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LANDS AFFECTED.

1. The area of land affected by these Bye-laws and set out in the Schedule hereto comprises the HILL FARM RANGE Danger Area and BOWLS BARROW RANGE Danger Area.

OFFENCES DURING FIRING.

2. During such time as notice is given by the hoisting or display of signals as hereinafter provided in Bye-law No. 4 that firing is taking place on the HILL FARM RANGE or the BOWLS BARROW RANGE, as the case may be, then, so long as the said signals are hoisted or displayed, the HILL FARM RANGE Danger Area or the BOWLS BARROW RANGE Danger Area, as the case may be, including all roads and footpaths crossing the said Danger Areas, will be closed to the public, and no person shall enter or remain within the Danger Area affected, and no vehicle, animal or thing shall be permitted to remain therein except that farm implements may be permitted to remain therein at the owner's risk.

PERIOD AND TIMES OF FIRING.

3. Firing on the Ranges will be restricted to the period 15th March to 31st July each year, provided that no firing shall take place at Easter, that is to say from the Thursday next before Easter Sunday to Easter Monday inclusive, or on Whit-Monday.

Day firing will not commence before 9 a.m. and will cease at 4 p.m. except on Saturdays, when no firing will take place after 2 p.m. No firing will take place on Sundays.

In addition, firing may be carried out at any hour of the day or night on not more than twenty-four occasions in one year within the period before mentioned. In such cases one week's notice will be given to the Clerks of the local District Councils, and in the event of the Councils being of the opinion that any day specified in the Notice will be inconvenient, alternative days may be substituted if the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief shall think fit.

SIGNALS.

4. Notice that firing is taking place on the HILL FARM RANGE or on the BOWLS BARROW RANGE, as the case may be, is given by the following signals :—

By Day.—(a) In respect of the HILL FARM RANGE.—By a red flag hoisted on a flagstaff at each of the following places :—

- (i) On BRATTON CASTLE.
- (ii) 250 yards east of FARM DOWN PLANTATION.
- (iii) 150 yards south of MIDDLE RIDGE PLANTATION.
- (iv) 250 yards north-west of road junction at the west end of SOUTH DOWN SLEIGHT.
- (v) 100 yards south-west of THE CROTT.
- (vi) 100 yards south-west of DIRTLEY WOOD.
- (vii) Between UPTON COW DOWN and RANSCOMBE BOTTOM.
- (viii) Near track junction 200 yards south-east of WHITE SCAR HANGING.
- (ix) 200 yards north-west of BOURNES BARN.
- (x) At junction of footpath running south from WEST-BURY WHITE HORSE with track running south-west from BRATTON CASTLE.

(b) In respect of the BOWLS BARROW RANGE.—By a red flag hoisted on a flagstaff at each of the following places :—

- (i) 200 yards East of the road junction at west end of SOUTH DOWN SLEIGHT.
- (ii) 400 yards south of LADY WELL.
- (iii) 500 yards west of PARSONAGE FARM, IMBER.
- (iv) 1,000 yards south of ST. GILES CHURCH, IMBER.
- (v) 900 yards south-east of IMBER FIRS.
- (vi) At LONG BARROW, 800 yards north-west of QUEBEC BARN.
- (vii) 900 yards north-east of WEST HILL FARM.
- (viii) 1,000 yards north-west of WEST HILL FARM.
- (ix) 100 yards north by east of FIELD BARN.
- (x) On BATTLESBURY HILL.
- (xi) 250 yards north-east of GALLERY BRIDGE.
- (xii) In IMBER VILLAGE.
- (xiii) In HEYTESBURY VILLAGE.

By Night.—In respect of either the HILL FARM RANGE or the BOWLS BARROW RANGE.—By Red Lamps or Red Flares displayed on the flagstaffs referred to at (a) and (b) above, as the case may be.

DURATION OF SIGNALS.

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

OFFICERS AUTHORISED.

5. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-law No. 2 shall be deemed to commit an offence against the Bye-law so contravened.

The persons authorised under Section 17 (2) of the Military Lands Act, 1892, to remove or take into custody without warrant any person committing an offence against Bye-law No. 2 or to remove any vehicle, animal or thing found on either of the said Danger Areas in contravention of Bye-law No. 2 are :—

- (i) The Major General i/c Administration, 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 Major General i/c Administration or of the said Officer in Charge.
- (iv) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said Major General i/c Administration or the said Officer in Charge.
- (v) Any constable.

DURATION OF BYE-LAWS.

6. These Bye-laws shall come into force on the Fifteenth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, and shall continue in force for three years from that date.

On and after that date the Bye-laws in respect of the above-named Ranges dated the Twelfth day of April One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, shall cease to have effect.

SCHEDULE.

DESCRIPTION OF LANDS AFFECTED.

