

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS.
No. 117 of 1947.

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S.R. & O. 1965/1324
for Hill Artillery Ranges*



SALISBURY PLAIN ARTILLERY and NETHERAVON RANGES

BYELAWS

Made by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department, under the provisions of the Military Lands Acts, 1892 to 1903 ^(a); as amended by Regulation 52 ^(b) of the Defence Regulations, 1939 as continued in force by the Emergency Laws (Transitional Provisions) Act, 1946 ^(c) and by virtue of that Regulation, for regulating the use of the above-named Ranges.

(a) 55-6 Vic. C. 43; 60-1 Vic. C. 6; 63-4 Vic. C. 56;
3 Edw. VII C. 47.

(b) S. R. & O. 1939 (No. 927)

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LANDS AFFECTED.

1. THE area of land affected by these Byelaws and set out in the schedule hereto, comprises the Larkhill Artillery Range Danger Area, West Down Artillery Range Danger Area and the Netheravon Ranges Danger Area.

Firing may take place under these Byelaws on (i) the Larkhill Artillery Range or (ii) the West Down Artillery Range or (iii) the Netheravon Ranges or (iv) the Combined Larkhill and West Down Artillery Ranges with any type of weapon.

OFFENCES DURING FIRING.

2. DURING such time as notice is given by the hoisting of signals as hereinafter provided in Byelaw No. 3, that firing is taking place on the Larkhill Artillery Range, or the West Down Artillery Range, or the Netheravon Ranges or on the Combined Larkhill and West Down Artillery Ranges, with any type of weapon, then, so long as the said signals are hoisted, the Larkhill Artillery Range Danger Area or the West Down Artillery Range Danger Area, or the Netheravon Ranges Danger Area or the Combined Larkhill and West Down Artillery Ranges Danger Areas, as the case may be, including in each case that portion of the old Devizes Road between Rollstone Camp on the South and Redhorn Hill on the North and all public roads and footpaths crossing the said Danger Area or Areas affected, will be closed to the public and no person shall enter or remain within the Danger Area or Areas affected, and no vehicle, animal or thing shall be permitted to remain therein, except that grazing stock and farm implements may be permitted to remain therein at the owner's risk.

SIGNALS.

3. NOTICE that firing is taking place on the Larkhill Artillery Range or the West Down Artillery Range or the Netheravon Ranges or on the Combined Larkhill and West Down Artillery Ranges, as the

case may be, is given by the hoisting and displaying of a Red Flag in respect of Day Firing or a Red Lamp in respect of Night Firing, on flagstaffs situated at the places named below as follows :—

I.—As to Larkhill Artillery Range :—

- (1) The Bustard. ✓
- (2) Droughts Post. 600 yards South of Knighton Down. ✓
- (3) Knighton Down. ✓
- (4) Alton Flagstaff. 1,000 yards W.S.W. of Alton. ✓
- (5) Lavington Folly. ✓
- (6) Casterley Camp. ✓
- (7) Walkers Point. 400 yards West of Marden Cowbag. ✓
- (8) Redhorn Hill. ✓
- (9) Ell Barrow. ✓

II.—As to West Down Artillery Range :—

- (1) The Bustard.
- (2) Greenlands Farm. 200 yards West of Hammer Copse.
- (3) Silver Barrow.
- (4) West Down Camp.
- (5) Richards Post. 1,000 yards E.S.E. of Field Barn.
- (6) Ram's Cliff.
- (7) Gibbet Knoll.
- (8) Urchfont Hill.
- (9) Redhorn Hill.
- (10) Reservoir Point 550.

III.—As to Netheravon Ranges :—

A.—The Classification Range :—

- (i) A point on the track 400 yards East of New Buildings.
- (ii) A point on the track 200 yards West of Wexland Farm.
- (iii) A point on the track 900 yards East of Lavington Folly.
- (iv) A point 300 yards South-East of Compton Field Barn.

And, when red flags or red lamps are not hoisted and displayed at the places enumerated in I above, at the following additional places, viz. :—

- (v) The track junction in Walker's Gorse.
- (vi) A point 200 yards N.N.E. of Wexland Hanging.
- (vii) A point 200 yards West of Mortimer's Penning.

B.—The Field Firing Range :—

- (i) On the track 400 yards East of New Buildings. ✓
- (ii) On the track 200 yards West of Wexland Farm. ✓
- (iii) On the track 900 yards East of Lavington Folly. ✓
- (iv) A point 300 yards South-East of Compton Field Barn. ✓

And, when red flags or red lamps are not hoisted and displayed at the places enumerated in I above, at the following additional places, *viz.* :—

- (v) On the track leading from Netheravon to Market Lavington, 500 yards North-West of the third milestone from Netheravon.
- (vi) At Shrewton Gorse.
- (vii) On Netheravon Down at a point 1,000 yards South-East of Newfoundland Farm.

C.—Field Firing Ranges for Machine Guns :—

- (i) On the track 400 yards East of New Buildings.
- (ii) On the track 600 yards West of Wexland Farm.
- (iii) A point 400 yards East of Lavington Folly.
- (iv) A point 300 yards South-East of Compton Field Barn.
- (v) A point immediately West of Casterley Camp.
- (vi) A point 400 yards South of Marden Copse on the W.D. Boundary.

