



ROYAL TANK CORPS CENTRE

Bovington Camp in the County of Dorset

Military Lands

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BYE-LAWS

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OFFENCES

1. No costermonger, hawker, pedlar, huckster, marine store or other dealer, or rag and bone and bottle gatherer, or book-maker or racing or betting tout, or vendor of newspapers or any kind of literature, or vendor of refreshments, or photographer, or person engaged in any similar traffic or occupation to any of those specified or any tradesman or his agents or servants, unless in possession of a Pass, issued under the Authority of the Major-General i/c Administration, Southern Command, shall intrude, or enter, or be upon the said War Department lands for the purpose of selling, buying, or trafficking or otherwise carrying on his or her or any like business or calling.

2. No person shall deposit or distribute or cause to be deposited or distributed upon the said War Department lands any handbills, literature or other printed matter of any description.

3. No person shall, without the authority of the Major-General i/c Administration, Southern Command, cause to assemble or attempt to cause to assemble, upon the said War Department lands any number of persons or address any such persons when assembled.

4. No person, without the authority of the Major-General i/c Administration, Southern Command, shall affix any posters, bills or notices of any description in or on the boundaries or walls of the said War Department lands.

5. No person shall enter or be upon the said War Department lands for the purpose of committing a nuisance or of idling, loitering or behaving in an indecent or disorderly manner, or for the purpose of gaming, betting or wagering.

6. No person shall enter or be upon the said War Department lands for the purpose of carrying, or of applying for permission to carry, the kits of soldiers or other persons, or of obtaining any other kind of casual employment.

7. No person shall enter or be upon the said War Department lands for the purpose of removing cartridge cases, lead from the Butts, or any kind of metal or other material, unless duly authorised and in possession of a Pass issued under the authority of the Major-General i/c Administration, Southern Command.

8. No person whatever shall continue on the said War Department lands after being warned off by an Officer or by any person acting under the authority of an Officer. Nor shall any vehicle, animal or thing be allowed to remain on the said lands after the owner, or the person for the time being in charge thereof, shall have been warned to remove the same by an Officer or by any person acting under the authority of an Officer.

9. No person, unless in possession of a Pass, issued under the authority of the Major-General i/c Administration, Southern Command, shall camp, whether in tents or caravans or otherwise, or bivouac, or sleep out upon the said War Department lands.

10. No person, without the authority of an Officer, shall deposit broken glass or other rubbish upon the said War Department lands.

11. No night walker or common prostitute shall locate herself in, or trespass on, or resort to the said War Department lands for the purpose of prostitution.

12. No person, without the authority of the Commander, Royal Engineers, of the Area, shall cut grass or growing crops or cut and remove turf, or use the said War Department lands for the purpose of grazing any horse, cow, sheep, or other animal.

13. No person, without the authority of the Commander, Royal Engineers, of the Area, shall cut or deface any growing trees or shrubs or remove any timber, trees, shrubs or wild flower roots from the said War Department lands, nor shall any person enter or be upon the said lands for the purpose of damaging trees or other property situated on the said lands.

14. No person shall enter or be upon the said War Department lands for the purpose of pursuing or killing game or other birds or animals, or of fishing in any waters within the said lands, without the authority of the Commander, Royal Engineers.

15. No person, without the authority of an Officer, shall light a fire on the said War Department lands for any purpose whatever; nor shall any person, by throwing down lighted or live matches, or in any other way do anything causing or tending to cause a fire to break out on the said lands.

16. No person shall ride a horse or bicycle or drive any motor-car or other vehicle upon any footpath by the side of any War Department road maintained by the War Department and situate on the said War Department lands.

17. No driver of a hackney carriage, taxi-cab or other vehicle shall enter or be upon the said War Department lands for the purpose of plying for hire, without a Pass issued under the authority of the Major-General i/c Administration, Southern Command.

18. No person unless in possession of a Pass issued under the authority of the Major-General i/c Administration, Southern Command, shall ride any horse or bicycle, or drive any horse-drawn vehicle, motor-car, motor-cycle or other mechanically propelled vehicle on any War Department land or any road or part of a road maintained by the War Department and situate on the said War Department lands except Cologne Road.

