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#### LANDS AFFECTED.

1. The War Department lands to which these Byelaws apply consist of the area known as Vauxhall Camp together with the land comprising the West Hagbourne Pumping Station, and the War Department Road leading from the Ordnance Depot to Didcot Junction, all of which are more particularly described and set out in the Schedule hereto.

#### OFFENCES.

2. No person shall intrude or enter or be upon the said War Department lands for the purpose of supplying or removing goods of any kind except to the order of *bona-fide* residents within the said lands.

3. 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 photographer, or person engaged in any similar traffic or occupation to any one of those specified, unless in possession of a pass issued under the authority of the Chief Ordnance Officer, Didcot, 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.

4. No person shall deposit or distribute or cause to be deposited or distributed upon the said War Department lands any hand-bills, literature or other printed matter of any description.
5. No person shall, without the authority of the Chief Ordnance Officer, Didcot, attempt to cause or cause to assemble any number of persons or address any such persons when assembled.
6. No person shall enter or be upon the said War Department lands for the purpose of idling, loitering, or behaving in an indecent or disorderly manner, or for the purpose of gaming, betting or wagering.
7. 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.
8. No person whatever shall continue on the said War Department lands after being warned off by the Chief Ordnance Officer, Didcot, or any person acting under his authority.
9. No person, unless in possession of a Pass issued under the authority of the Chief Ordnance Officer, Didcot, shall camp 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 Chief Ordnance Officer, Didcot, shall cut grass 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, other than *bona-fide* residents, shall, without authority of an officer, 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.
14. The public may ride any horse or drive any motor car, motor cycle, cycle or other vehicle, on any road maintained by the War Department and situate on the said War Department lands or on the War Department road from the Army Ordnance Depot to Didcot Junction, when such roads are not being used for any military purpose, but in such case :—
  - (i) The driver of any such motor car, motor cycle, cycle or other vehicle, shall not drive at a speed exceeding that indicated on notices posted to regulate the speed of such vehicles on such roads.

- (ii) The driver of any such motor car, motor cycle, cycle or other vehicle shall at the request or signal of a Military Policeman in uniform or a member of the Didcot Depot W.D. Constabulary in uniform, stop and not proceed further until a signal to proceed is given.
- (iii) The driver of any such motor car, motor cycle, or other vehicle shall not drive over such roads without a light between the hours of one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise.

The provisions of this sub-section are in addition to and not in derogation of any existing statute, local or other Byelaws or Regulations which may now or hereafter be in force.

15. No person shall ride a horse or bicycle upon any footpath by the side of any War Department road maintained by the War Department and situate on the said War Department lands.

16. No driver of a hackney carriage, taxicab 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 Chief Ordnance Officer, Didcot.

#### RIGHTS OF WAY.

17. Nothing in these Byelaws shall interfere with any public right-of-way, but subject as aforesaid, the expression "War Department lands" shall include all roads on such lands.

#### OFFICERS AUTHORISED.

18. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening any of the preceding Byelaws Nos. 2 to 16 shall be deemed to commit an offence against the Byelaw so contravened.

The persons hereby authorised to remove or take into custody without warrant any person committing an offence against any of the preceding Byelaws Nos. 2 to 16 or to remove any vehicle, animal or thing found on the said War Department lands in contravention of these Byelaws, are :—

- (1) The Chief Ordnance Officer, Didcot.
- (2) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer, or Military Policeman for the time being under the Command of the said Chief Ordnance Officer.
- (3) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said Chief Ordnance Officer.
- (4) Any Constable or War Department Constable.

