworthy Manor Boundary Stone on the South side of the Doe Tor Brook, thence by a line drawn in a North-Easterly direction 1,220 yards to Rattlebrook Hill, thence

##### *On the East—*

By a line drawn in a South-Easterly direction to Chat Tor, and thence continuing in a South-Easterly direction turning slightly South until it meets the Rattlebrook Stream at a point



500 yards North of Deadlake Foot, thence following Rattlebrook Stream for 200 yards and continuing in a South-South-Easterly direction to Boundary Stone No. 22, and along Western Red Lake in a Southerly direction to a pile of stones marking Manor Boundary ; thence

*On the South—*

By a line drawn in a South-Westerly direction to a point 200 yards South of the summit of Standon Hill, thence in a North-Westerly direction across the River Tavy to the North-West corner of Nattor Farm, and thence in a Westerly direction to Boundary Stone on Manor Boundary ; thence

*On the West—*

By a line drawn in a Northerly direction skirting the Eastern and Northern boundaries of the Camp and continuing to Watervale Farm House.

DATED this tenth day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one.

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

(Signed) G. W. LAMBERT.

**NOTICES.**

**PENALTY FOR OFFENCES.**

(1) By Section 17 (2) of the Military Lands Act, 1892, it is provided :—

If any person commits an offence against any Bye-law under this Act he shall be liable on conviction before a Court of Summary Jurisdiction to a fine not exceeding FIVE POUNDS, and may be removed by any Constable or Officer authorised in manner provided by the Bye-law from the area, whether land or water, to which the Bye-law applies and taken into custody without warrant and brought before a Court of Summary Jurisdiction to be dealt with according to law, and any vehicle, animal or thing found in the area in contravention of any Bye-law may be removed by any Constable or such Officer as aforesaid and, on due proof of such contravention, be declared by a Court of Summary Jurisdiction to be forfeited to His Majesty.

**TIMES OF FIRING AND NOTICES.**

(2)—(a) Firing may take place on the Ranges at any time of the day or night throughout the year.



(b) Notice giving the periods during which firing will take place will be sent to the following at least 24 hours before the period starts :—

Landlord, Dartmoor Inn, Lydford, Bridestowe.  
 Landlord, Manor Hotel, Lydford, Bridestowe.  
 Landlord, Castle Hotel, Lydford.  
 Post office, Lydford.  
 The Occupier, Nattor Farm.  
 The Occupier, Lower Lane End Farm, Peter Tavy.  
 Mr. Palmer, Range Clearer, Willsworthy Farm, Peter Tavy.  
 Landlord, Elliot Arms, Mary Tavy, Tavistock.  
 Landlord, Royal Standard Inn, Mary Tavy, Tavistock.  
 Landlord, The Inn, Peter Tavy, Tavistock.  
 Landlord, Fox and Hounds, Bridestowe.  
 Station Master, Lydford.  
 Station Master, Bridestowe, Southern Railway Station.

#### ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS.

(3) Notice Boards displaying a copy of these Bye-laws are placed at each end of any roads and footpaths where they enter the said Danger Area.

#### RIGHTS OF WAY.

(4) Persons desiring to exercise rights of way (if any) other than those referred to in Bye-law No. 4, during such time as firing is in progress, will be permitted to pass over War Department property, outside the danger area, by diversions made in agreement with the Rural District Council of Tavistock.

#### WHERE PLAN OF RANGES CAN BE INSPECTED.

(5) A plan showing the limits of the Danger Area, the positions of the Signal Flags referred to in Bye-law No. 5, and the roads and footpaths affected can be inspected at the office of the Commander, Royal Engineers, Plymouth District, Royal Engineer Office, Cumberland Block, Devonport.

#### WHERE COPIES OF BYE-LAWS CAN BE OBTAINED

(6) Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained at the Office of the Commander, Royal Engineers, Plymouth District, Royal Engineer Office, Cumberland Block, Devonport.



