



MANORBIER
MACHINE GUN ANTI-AIRCRAFT
RANGE
In the County of PEMBROKESHIRE.

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 Manorbier Machine Gun Anti-Aircraft Range.

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GENERAL PROHIBITION.

1. During such time as notice is given by the hoisting of signals in manner hereinafter provided that firing is taking place in the land and sea area hereinafter referred to of the Manorbier Machine Gun Anti-Aircraft Range, the limits of which are set out in the Schedule hereto and which is within the area of the Manorbier Anti-Aircraft Artillery Range danger area, all intrusion on the land and sea area and all obstruction of the use thereof is prohibited.

Such prohibition being in addition to the prohibition provided for in the Bye-laws governing the aforesaid Manorbier Anti-Aircraft Artillery Range danger area the operation of which Bye-laws shall not be affected by these Bye-laws.

OFFENCES DURING FIRING.

2. While notice that firing is taking place in the area mentioned in Bye-law No. 1 is given by the hoisting of signals as provided in Bye-law No. 3, then in respect of the land and sea area :—

(a) No person shall enter or remain on the land area or sea area, nor bring, take or suffer to remain therein any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing except as provided in Bye-law No. 7.

(b) No vessel shall be employed in fishing in the sea area.

(c) No pleasure boat shall cruise in any part of the sea area.

(d) No vessel shall anchor or remain anchored in or ground in the sea area.

(e) No aircraft shall alight on, remain in, or travel upon the sea area.

(f) In the event of any vessel or aircraft being from any cause within the sea area, the Master or Pilot or other person in charge thereof shall use his utmost endeavours to pass out of the sea area without loss of time.

SIGNALS.

3. Notice that firing is taking place is given by the hoisting and display of the following signals :—

(a) *In respect of the sea area.*

By Day.—A Red Pennant on the flagstaff in the vicinity of Old Castle Head and the letter "A" (Land to Air Signal) will also be displayed near the firing point when practices are being carried out.

By Night.—A Red Fixed Light on the flagstaff at Old Castle Head.

(b) *In respect of the land area.*

By Day.—A Red Pennant hoisted on a staff at the position occupied by a safety party which will be stationed at North-West corner of Ordnance Survey Field 866.

By Night.—Two Red Fixed Lights arranged vertically three feet apart, hoisted on a staff in Manorbier camp.

DURATION OF SIGNALS.

The signals referred to in this Bye-law will be hoisted or displayed one hour before firing commences, and will remain hoisted or displayed until firing has ceased.

RECOVERY OF SHELL, ETC.

4. No person shall trawl, dredge, or search for, or otherwise interfere with any shot, shell or other projectile or portions thereof within the sea area, or take or retain, or be in possession of any such shot, shell or other projectile, or portions thereof, found within the sea area.

Any person who, when trawling, dredging, or in any manner whatever, shall come into possession of any such shot, shell, or other projectile, or any portion thereof, within the sea area, shall not retain them but shall immediately return them in their then condition, and without tampering with them, into the water.

Provided, nevertheless, that the provisions of this Bye-law shall not apply in case of persons who recover projectiles under written instructions from the local Naval, Military, or Royal Air Force Authorities.

OFFICERS AUTHORISED.

5. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening any of the preceding Bye-laws No. 1, 2 or 4 shall be deemed to commit an offence against the Bye-laws so contravened.

The persons hereby authorised to remove or take into custody without warrant any person committing an offence against Bye-laws No. 1, 2 or 4 or to remove any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing found in the land area or in the sea area in contravention of any of the said Bye-laws are:—

(1) The Brigadier in charge of Administration, Western 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.
- (6) Chief Fishery Officers, South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee.

WHEN VESSEL OR AIRCRAFT IN DANGER.

6. While any vessel or aircraft is within the sea area, all firing will cease, and a second Red Pennant, or an additional Red Fixed Light, will be hoisted below the Pennant or Red Fixed Light at Old Castle Head, referred to in Bye-law No. 3 (a) to notify the Master or Pilot or other person in charge of the vessel or aircraft that he is within such sea area.

EXEMPTIONS.

7. 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.
 - (f) Any vessel belonging to the Corporation of Trinity House, London, whilst employed on any Trinity House duty or service.
 - (g) Any pilot vessel when employed on pilotage duty.

INTERPRETATION.

8.—(a) “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.

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

DATE OF OPERATION OF BYE-LAWS.

9. These Bye-laws shall come into force at the date hereof.

SCHEDULE.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND AND SEA AREAS.