#### DATE OF OPERATION OF BYELAWS.

19. These Byelaws shall come into force at the date hereof and shall remain in force for seven years from that date.

## SCHEDULE.

The War Department lands referred to in Byelaw No. 1 together with all buildings thereon, to which these Byelaws apply, are situated as follows:—

### 1. VAUXHALL CAMP.

This area is situate south-east of the Army Ordnance Depot, Didcot, on the south side of the Great Western Railway Main Line from Didcot to Swindon. The area is enclosed by a fence and is bounded as follows:—

*On the North.*—By a line commencing at a point, marked L on the plan attached to these Byelaws, on the west side of Vauxhall Lane at its junction with the property of the Great Western Railway bounding the south side of the Main Line from Didcot to Swindon and drawn in a north-westerly and westerly direction along the south side of the Great Western Railway property to a point, marked M on the plan, on the south side of the said railway line; and thence along the south side of the embankment bounding the railway line to the point marked N on the plan; thence

*On the West.*—By a line drawn in a southerly direction, for a distance of about 133 yards to the point marked O on the plan, thence in an easterly direction for a distance of about 126 yards to the point marked P on the plan; and thence in a southerly direction for a distance of about 426 yards to a point, marked Q on the plan, on the north side of the Cart Track leading to Vauxhall Lane; thence

*On the South.*—By a line drawn in an easterly direction along the north side of the said Cart Track, for a distance of about 650 yards to the point marked R on the plan, where the track meets Vauxhall Lane; thence

*On the East.*—By a line drawn in a north-easterly direction for a distance of about 383 yards, along the west side of Vauxhall Lane to the starting point, marked L on the plan.

### 2. WEST HAGBOURNE PUMPING STATION.

This area is situate south-west of Hagbourne. It is enclosed by a fence and is bounded as follows:—

*On the West.*—By a line commencing at a point, marked S on the plan attached to these Byelaws, on the east side of the main

road from Scotland's Ash to Upton, just south of the Horse and Harrow Public House, and drawn in a southerly direction for a distance of about 103 yards along the east side of the said road to the point marked T on the plan ; thence

*On the South.*—By a line drawn in an easterly direction, for a distance of about 203 yards to the point marked U on the plan ; thence

*On the East.*—By a line drawn in a northerly direction along the west side of a ditch, for a distance of about 68 yards to the point marked V on the plan ; thence

*On the North.*—By a line drawn in a general westerly direction along the south side of the ditch forming the Parish Boundary between the Parishes of West Hagbourne and Upton, for a distance of about 206 yards, to the starting point on the road from Scotland's Ash to Upton, marked S on the plan.

### 3. WAR DEPARTMENT ROAD AND ADJOINING LAND.

This road and adjoining W.D. land runs from Vauxhall Lane in an easterly direction to a point, marked W on the plan attached to these Byelaws, near the Corn Exchange, Didcot. It is bounded on the south by a W.D. fence and on the north by the post and wire fence along the south side of the Great Western Railway Main Line from Didcot to Swindon.

Dated this tenth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.

(Signed) LONDONDERRY,

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

### NOTICES.

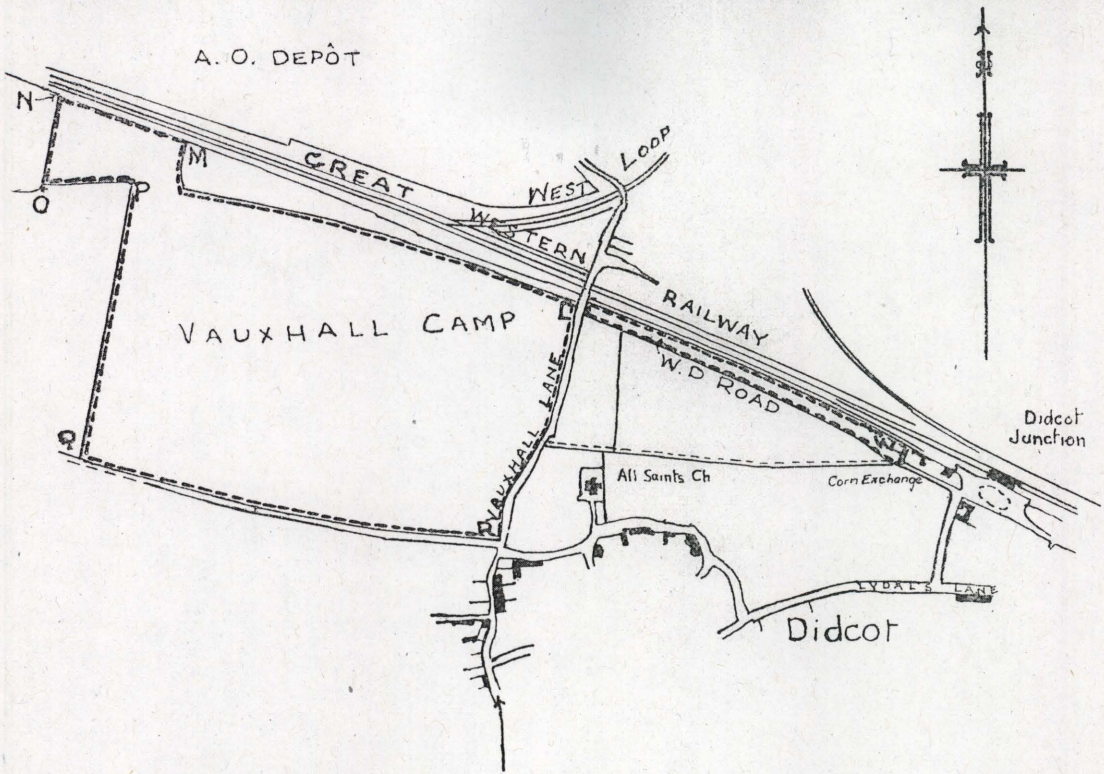
1. By Section 17 (2) of the Military Lands Act, 1892, it is provided :—

