



## **BULFORD RANGES**

### **BYE-LAWS**

Made by the Secretary of State for Defence, under the provisions of Part II of the Military Lands Act 1892, for regulating the use of the above-mentioned ranges.

**STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS**  
**1970 No. 1282**

**DEFENCE**

**The Bulford Ranges Byelaws 1970**

**Made 21st August 1970**

**Coming into operation 31st December 1970**

The Secretary of State for Defence in exercise of his powers under Part II of the Military Lands Act 1892(a), Section 2 of the Defence Transfer of Functions) Act 1964(b) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby, with the consent of the Wiltshire County Council so far as regards the interference with the highways hereinafter mentioned, makes the following Byelaws:-

**AREA OF LAND AFFECTED**

1. The area to which these Byelaws apply (hereinafter referred to as "the Danger Area") consists of lands belonging to the Secretary of State in the parishes of Bulford, Figcheldean and Milston in the County of Wiltshire known as Bulford Ranges (together with all the highways thereon) the boundaries of which are, for convenience of identification, shown by a thick black line on the plan annexed to these Byelaws and identified as "Plan of the Bulford Ranges".

**USE OF DANGER AREA**

2. The Danger Area may be used for the firing of pistols, rifles, machine guns and for the throwing of grenades and for all activities ancillary to such firing and throwing.

**PROHIBITION OF ACCESS**

- 3.(1)When the Danger Area is being used for any of the purposes specified in Byelaw No. 2, no person shall:-
- (a) enter into or upon or pass over or through the Danger Area, or
  - (b) be or remain in or upon the Danger Area, or
  - (c) cause or permit or suffer any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing to enter into or upon or to pass through or to be or remain in or upon the Danger Area, or
  - (d) cause or permit any aircraft to fly over the Danger Area at a height less than 1,400 feet above mean sea level.

- (2) Whilst the Danger Area is being used for any of the said purposes, notice of the fact shall be given by the display of a red flag by day and a red light by night hoisted at the places shown by a flag on the plan annexed to these Byelaws.

## **PROJECTILES**

4. No person shall dig or search for any projectile or any lead or other metal in or on the Danger Area, or interfere with or take or retain or be in possession of any projectile or any lead or other metal found within the Danger Area, or remove any projectile from the Danger Area.

## **GOVERNMENT STORES**

5. No person shall interfere with or remove from the Danger Area any stores or articles belonging to or under the care or control of the Ministry of Defence or otherwise the property of the Crown.

## **OFFENCES**

6. Subject to the provisions of Byelaw No. 8 any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening any provision of any of the preceding Byelaws Nos. 3, 4 and 5 thereby commits an offence against the Byelaw so contravened.

## **ENFORCEMENT**

7. The following persons are hereby authorised to remove from the Danger Area and to take into custody without warrant any person found therein when it is being used for any of the purposes specified in Byelaw No. 2 or found committing any other offence against any of the said Byelaws, and to remove from the Danger Area any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing whatsoever found in the Danger Area in contravention of any of the said Byelaws:-

- (a) the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command;
- (b) the Officer Commanding Salisbury Plain Area;
- (c) the Officer in charge of the Bulford Ranges;
- (d) any officer, any warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or rating of corresponding rank, or any service policeman, in uniform and being for the time being under the command of any of the Officers mentioned at (a), (b) and (c) above; and
- (e) any person authorised in writing by or on behalf of any of the Officers mentioned at (a), (b) and (c) above; and
- (f) any member of a police force or any special constable under the control of the Ministry of Defence.

## EXEMPTIONS

8. (1) Nothing done by a person using the Danger Area in pursuance of Byelaw No. 2 or by a person acting under and in accordance with any authority or permission given by or on behalf of the Secretary of State or the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command, or the Officer Commanding Salisbury Plain Area shall constitute an offence against any of these Byelaws.
- (2) If it is proved that an act or omission of any person which would otherwise have been an offence against any of the provisions of paragraph (1) of Byelaw No. 3 was due to any cause not avoidable by the exercise of reasonable care by that person the act or omission shall be deemed not to be an offence against that Byelaw.

## INTERPRETATION

9. (1) The Interpretation Act 1889 (a) shall apply to the interpretation of these Byelaws as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
- (2) In these Byelaws the expression—  
 “projectile” includes any shot or shell or other missile and any portion thereof;  
 “vessel” includes any craft or vessel used in navigation and any craft or vessel which though not so used is for the time being waterborne; and  
 “aircraft” includes any craft or contrivance which though not an aircraft is for the time being airborne.

## COMMENCEMENT CITATION AND REVOCATION

10. (1) These Byelaws shall come into operation on the 31st day of December 1970, and may be cited as the Bulford Ranges Byelaws 1970.
- (2) The Bulford Ranges Byelaws 1963 (b) are hereby revoked.

Dated this 21st day of August 1970.

(Sgd.) E.H. PALMER

By order of the Secretary of State for Defence.

The consent of the Wiltshire County Council to the making of these Byelaws, so far as regards the restriction of the use of the highways within the Danger Area mentioned therein, was given by a resolution dated the 26th day of September 1969.

(Sgd.) R.P. HARRIES

Clerk of the Wiltshire County Council.