19. Subject to the restrictions contained in Bye-Laws Nos. 16, 17 and 18, the public may ride any horse or bicycle or drive any horse-drawn vehicle, motor-car, motor-cycle or other mechanically propelled vehicle on any road which is maintained by the War Department and situate on the said War Department land, when such road is not being used for any military purpose, but in such case:-

(i) The rider of any such horse or bicycle or the driver of any such horse-drawn vehicle, motor-car, motor-cycle or other mechanically propelled vehicle, shall, at the request of a military policeman in uniform, or of a War Department constable in uniform, or if such military policeman or War Department constable put up his hand as a signal for that purpose, stop and not proceed further until a signal to proceed is given.

(ii) The rider of any such bicycle or the driver of any such horse-drawn vehicle, motor-car, motor-cycle or other mechanically propelled vehicle, shall not drive over such roads without a light between the hours of one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise during summer time, or between the hours of half-an-hour after sunset and half-an-hour before sunrise during winter time. The provisions of this sub-section are in addition to and not in derogation of any existing statute local or other bye-laws or regulations which may now or hereafter be in force.

RIGHTS OF WAY

20. Nothing in these Bye-Laws shall affect any public right of way, but subject as aforesaid the expression "lands" or "War Department Lands" shall include all roads on such lands.

WAR DEPARTMENT TENANTS

21. Nothing in these Bye-laws shall affect the rights of the tenants of the War Department under their agreement with the War Department.

CONTRAVENTION OF BYE-LAWS

22. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening any of the preceding Bye-Laws number 1 to 19 shall be deemed to commit an offence against the Bye-Law so contravened.

OFFICERS AUTHORISED

23. The persons hereby authorised to remove or to take into custody without warrant any person committing an offence against any of the preceding Bye-Laws numbered 1 to 19, or to remove any vehicle, animal or thing found on the said War Department lands in contravention of any of these Bye-Laws are:-

- (1) The Major-General in charge of Administration, Southern Command.
- (2) The Commander, Royal Engineers, of the Area.
- (3) The Officer in charge of any of the said War Department lands.
- (4) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or Military Policeman or War Department Constable in uniform, for the time being under the Command of the said Major-General in charge of Administration, Southern Command, or of the said Commander, Royal Engineers.
- (5) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said Major-General in charge Administration, Southern Command, the said Commander, Royal Engineers, or of the said Officer in charge; or
- (6) Any Constable.

DATE OF OPERATION OF THESE BYE-LAWS

24. These Bye-Laws shall come into force on the ninth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, on and after which date the Bye-laws in respect of Bovington Camp, Military Lands, dated Nineteenth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, shall be revoked.

SCHEDULE

The War Department lands, to which the foregoing Bye-Laws apply, are situated at Bovington Camp, and include the War Department lands lying between Gallows Hill on the East, and Clouds Hill on the West, Wool Station on the South, and Brockhill House on the North, and comprising the following Heaths: Bovington, Wool, Turners Puddle, Chamberlayne's and Woolbridge.

Dated this eighth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six.

(Signed) DUFF COOPER.

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

NOTICES

PENALTY FOR OFFENCES

1. By section 17(2) of the Military Lands Act, 1892, it is provided that:-

If any person commits an offence against any Byelaw 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 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.

INSPECTION OF MAP SHOWING LANDS AFFECTED

2. The lands described in the Schedule hereto, together with all Buildings thereon, to which these Bye-laws apply, are shown on a plan which may be inspected at the office of the Commander, Royal Engineers, of the Area.

WHERE BYE-LAWS CAN BE OBTAINED

3. Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained at the Headquarters, Royal Tank Corps Centre, Bovington Camp, by any person who desires to obtain the same.

Notwithstanding any fine limit mentioned in the above byelaws the current maximum fine as at 01/09/2008 is the sum of £500 being the maximum on level 2 of the standard scale.