**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**

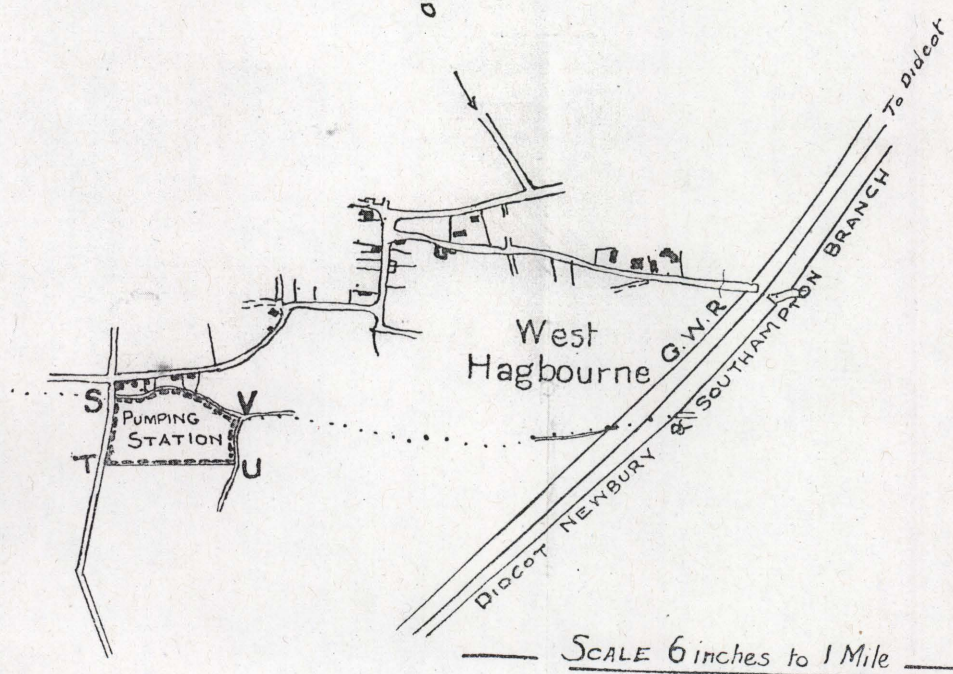
exceeding FIVE POUNDS, and may be removed by any Constable or Officer authorised in manner provided by the Byelaw from the area to which the Byelaw applies, and taken into custody without warrant and brought before a Court of Summary Jurisdiction to be dealt with according to law, and any vehicle, animal 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 His Majesty.

#### WHERE BYELAWS CAN BE OBTAINED.

2. Copies of these Byelaws can be obtained at the Office of the Chief Ordnance Officer, Didcot. by any person who desires to obtain the same.



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