## **NOTICES PENALTY FOR OFFENCES**

1. By section 17(2) of the Military Lands Act 1892, as amended by section 92 of and Schedule 3 to the Criminal Justice Act 1967, it is provided:-

**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 TWENTY POUNDS, and may be removed by any Constable or Officer authorised in manner provided by the Byelaw from the area, whether land or water, to which the Byelaw 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, vessel, or thing found in the area in contravention of any Byelaw, 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 Her Majesty.**

### **INSPECTION OF BYELAWS AND PLAN**

2. A copy of these Byelaws and a Plan showing the Danger Area may be inspected at the Police Station, Bulford, and at the Office of the GSO II, Headquarters, Salisbury Plain Area. They may also be inspected at the Office of the Defence Land Agent, Ministry of Defence, Estate Office, Durrington, Wiltshire, where copies of the Byelaws may be obtained at the price of one shilling for each copy.

### **RECOVERY OF PROJECTILES**

3. Any person who finds a projectile within the Danger Area must not disturb it but should report the finding of it to the Range Warden or to the police at the first opportunity.

### **PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF FIRING**

4. Public Notification that firing will take place will be given by sending notices, not less than seven clear days before the day or night of firing, giving particulars of the intended date, time and duration of the firing to the persons and authorities listed in the Appendix hereto.

### **ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS**

5. Notice Boards displaying copies of these Byelaws are situated on all public roads and footpaths where they enter the Danger Area.

**APPENDIX**

The Hampshire County Constabulary, Police Station, South  
Tidworth, Hants.

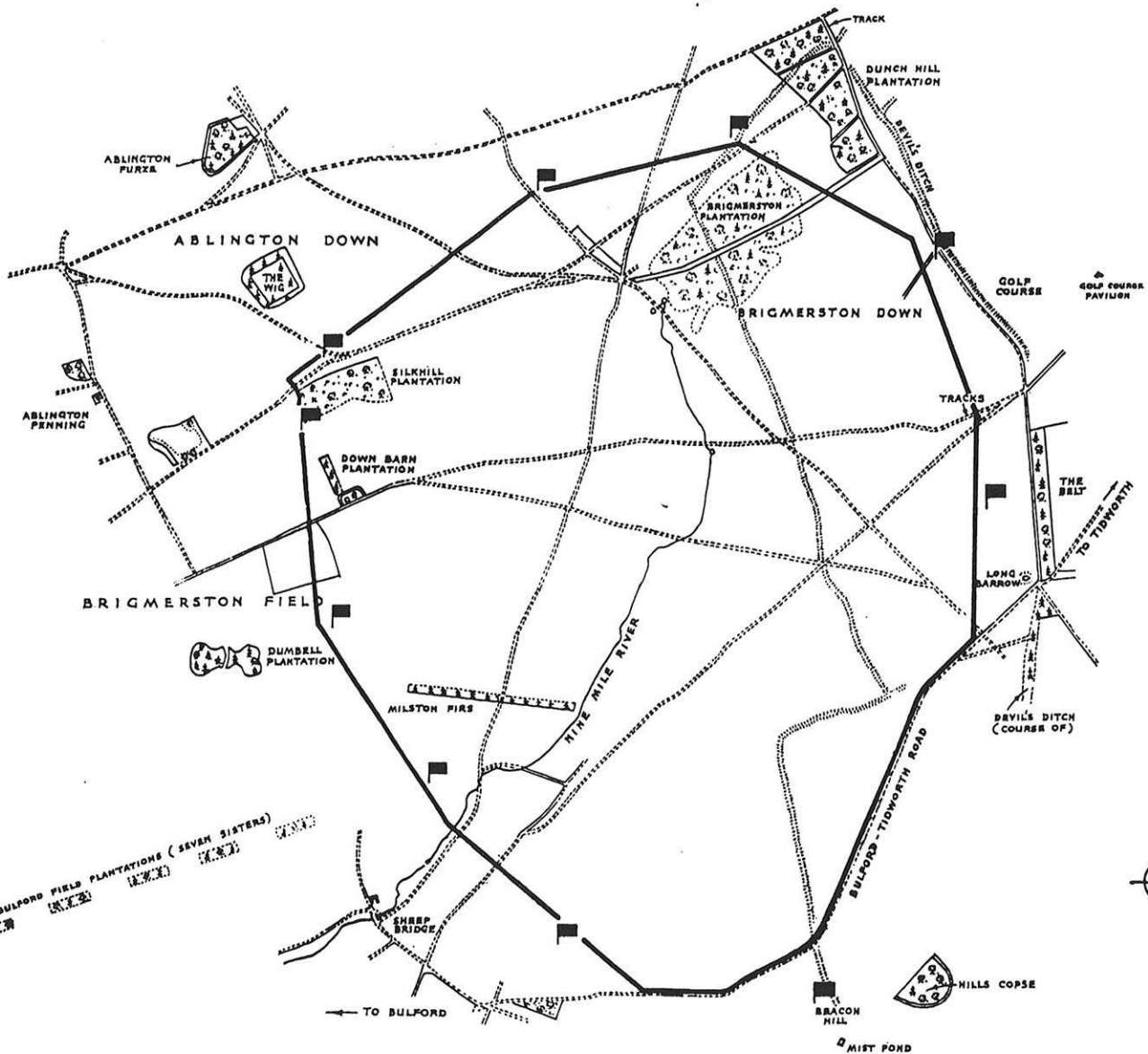
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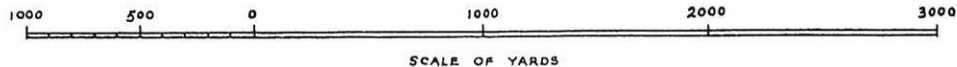
The Secretary, R.A. Hunt.

The Secretary, Tedworth Hunt.

# PLAN OF THE BULFORD RANGES



DANGER AREA..... ————  
 WARNING SIGNALS..... ■



*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.*