

# **Blandford Downs Rifle Range, In the County of Dorset.**

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## **B Y E - L A W S**

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 the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914, made under the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914.



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# BYE-LAWS

1. The area of land affected by these Bye-laws (hereinafter called the " Danger area ") is situate about 5 miles North-east of Blandford, and lies on the Southern side of the main road from Blandford to Salisbury, and includes the Southern portion of Tarrant Hinton Down, and the greater portion of Launceston Down and Crichel Down, in the Parishes of Tarrant Hinton, Tarrant Launceston, Tarrant Monkton, and Long Crichel, in the County of Dorset.

It is bounded as follows :—

By a line commencing at the North-East corner of the area (at the junction of the Long Crichel road with the main road) and running in a South-Easterly direction for about 1,800 yards to a pole at the junction of a fence which is about 270 yards South-West of Higher Farm on the Long Crichel road, and then continuing still in a South-Easterly direction for about 1,050 yards, crossing the road from Long Crichel to Tarrant Monkton to a pole on a fence about 400 yards from the latter road, and thence running in a Southerly direction along the side of this fence for about 500 yards to a flag-hole at the fence North of Horse Down ; and thence continuing in a South-Westerly direction between Horse Down and Crichel Down, passing through about the centre of Launceston Wood (at a flag-pole) and Redland Plantation to a pole on the Western edge at the junction of a fence which is about 170 yards North of the bridle road, where it passes into the wood ; and thence running in a Northerly direction along the Western edge to the flag-pole at the junction of the roads at the North-West corner of Redland Plantation ; and thence continuing in a North-Westerly direction for about 1,000 yards to a pole at the South-West corner of the field which lies South of Hyde Hill Plantation, and then running North-

Easterly through and to the North-East corner of Hyde Hill Plantation to a flag-pole at the North-West corner of the area (about 170 yards North-East of Old Turnpike), continuing along the southern side of the main road for about 840 yards to the starting point.

Its length, running North-East and South-West, is about 3,250 yards, its extreme width is about 2,000 yards.

2. During such time as firing is taking place the Danger area will be closed to the public, and notice that the Danger area is closed will be given as follows :—

(a) By Red Flags hoisted at the following places :—

1. On N.W. corner of the area, about 170 yards N.E. of Old Turnpike.
2. On E. side of Danger area on the Tarrant Monkton and Long Crichel road.
3. On W. side of Danger area on the Tarrant Monkton and Long Crichel road.
4. On edge of Danger area, N. of Horse Down.
5. On footpath on E. side of Launceston Wood.

(b) By look-out men placed around the Danger area to warn persons who may be approaching it.

3. No person shall enter or remain within the Danger area when and during the time the flags are hoisted as aforesaid, and no vehicle, horse or thing shall be allowed to remain thereon, and all public roads and footpaths therein will be closed.

4. Notice Boards, with a copy of these Bye-laws, will be placed where any road or footpath enters the Danger area.

5. The following persons, viz. :—

- (1) The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Southern Command.
- (2) The Officer in charge of the Range,
- (3) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-commissioned officer or Military Police for the time being under the Command of the said General Officer Commanding in Chief, or of the said Officer in charge,

(4) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said General Officer Commanding in Chief, of the said Officer in charge, or

(5) Any constable,

shall have power and are hereby authorised :—

(i.) To remove from the Danger 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 Bye-law No. 3.

(ii.) To remove from the Danger area any vehicle horse or thing found thereon.

6. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-law No. 3 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.

7. A map showing the limits of the Danger area and the position of flags referred to in Bye-law No. 2, and the roads and paths affected, can be inspected at the Range and the Local Post Offices and Police Stations.

8. Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained at the offices of the Commanding Royal Engineer, R.E. Office, The Nothe, Weymouth, and the Division Officer R.E., R.E. Office, "A" Lines, Blandford Camp, Blandford, Dorset.

9. These Bye-laws shall come into force forthwith.

*Dated this Twelfth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.*

(Signed) R. H. BRADE,

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