And, when red flags or red lamps are not hoisted and displayed at the places enumerated in I above at the following places, *viz.* :—

- (vii) On the track leading from Netheravon to Market Lavington 500 yards North-West of the third milestone from Netheravon.
- (viii) At Shrewton Gorse.
- (ix) On Netheravon Down at a point 1,000 yards South-East of Newfoundland Farm.

DURATION OF SIGNALS.

The signals referred to in this Byelaw will be hoisted and displayed one hour before firing commences and will be lowered immediately firing has ceased.

OFFICERS AUTHORISED.

4. ANY person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Byelaw No. 2 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 Byelaw No. 2 or to remove any vehicle, animal or thing found on any of the said areas in contravention of Byelaw No. 2 area :—

- (i) The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command.
- (ii) The Officer in Charge of the Ranges.
- (iii) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or Military Policeman, for the time being under the Command of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, or of the said Officer in Charge.
- (iv) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief or of the said Officer in Charge ; or
- (v) Any Constable.

DATE OF OPERATION OF BYELAWS.

5. THESE Byelaws shall come into force at the date hereof. The Existing Byelaws respecting the Salisbury Plain Artillery and Netheravon Ranges dated the Eleventh day of January One thousand nine hundred and forty shall then cease to have effect.

6. NOTHING in these Byelaws shall affect the operation of Byelaws made in respect of Salisbury Plain Rifle, Revolver, etc., Ranges.

SCHEDULE.

DESCRIPTION OF LANDS AFFECTED.

The area of land affected by these Byelaws comprises the Danger Areas of the Larkhill Artillery Range, the West Down Artillery Range, the Netheravon Ranges, and lies East and West of and includes the part of the old Devizes Road between Rolleston Camp on the South, and Redhorn Hill on the North, is bounded approximately on the East by a line drawn from Casterley Camp, through Enford Farm, Wexland Farm, to a point on the Packway, half a mile West of the Stonehenge Inn, and on the West by the War Department property boundary, and is more particularly shown on the plan attached hereto.

The Larkhill Artillery Range Danger Area consists of that portion of the area described above which is situated to the Eastward of the following line :—

From the Southern Boundary at Rolleston Bake Farm following (and from the Bustard including) the old Devizes Road to the Northern Range Boundary at Redhorn Hill, and thence along the Range Boundary except the area East of a line from Compton Field Barn to a point East of New Buildings.

Netheravon Ranges Danger Area boundaries are as follows:—

(a) *Classification Range.*

On the East from a point 300 yards South-East of Compton Field Barn in a Southerly direction through Enford Farm, Wexland Farm, to a point 700 yards South-East of New Buildings.

On the South to a point 500 yards South of New Buildings.

On the West by a line drawn in a North-Westerly direction to Walker's Gorse.

On the North by a line drawn in a North-Easterly direction to a point 300 yards South-East of Compton Field Barn.

(b) *Field Firing Range.*

On the East by the Classification Danger Area boundary as above.

On the South by a line drawn in a Westerly direction to a point 1,100 yards East of Netheravon Bake.

On the West by a line drawn in a North-Westerly direction to a point 600 yards West of Buntys Folly; thence turn in a Northerly direction to a point 500 yards Northwards of the third milestone from Netheravon on the Netheravon-Market Lavington track.

On the North by a line drawn in an Easterly direction to a point 300 yards South-East of Compton Field Barn.

(c) *Field Firing Range—Machine Gun.*

On the East, from Casterley Camp in a Southerly direction through a point 300 yards South-East of Compton Field Barn, thence to a point 400 yards East of Lavington Folly, thence to a point 700 yards South-East of New Buildings, thence—

On the South by a line drawn in a Westerly direction to a point 1,100 yards East of Netheravon Bake, thence—

On the West by a line drawn in a North-Westerly direction to a point 600 yards West of Buntys Folly, thence turn in a Northerly direction to a point 500 yards North-West of the third milestone from Netheravon on the Netheravon-Market Lavington track, thence in a North-Westerly direction to a point just South of Wilsford Gorse, thence in a Northerly direction to a point 300 yards South of Marden Copse, thence—

On the North by a line drawn in a South-Easterly direction to Casterley Camp.

Dated this Twenty-second day of January, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

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

(Signed) G. W. LAMBERT.

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 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 due proof of such contravention, be declared by a Court of Summary Jurisdiction to be forfeited to His Majesty.

TIMES OF FIRING OR FIELD FIRING AND PUBLIC NOTICES.

2. Firing on the Salisbury Plain Artillery and Netheravon Ranges shall not commence before 9 a.m. and shall cease at 6 p.m. except as follows :—

In exceptional circumstances firing will be permitted at any time of the day or night.

At least three days' notice will be given beforehand to local Councils, the local Constabulary and the War Department Land Agent, Durrington.

ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS.

3. In addition to the signals referred to in Byelaw No. 3, look-out men will be placed around the Danger Area on which firing is taking place to warn persons who may be approaching it. Notice Boards with a copy of these Byelaws are also placed where any road or pathway enters the Danger Areas.

WHERE BYELAWS CAN BE OBTAINED.

4. Copies of these Byelaws with plan of range attached can be obtained at the R.E. Office, Larkhill Camp, by any person who desires to obtain the same.

WARNING TO AIRCRAFT.

5. Aircraft are warned not to fly in the vicinity of these ranges while firing is in progress and no liability for accidents to aircraft arising from the use of the ranges can be admitted.