(a) *Land Area*.—The land area is situated on the coast at Old Castle Head about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile South-East of Manorbier and is bounded as follows :—

Commencing at a point on High Water Mark at the Southern end of Skrinkle Haven and following the High Water line Southward, Westward and Northward to the North-East corner of Conigar Pit thence by a line Northwards along the cliff edge to the North-East corner thereof and thence in a straight line in an Easterly direction to the starting point.

(b) *Sea Area*.—The Sea Area is bounded :—

On the North—

By the High Water line.

On the South—

By an arc of a circle with a radius of 3,500 yards (1.72 nautical miles) with its centre in Latitude $51^{\circ} 38' 18''$ N., Longitude $4^{\circ} 46' 56''$ W., on Admiralty Chart 1076.

On the East and West—

By lines drawn on true bearings 123° and 213° respectively from the above centre for a distance of 3,500 yards.

Dated this Twentieth day of November One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

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, vessel 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.

APPLICATION TO SEA AREA.

(2) By Section 2 (2) of the Military Lands Act, 1900, it is provided :—

Where any land, the use of which can be regulated by Bye-laws under the Military Lands Act, 1892, or this Act, abuts on any sea or tidal water, or where Rifle or Artillery practice is or can be carried on over any sea, tidal water or shore from any such land, Bye-laws may be made in relation to any such sea, tidal water or shore as if they were part of the land.

PROCEDURE FOR CLEARING SEA AREA.

(3)—(a) Vessels entering or remaining within the sea area in contravention of any of the preceding Bye-laws may, under Section 17 (2) of the Military Lands Act, 1892 (*see* (1) above), be removed from the area. In such cases any vessel acting under the order of the local Military Authorities will, when necessary, tow the offending vessel out of the area.

(b) Masters of vessels entering or remaining within the sea area by reason of the exigencies of navigation and exempt from the operation of the Bye-laws under Bye-law No. 7 (b) are requested to assist the carrying out of Machine Gun Practice by consenting to be towed out of the area, if necessary, by any vessel acting under the orders of the local Naval, Military or Royal Air Force Authorities.

TIMES OF FIRING.

(4) Firing will take place on the range during any period throughout the year.

Except when night firing occurs, no firing will take place between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. the following morning.

In normal circumstances night firing will not last after 2 a.m.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF FIRING.

(5) Public notification that firing will take place will be given 24 hours previously, to the following :—

- (a) Police Office, Tenby ;
- (b) Harbour Master, Tenby ;
- (c) Officer in Charge of Coast Guard, Tenby ;
- (d) Royal Air Force, H.M. Dockyard, Pembroke Dock.
- (e) Trawler Owners' Association, The Dock, Milford Haven ;
- (f) St. Ann's Head Signal Station ;
- (g) Fishery Officer, 26, King's Road, Mumbles.

ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS DURING FIRING.

(6) Safety parties will be stationed on each boundary of the Land Area during firing, at the following points :—

Eastern Party on top of cliff above the High Water Mark
Southern end of Skrinkle Haven.

Western Party on top of cliff at North-Eastern Corner of
Conigar Pit.

WHERE BYE-LAWS CAN BE OBTAINED AND PLAN OF THE RANGE INSPECTED.

(7) Copies of these Bye-laws and a plan of the range can be inspected at :—

- (a) Police Station at Tenby ;
- (b) The Post Office at Manorbier ;
- (c) The Harbour Master's Office, Tenby ;
- (d) The Clerk, Sea Fisheries Committee, Wyndham Chambers,
Bridgend ;
- (e) The Offices of the Trawler Owners' Association, Milford
Haven.

(7a) Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained free on application to :—

- (a) The Officer Commanding Troops, Pembroke Dock ;
- (b) The Commander, Royal Engineers, Welsh Area, Shrewsbury.

FACILITIES TO FISHERMEN.

(8) The Commandant, Manorbier Camp (if Manorbier is not occupied, the Officer in Charge Machine Gun Anti-Aircraft Practice), will afford to fishermen in pursuit of their occupation over the sea area every facility consistent with the carrying out of the firing connected with the range.

AIRCRAFT WARNING.

(9) Aircraft are warned not to fly in the vicinity of this range while firing is in progress and no liability for accidents to aircraft arising from the use of the range can be admitted.

NOTE.

The Land and Sea Danger Area which can be closed by these Bye-laws forms part of the larger Land and Sea Area governed by the Manorbier Anti-Aircraft Artillery Range Bye-Laws and when the latter area is closed the Area (*i.e.*, the Manorbier Machine Gun Anti-Aircraft Range) dealt with in these Bye-Laws will also be closed under the Manorbier Anti-Aircraft Artillery Range Bye-Laws.