The area of land affected by these Bye-laws comprising the HILL FARM RANGE danger area and the BOWLS BARROW RANGE danger area is situated on War Department property,

SALISBURY PLAIN, in the Parishes of IMBER, BISHOPSTROW, NORTON BAVANT, BRATTON, EDINGTON, UPTON SCUDAMORE, WESTBURY and WARMINSTER, and is shown coloured red on the map referred to in Notice No. (3) hereof, and is bounded as follows :—

HILL FARM RANGE DANGER AREA.

By a line commencing at the west end of SOUTH DOWN SLEIGHT at the junction of the IMBER-WARMINSTER Road with the track from BOWLS BARROW to BRATTON CASTLE and drawn in a northerly direction to KNAPP PLANTATION, thence north-westwards through FARM DOWN PLANTATION to the EARTHWORK on the track across WINKLAND'S DOWN; thence in a westerly direction for a distance of about 800 yards along the south side of the said track (excluding the track) to its junction with the footpath running south-west from BRATTON CASTLE at a point thereon about 360 yards north-east of LONG RIVER ROAD; thence drawn in a south-westerly direction along the east side of the said track from BRATTON CASTLE (excluding the track) to the point at which it forks to WHITE SCAR HANGING and UPTON SCUDAMORE; thence in a south-easterly direction to DIRTLEY WOOD, and thence south-eastwards by eastwards for a distance of about 2,000 yards, passing north-east of the ROOKERY to the IMBER-WARMINSTER Road; thence north-eastwards along the north side of this road (excluding the road) to the starting point at the west end of SOUTH DOWN SLEIGHT at the junction of the IMBER-WARMINSTER Road with the track from BOWLS BARROW to BRATTON CASTLE.

BOWLS BARROW RANGE DANGER AREA.

On the North.—By a line commencing at the west end of SOUTH DOWN SLEIGHT at the junction of the IMBER-WARMINSTER Road with the track from BOWLS BARROW to BRATTON CASTLE, and drawn in an easterly direction over SOUTH DOWN SLEIGHT for a distance of about 1,800 yards to a point about 400 yards south-west of LADY WELL; thence in a north-easterly direction for a distance of about 900 yards to the TUMULUS near the road from IMBER to LADY WELL about 600 yards east of LADY WELL; thence along the south side of the said road (excluding the road) in an easterly direction for a distance of about 1,800 yards to a point marked by a notice board; thence :—

On the East.—By a line drawn in a south-easterly direction until it meets the track from IMBER to BOWLS BARROW, and thence east-by-southwards to the Pond on the west of FORE

DOWN; thence in a south-easterly direction to the eastern extremity of TINKER'S FIRS and continuing south-by-eastwards to the east end of the belt of trees running from IMBER FIRS; thence in a south-westerly direction for a distance of about 3,200 yards to LONG BARROW at a point about 800 yards north-west of QUEBEC BARN; thence:—

On the South.—By a line drawn in a westerly direction for a distance of about 4,480 yards to a point on the footpath 500 yards north of NORTH FARM and thence in a north-westerly direction to a point on a footpath about 110 yards north of FIELD BARN, marked by a notice board, thence:—

On the West.—By a line drawn in a north-north-westerly direction for a distance of about 1,700 yards to a point on the IMBER-WARMINSTER Road, marked by a notice board, about 560 yards north of HILL BARN, and thence by a line drawn along the east side of the IMBER-WARMINSTER Road (excluding the road) in a north-easterly direction to the starting point at the west end of SOUTH DOWN SLEIGHT at the junction of the IMBER-WARMINSTER Road with the track from BOWLS BARROW to BRATTON CASTLE

Dated this Twenty-eighth day of February One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six.

(signed) DUFF COOPER,

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

The Wiltshire County Council hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws.

(signed) W. L. BOWN,

Clerk of the Council.

NOTICES.

PENALTY FOR OFFENCES.

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

If any person commits an offence against any Bye-law 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 Bye-law from the area to which the Bye-law 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 Bye-law 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.

ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS.

2. The limits of the Danger Areas described in the Schedule hereto are marked by War Department Notice Boards, and a board displaying a copy of these Bye-laws is placed at each end of any roads and footpaths where they enter the said Danger Areas.

WHERE PLAN OF RANGE CAN BE INSPECTED.

3. A map showing the limits of the Danger Areas, the positions of the Signal Flags referred to in Bye-law No. 4 and the roads and footpaths affected, can be inspected at the Office of the Commander, Royal Engineers, Salisbury Plain, Bapaume Lines, Bulford Camp, Wiltshire.

WHERE COPIES OF BYE-LAWS CAN BE OBTAINED.

4. Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained at the Office of the Commander, Royal Engineers, Salisbury Plain, Bapaume Lines, Bulford Camp, Wiltshire.