



WHITE SANDS RIFLE RANGE

(NEAR DUNBAR),
IN THE COUNTY OF EAST LoTHIAN.

BYE-LAWS

Made by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for
the War Department, with the consent of the Board
of Trade, under the Provisions of the Military Lands
Acts, 1892 to 1903, 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 Dunbar, 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 situated in White Sands Bay (about two miles E.S.E. of Dunbar Church). It is roughly triangular in shape, its apex being marked by a flagstaff about 130 yards E.S.E. of Strand House, White Sands Bay, and its base extending about 300 yards along High Water Mark. When the range is in use, this flagstaff will be surmounted by a red flag. The North West and South East corners of the land area are marked by posts erected just above High Water Mark and painted black and white to make them as conspicuous as possible. These posts are respectively about 130 yards, bearing 22° true; and 270 yards bearing 102° true from Strand House.

3. The area of foreshore and sea which shall be closed extends out to sea for about 3,000 yards from High Water Mark and is bounded as follows :—

*On the West :—*By a line starting from a point on High Water Mark just below the above described black and white post which marks the North West corner of the land area, and drawn in a direction 22° true (N. $37^{\circ} 10'$ E. Mag.), until a point is reached (about 1,340 yards out from High Water Mark) from which Barns Ness Lighthouse is seen bearing $147^{\circ} 30'$ true (S. $17^{\circ} 20'$ E. Mag.), then continuing in a direction 36° true (N. $51^{\circ} 10'$ E. Mag.) until a point is reached (about 3,000 yards from High Water Mark) from which Barns Ness Lighthouse is seen

bearing 177° true (S. $12^{\circ} 10'$ W. Mag.) and the flagstaff near Strand House marking the inland corner of the land area above described, is seen bearing $206\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ true (S. $41^{\circ} 40'$ W. Mag.) thence :—

On the North :—By a line drawn in a direction 126° true (S. $38^{\circ} 50'$ E. Mag.) for about 1,033 yards, until a point is reached from which Barns Ness Lighthouse is seen bearing 197° true (S. $32^{\circ} 10'$ W. Mag.), and the flagstaff near Strand House marking the inland corner of the land area above described, is seen bearing 226° true (S. $61^{\circ} 10'$ W. Mag.). Thence :—

On the East :—By a line drawn in a direction 216° true (S. $51^{\circ} 10'$ W. Mag.) for about 1,500 yards until a point is reached from which Barns Ness Lighthouse is seen bearing 169° true (S. $4^{\circ} 10'$ W. Mag.); then continuing in a direction 231° true (S. $66^{\circ} 10'$ W. Mag.) for about 1,500 yards to a point on High Water Mark just below the above described black and white post which marks the South East corner of the land area.

On the South :—By the line of High Water to the starting point.

NOTICES.

4. Firing on the Range will be restricted to the months of July and August. Notification that firing will take place will be given, 24 hours previously, to the Coast Guard Station at Dunbar, and to the Dunbar Harbour Office.

SIGNALS.

5. The signal that the land and sea areas are closed to the public will be given by hoisting a red flag on the flagstaff, described in Bye-law 2. This signal will be hoisted one hour before firing commences and will remain hoisted until firing has ceased.

Sentries will also be posted at the North West and South East corners of the land area, to warn persons who may be approaching the area.

OFFENCES.

6. During the time the land and sea areas are closed as aforesaid, no person shall enter or remain within either area nor bring, take or suffer to remain therein any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing.

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

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

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

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

11. 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.

12. The following persons, viz. :—

- (1) The Officer-in-Charge of the Range ;
- (2) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or any Military Policeman for the time being under the command of the said Officer-in-Charge ;
- (3) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said Officer-in-Charge ; or
- (4) Any Constable,

shall have power and are hereby authorised :—

- (i) to remove from the land area or the sea area and take into custody without a 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.
- (ii) to remove from the land area or the sea 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.

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

14. When any vessel or aircraft is within danger in the sea area all firing shall cease and a second red flag will be hoisted below the first flag on the flagstaff 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.

15. 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.

16. " 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.

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

NOTE.—A plan showing the land and sea areas and footpaths affected and the position of the flagstaff can be seen at the City of Edinburgh Territorial Army and Air Force Association Offices, 8, Wemyss Place, Edinburgh, and copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained at the same office.

Dated this Second day of July, 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.

Dated this Twentieth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

NOTE.—The Local Military Authorities, when possible, will afford to fishermen every facility to pursue their occupation over the whole sea danger area of the Range, provided that serious interference is not caused thereby to the carrying out of essential firing practice.