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1. The War Department property at Shoeburyness, Havengore, New England and Foulness Islands and the foreshore and sea abutting thereon and adjacent thereto shall, within the boundaries and to the extent hereinafter mentioned and described, be closed at the times hereinafter mentioned to all persons, unless provided with a pass signed by the local Military Authority. The total area of land and sea affected when firing takes place will differ according to the practice carried out. The land is divided into two areas (Land Area No. 1 and Land Area No. 2) more particularly referred to below.

LAND AREA No. 1.

2. The area of land (hereinafter called "Land Area No. 1") consists of and includes all War Department property, including the Saltings, sea walls and beach down to High Water mark on the mainland, from Signal No. 1 (Bye-law 7a) as far as the War Department boundary on Havengore Creek (Signal No. 6) and the whole of Havengore Island, Saltings and beach down to High Water mark and shall, subject to Bye-law No. 5, be closed at all times.

LAND AREA No. 2.

3. The area of land (hereinafter called "Land Area No. 2") consists of and includes New England Island and the Saltings, sea walls and beach down to High Water mark and the South-West portion of Foulness Island to the South of a line of posts commencing at a point on the sea wall about 300 yards South-West of Eastwick Head (Signal No. 9); thence in a North-Westerly and Westerly direction through Signal No. 10 to a point on the sea wall on the River Roach at the Ferry North of Small Gains Farm (Signal No. 11) and thence to a point on the sea wall on the South-West side of the Island approximately opposite to the point where Shelford Creek joins New England Creek, and shall be closed when Signals Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 (Bye-law 7b) are shown.

SEA AREA.

4. The area of foreshore and sea which shall be closed (hereinafter called the "sea area") is bounded as follows:—

On the North, starting from a point on High Water mark 750 yards East of Crouch House by a line drawn to the present charted position of the Ridge Buoy (Whitaker Channel), and thence by a line drawn to the present charted position of the South Whitaker Buoy, and thence

On the East and South-East, by a line drawn to the present charted position of the Maplin Buoy; thence by a line drawn to

the present charted position of the Blacktail Spit Buoy; and thence

On the South and South-West, by a line drawn to the present charted position of the South Shoebury Buoy; and thence by a line drawn to the present charted position of the West Shoebury Buoy from which Signal No. 1 bears 27° (true) (N. 41° E. Mag.); and thence

On the West, by a line drawn to Signal No. 1 at High Water mark; and thence

On the North-West, by the line of High Water to the War Department Boundary on Havengore Creek (Signal No. 6); thence to a point at High Water mark on Havengore Island opposite Signal No. 6; thence in a North-Westerly direction following the line of High Water mark to the North end of Havengore Island; thence to High Water mark at the North end of New England Island; thence to High Water Mark on Foulness Island opposite the North end of New England Island; and thence following the line of High Water mark round the South of Foulness Island to the starting point.

The Sea Area shall not include and these Bye-laws shall not apply to:—

That portion of the foreshore and sea (hereinafter referred to as "the Shoeburyness Anchorage") lying to the East of Shoeburyness, which is bounded as follows, that is to say:—

On the North-East, by a line about 300 yards in length from Signal No. 3 to Artillery Buoy No. 3; thence

On the South-East, by a line about 666 yards in length from Buoy No. 3 to Buoy No. 2; thence

On the South, by a line about 400 yards in length from Buoy No. 2 to Artillery Buoy No. 1; thence

On the West, by a line about 100 yards in length from Buoy No. 1 to Signal No. 2.

Those portions of the sea area which are for the time being uncovered by the sea shall be closed at all times whilst so uncovered (except that the Broomway shall not be closed for use as a highway otherwise than as provided by Bye-law 5), and those portions of the sea area which are for the time being covered by the sea shall, whilst so covered, be closed for the purpose of firing during such times as the signals hereinafter provided are, and remain hoisted.

Provided that the portion of the sea area which is bounded

On the South, by a line from Shoeburyness to the Southern Beacon at the Western End of the Admiralty measured mile thence

On the South-East, by a line to the charted position of the Maplin Buoy; thence

On the North-East, by a line to Fisherman's Head, Foulness; and thence

On the North-West, by a line following the line of High Water mark on the coast line and crossing the southern ends of New England, Shelford and Havengore Creeks to the starting point, shall be closed at all times, whether the signals are hoisted or not (except that the Broomway shall not be closed for use as a highway otherwise than as provided by Bye-law 5).

ROADS.

5. (1) CHASEWAY. The way giving access to Wakering Stairs by the route known as the Chaseway, commencing from a point about 650 feet east of Cupid's Corner and continuing thence in a South-Easterly direction to the sea wall and thence along the sea wall to the Stairs, shall be continuously closed at all times.

