



RYE RIFLE RANGE,

IN THE
COUNTY OF SUSSEX.

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 for regulating the use of the above-named Range.

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BYE-LAWS.

1. The area of sea and foreshore (hereinafter called "the area") abutting on the Parish of Icklesham, within the limits hereinafter mentioned and described shall be closed to all persons to allow of rifle firing while the warning signals are hoisted in accordance with Bye-law 3, and is bounded as follows:—

On the North:—By the line of High Water extending between the poles erected as under:—

The Eastern pole 850 yards South-West of Rye Harbour Beacon and the Western pole about 170 yards due East of Rye Harbour Lifeboat House. Each pole is surmounted by a triangle, the apex of which points upwards.

On the East:—By a line drawn from the Eastern of the two poles on High-Water Mark above described, in a direction 143° True ($S. 24^{\circ}$ E. Mag.) until a point is reached from which Rye Harbour Beacon is seen bearing $3\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ True ($N. 16^{\circ} 30'$ E. Mag.); thence:—

On the South:—By a line bearing 233° True ($S. 66^{\circ}$ W. Mag.) until a point is reached from which the Western of the two poles on High-Water Mark, above described, is seen bearing 323° True ($N. 24^{\circ}$ W. Mag.); thence:—

On the West:—By a line bearing 323° True ($N. 24^{\circ}$ W. Mag.) to the Western pole on High-Water Mark.

NOTE.—To enable an observer at sea to know when he is within the area, a second pair of poles, each carrying a triangle at the top, but with the apex of the triangle pointing downwards, is erected at a distance of about 480 yards inland from the pair of poles on High-Water Mark previously described.

The observer will be aware that he is within the area if both the inland poles are seen anywhere *between* the two seaward poles; and if also he is within 1,000 yards of High-Water Mark. The four poles and triangles are painted black and white to make them as conspicuous as possible.

NOTICES.

2. Firing on the Range will be restricted to the period from April to October (inclusive) annually, during which period firing will take place on Saturdays (after noon) and Sundays only.

Notice that firing will take place will be given 24 hours previously to the following places :—

The Coastguard Station, Rye Harbour.
 The Coastguard Station, Pett.
 The Coastguard Station, Jury's Gap.
 The Custom House, Rye.

SIGNALS.

3. The signals that the area is closed as aforesaid will be given by hoisting red flags as follows :—

- (a) On the Inland pair of poles referred to in Bye-law No. 1.
- (b) On a Flagstaff situated behind the 600 yards firing point.

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

During such time as the area is closed as aforesaid sentries will also be posted at the following points for the purpose of securing the safety of persons approaching or desiring to cross the area of land lying approximately between the Northern boundary of the area described in Bye-law No. 1 and the 600 yards firing point :—

- (1) At a point marked by a post, painted white, about 470 yards East-South-East of the Flagstaff referred to in (b) above.
- (2) At a point marked by a post, painted white, about 1,330 yards East-South-East of the Flagstaff referred to in (b) above.
- (3) At a point marked by the Eastern pole of the inland pair of poles referred to in the " Note " to Bye-law No. 1
- (4) At the point on High-Water Mark, marked by the Eastern pole, 850 yards South-West of Rye Harbour, referred to in Bye-law No. 1.
- (5) At the point on High-Water Mark, marked by the Western pole, about 170 yards due East of Rye Harbour Lifeboat House, referred to in Bye-law No. 1.
- (6) At a point marked by a post, painted white, about 1,430 yards South-South-East of the Flagstaff referred to in (b) above.

All firing will cease when any person desires to cross the said area of land on notification being made to any one of the sentries above referred to.

OFFENCES.

4. During the time the area is closed as aforesaid no person shall enter or remain within such area, nor bring, take, nor suffer to remain therein any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing.

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

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

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

8. No aircraft shall alight on, remain in or travel upon the area while closed.

9. In the event of any vessel or aircraft being from any cause within the 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.

10. The following persons, namely :—

(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 power and are hereby authorised :—

(1) To remove from the 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 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.

11. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening any of the preceding Bye-laws, numbered 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 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.

12. When any vessel or aircraft is within the area all firing shall cease, and a second red flag will be hoisted below the flags referred to in Bye-law 3 (a) to notify the Master or Pilot or other person in charge of the vessel or aircraft that he is within the danger area.

13. These Bye-laws shall not apply to:—

- (a) Any vessel entering or passing through the area in the ordinary course of navigation.
- (b) Any vessel compelled to enter or unable to quit the 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 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 area.
- (f) Any vessel or person employed or assisting under the authority of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

14. "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.

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

16. The Bye-laws for Rye Rifle Range, dated Ninth June, One thousand nine hundred and fifteen, are hereby revoked.

Dated this nineteenth day of October One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

(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.

1st November, 1927.

NOTE.—Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained, and a plan showing the boundaries of the area can be inspected at the Drill Hall, Rye, The Drill Hall, Middle Street, Hastings, and at 34, West Street, Brighton.