

**Salisbury Plain.
Chapperton Down
Artillery Range.**

BYE-LAWS

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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1. The area of land affected by these Bye-laws (hereinafter called the "Danger area") is situate on Salisbury Plain in the Parishes of Imber, West Lavington, Tilshead, Chitterne All Saints, Knook and Norton Bavant.

Its length, running South-west and North-west, is about 5 miles, its width is about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

It lies between the Warminster-Imber-Market Lavington Road on the North; the main road between West Lavington and Tilshead on the East; the Tilshead-Chitterne All Saints Road to Ansty Hill on the South; and the road from Anstey Hill through Knook Barrow and Bowles Barrow to the Imber-Warminster Road on the West.

The area is marked by Red Flags and Notice Boards.

2. The Danger area will be closed at all times to all persons to enable firing to be carried out at any hour, either by day or between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Any persons who trespass on the range will do so at their own risk, and will themselves incur full responsibility.

3. On certain days firing will take place from positions *East* of the West Lavington-Tilshead Road, and this road will then be closed, and sentries will be posted to warn persons. There will be pauses in the firing to enable traffic to pass along this road.

4. No person shall enter or remain within the Danger area, and no vehicle, animal or thing shall be allowed to remain thereon, and all public roads and footpaths therein will be closed.

5. No person shall touch or interfere with any projectile or portion thereof unless authorised by or on behalf of the Officer in charge of the Range.

6. No person, without the authority of the Officer in charge of the Range, shall use the said land for the purpose of grazing any horse, cow, sheep or other animal.

7. 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 or of the said Officer in Charge, or
- (5) Any Constable,

shall have power and is 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 these Bye-laws.
- (ii) To remove from the Danger area any vehicle, animal or thing found thereon in contravention of these Bye-laws.

8. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-laws Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 respectively, 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.

9. A map showing the limits of the Danger area, and the roads and paths affected, can be seen on application to the Officer in charge of the Range.

10. Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained at the Office of the Commanding Royal Engineer, Bulford.

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

Dated this 21st day of November, One thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

(Signed) R H Brade.

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

- (2) To remove from the land area or the sea area any vehicle, horse, vessel or thing found therein in contravention of any of these Bye-laws, and any such vehicle, horse, vessel or thing shall be liable to forfeiture as mentioned in the afore-said Acts.

12. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening any of the preceding Bye-laws, numbered 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 respectively, 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.

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13. While any vessel is within the sea area all firing will cease, and a second red flag will be hoisted below the first flag on the rear poles to notify the Master or other person in charge of the vessel that he is within the danger area.

14. These Bye-laws shall not apply to:—

- (a) Any vessel entering or passing through the sea area in the ordinary course of navigation.
- (b) Any vessel compelled to enter or unable to quit the sea area by reason of the exigencies of navigation.
- (c) Any vessel employed in tending, placing, or replacing any of the mark buoys or other aids to navigation within the sea area.
- (d) H.M. Ships of War, or any vessel employed under Admiralty Authority.

15. "Vessel" in these Bye-laws includes ship, yacht, lighter, boat and craft of every kind, and whether navigated by steam, motor, sail, oars, or otherwise.

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Dated this 6th day of October, One thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

*On behalf of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
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