(2) A New Road is proposed to be made from a point by Landwick Cottages and running about East-North-East to and across Havengore Creek to Havengore Island to a point about 80 yards from the sea wall and branching thence in an East-South-Easterly direction to Havengore Head and continuing thence in a southerly direction to a point on the Broomway opposite Havengore Creek (hereinafter called "the War Department Havengore-Broomway Road").

As soon as the War Department Havengore-Broomway road above referred to is completed and available for traffic the existing Wakering Stairs road from a point about 180 yards North of Samuel's Corner to Wakering Stairs, and that portion of the Broomway between Wakering Stairs and the point opposite Havengore Creek where the War Department Havengore-Broomway road joins the Broomway, shall be continuously closed at all times.

3) A NEW PERMANENT ROAD TO FOULNESS ISLAND is proposed to be made from a point by Landwick Cottages and following the War Department Havengore-Broomway road to the point about 80 yards from the sea wall on Havengore Island above referred to, and continuing thence in a North-Easterly direction across New England and Shelford Creeks to Foulness Island (hereinafter called the "War Department Havengore-Foulness road").

As soon as the War Department Havengore-Foulness road above referred to is completed and available for traffic the following roads shall be continuously closed at all times.

(a) The portion of the War Department Havengore-Broomway road between the point about 80 yards from the sea wall on Havengore Island (where it branches across the Island to Havengore Head and thence to the Broomway) and the point on the Broomway opposite Havengore Creek (where it joins the Broomway);

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Empower

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(b) The existing Wakering Stairs road from a point about 180 yards North of Samuel's Corner to Wakering Stairs and the Broomway from Wakering Stairs to Fisherman's Head or so much thereof respectively as shall not have already been continuously closed under sub-clause (2) of this Bye-law.

(4) Notices will be posted at convenient points when any road becomes closed under the provisions of this Bye-law.

(5) During such time as Land Area No. 2 is closed any road open for traffic for the time being on any portion of Land Area No. 1 or Land Area No. 2 may be temporarily closed and all traffic thereon may be stopped: Provided, however, that traffic to Foulness Island, via the War Department Havengore-Foulness road, shall not be suspended at any time for a period of more than four hours consecutively, and that there shall be an interval of at least three hours between any two periods of suspension.

(6) During such time as Land Area No. 2 is closed any portion of the Broomway which has not become continuously closed under the provisions of this Bye-law shall be and remain temporarily closed and all traffic thereon shall be stopped (*but see special note at end of the Bye-laws*).

NOTICES.

6. (a) As under present conditions Artillery practice may be carried out continuously day and night, no notices of such practice will be issued, but practice by night without notice will be limited to the danger area described in the proviso to Bye-law 4.

(b) Notifications of the closing of Land Area No. 2 will be made by notices to Postmasters and Police at Shoeburyness, Wakering, Foulness and Burnham.

Notices will also be exhibited on the day previous to the closing at Signals Nos. 6 to 12 inclusive.

SIGNALS.

7. (a) Signals that those portions of the sea area (other than those which are to be closed at all times in accordance with the proviso to Bye-law 4) which are for the time being covered by the sea are closed for the purpose of firing will be given by a red flag hoisted at the following places, viz. :—

Signal No. 1. On the Shore at the extreme West end of War Department property adjoining South Shoebury Common.

Signal No. 2. On the Shore at East of Rampart Street.

Signal No. 3. On the Shore at East End of Blackgate Road.

Signal No. 4. On the Shore near the High Explosive Testing Butt at the seaward end of the Chaseway from Cupid's Corner to the shore.

Signal No. 5. At Wakering Stairs.

Signal No. 6. On sea wall at the War Department boundary on Havengore Creek.

(b) Signals that Land Area No. 2 is closed for the purpose of firing will be given by a red flag hoisted at the following places, viz. :—

Signal No. 7. At Samuel's Corner.

Signal No. 8. On sea wall near Sharpness Farm, Havengore.

Signal No. 9. On sea wall about 300 yards South-West of Eastwick Head, Foulness.

Signal No. 10. On the War Department Road on Foulness where this road crosses the Northern Boundary of Land Area No. 2.

Signal No. 11. On sea wall near the Ferry North of Small Gains Farm, Foulness.

Signal No. 12. At Fisherman's Head.

The above Signals, Nos. 7 to 12 inclusive, will be hoisted when Land Area No. 2 is to be closed two hours before firing commences and will remain hoisted until firing has ceased.

OFFENCES.

8. All intrusion upon Land Area No. 1 or upon Land Area No. 2 while closed, or upon any portion of the sea area which is for the time being uncovered by the sea, or upon any portion of the sea area which is for the time being covered by the sea but is closed for firing, or upon any way or road or portion of a way or road situate within any of the said areas which is closed either continuously or temporarily under any of the provisions of these Bye-laws, is prohibited, and no person shall, without a pass signed by the local Military Authority, come or remain thereon or therein or bring or take or suffer to remain thereon or therein any vehicle, horse, vessel or thing.

Provided that vessels wishing to obtain access to or from the Shoeburyness Anchorage will be permitted to do so at any time when the whole of the sea area is not closed, provided that all movement is restricted to daylight hours; and such vessels when entering or leaving the anchorage must take the shortest possible route from or to the southern boundary of that portion of the sea area which is closed at all times in accordance with the proviso to Bye-law 4.

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 upon any part of the sea area while closed except within an anchorage bounded as follows (hereinafter referred to as "the Foulness Anchorage") :—

On the North by a line drawn in the direction 98° true (S. 68° E. Mag.), 1,000 yards, from a point about 400 yards North-East of Fisherman's Head; thence

On the East by a line to a point bearing 135° true (S. 31° E. Mag.) from Shelford Head and distant 400 yards therefrom; thence

On the South by a line drawn to Shelford Head.

Provided, however, that when Land Area No. 2 is closed and Signals Nos. 7 to 12 inclusive are shown, the personnel of any vessel grounded within that portion of the anchorage South of Signal No. 9 may be removed while the said area is closed.

11. No vessel shall enter or leave the Foulness Anchorage when the whole of the sea area is closed and no vessel shall enter or leave the said anchorage except by crossing the Northern boundary thereof referred to in Bye-law 10 when the whole of the sea area is not closed.

12. In the event of any vessel being from any cause within any part of the sea area while closed, and not using the anchorage defined in Bye-law 10, the Master or other person in charge thereof shall use his utmost endeavours to pass out of the said area without loss of time, and shall, where necessary, consent to be towed out of the said area by any vessel under orders of the local Military Authority.

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

Any person who when trawling, dredging, or in any manner whatsoever shall come into possession of any such shot, shell, or other projectile, or portions 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 this Bye-law shall not apply in the case of persons who recover projectiles under written instructions from the local Naval or Military Authority.

14. The following persons, viz. :—

The Officer Commanding Troops, Shoeburyness, the Superintendent of Experiments, any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, or Military Police, for the time being under the command of the said Officer Commanding Troops, or of the said Superintendent, or any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said Officer Commanding Troops or the said Superintendent, or any Constable, shall have power and is hereby authorised :—

- (1) To remove from the land areas 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 areas or the sea area any vehicle, horse, vessel or thing found therein in contravention of any of these Bye-laws; and any such vehicle, horse, vessel or thing shall be liable to forfeiture, as mentioned in the aforesaid Acts.

- (3) In the event of a vessel anchoring or grounding within the sea area, to remove all personnel from such vessel and proceed with the Artillery practice: Provided, however, that the provisions of this sub-section shall not apply to vessels anchored or grounded within the anchorage as defined in Bye-law 10 except under the conditions given in that Bye-law.

15. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening any of the preceding Bye-laws, Nos. 8 to 13 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 £5.

GENERAL.

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

- (a) Any vessel entering or passing through the sea area (other than that part of the sea area which is described in the proviso to Bye-law 4) in the ordinary course of navigation (but subject to the provisions of Bye-law 9).
- (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 replacing any of the mark buoys or other navigation aids within the sea area in respect of which due notice of intention to enter the sea area has been given to the Officer Commanding Troops, Shoeburyness.
- (d) H.M. Ships or any vessel employed under Admiralty Authority.

17. These Bye-laws shall come into operation at the date hereof, on and after which day the Bye-laws respecting Shoeburyness Ranges, dated 8th day of May, 1895, shall be suspended.

18. "Vessel" in these Bye-laws includes ship, yacht, lighter, boat or craft of every kind, and whether navigated by steam, motor, sail, oars or otherwise.

NOTE.—The local Military Authority will afford to the fishermen in the pursuit of their occupation over the whole area now proclaimed every facility, consistent with the carrying out of the Artillery practice connected with the Artillery Ranges, and when Land Area No. 2 is closed every facility, consistent with essential Military requirements, will be given for access to and from Foulness Island in case of extreme civil urgency.

Dated this Twenty-seventh day of March, One thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

(Signed) R. H. BRADE,

*On behalf of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
for the War Department.*

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