

Statutory Rules and Orders.
No. 843 of 1934.



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REVOKED

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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 Classification Range Danger Area and the Field Firing 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. 3 that firing is taking place on the Classification Range or the Field Firing Range, as the case may be, then, so long as the said Signals are hoisted or displayed, the Classification Range Danger Area or the Field Firing 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.

SIGNALS.

3. Notice that machine gun or mortar firing is taking place on the Classification Range or on the Field Firing Range, as the case may be, is given by the following signals:—

(1) *By Day*.—(A) IN RESPECT OF THE CLASSIFICATION RANGE—a RED FLAG hoisted and displayed on a flagstaff at each of the following places:—

- (a) On the track 400 yards East of New Buildings.
- (b) At the track junction 600 yards West of Wexland Farm.
- (c) 400 yards East of Lavington Folly.

(d) 300 yards South-east of Compton Field Barn, and when red flags are NOT hoisted and displayed on the flagstuffs at the following places :—

- (i) Knighton Down,
- (ii) The Būstard,
- (iii) E'l Barrow,
- (iv) Redhorn Hill,
- (v) South of Marden Copse,

a RED FLAG hoisted and displayed on a flagstaff at each of the following additional places :—

- (e) On the track leading from Netheravon to Market Lavington, 500 yards North-west of the Third Milestone from Netheravon.
- (f) At Shrewton Gorse.
- (g) On Netheravon Down, 1,000 yards South-east of Newfoundland Farm.

(B) IN RESPECT OF THE FIELD FIRING RANGE—a RED FLAG and a BLACK AND WHITE PENNANT hoisted and displayed on the flagstuffs at each of the places mentioned at (a), (b), (c) and (d) of (1) (A) above, and when Red Flags are NOT hoisted and displayed on the flagstuffs at (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) of (1) (A) above a RED FLAG and a BLACK AND WHITE PENNANT hoisted and displayed on the flagstuffs at each of the additional places named at (e), (f) and (g) of (1) (A) above, and also at each of the following places :—

- (h) Just West of Casterley Camp.
- (i) On the W.D. Boundary 400 yards South of Marden Copse.

(2) *By Night*.—(A) IN RESPECT OF THE CLASSIFICATION RANGE—a RED LAMP or a RED FLARE hoisted and displayed on the flagstuffs at each of the places named at (a), (b) (c) and (d) of (1) (A) above, and when a Red Lamp or a Red Flare is NOT hoisted and displayed on the flagstuffs at (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) of (1) (A) above, a RED LAMP or a RED FLARE hoisted and displayed on the flagstuffs at each of the additional places named at (e), (f) and (g) of (1) (A) above.

(B) IN RESPECT OF THE FIELD FIRING RANGE—a RED LAMP or a RED FLARE hoisted and displayed on the flagstuffs at each of the places named at (a), (b), (c) and (d) of (1) (A) above, and, when a Red Lamp or a Red Flare is NOT hoisted and displayed on the flagstuffs at (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) of (1) (A) above, a RED LAMP or a RED FLARE hoisted and displayed on the flagstuffs at each of

the additional places named at (e), (f) and (g) of (1) (A) above, and also at each of the places named at (h) and (i) of (1) (B) above.

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.

4. 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 hereby authorised 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 :—

- (1) The General Officer, Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command.
- (2) The Officer in Charge of the Ranges.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief or the said Officer in Charge.
- (5) Any Constable.

DURATION OF BYE-LAWS.

5. These Bye-laws shall come into force on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, and shall continue in force for seven years from that date. The Bye-laws respecting the Salisbury Plain, Netheravon Machine Gun Ranges, dated Fifteenth March, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, are hereby revoked.

6. Nothing in these Bye-laws shall affect the operation of Bye-laws made in respect of Salisbury Plain Artillery Ranges or in respect of Salisbury Plain Rifle and Revolver Ranges and Field and Mortar Firing Ranges.

SCHEDULE.

DESCRIPTION OF LANDS AFFECTED.

The area of land affected by these Bye-laws, comprising the Classification Range Danger Area, and the Field Firing

Range Danger Area, is situated on War Department Property, Salisbury Plain, in the Parishes of Figheldean, Netheravon, Enford, Upavon, Rushall, Charlton, Wilsford and Marden, is shown coloured red on the map referred to in Notice (4) hereof, and is bounded as follows :—

CLASSIFICATION RANGE DANGER AREA.

On the East.—By a line commencing at the Eastern end of the 2,500 yards Firing Point, which lies about 760 yards South-East of New Buildings, and drawn in a Northerly direction through the Signal Flags (a), (b) and (c) referred to in Bye-law No. 3, to the Signal Flag (d), 300 yards South-East of Compton Field Barn; thence

On the North.—By a line drawn in a Westerly direction for a distance of about 2,300 yards to the Signal Flag (e) on the Track, Netheravon—Market Lavington, 500 yards North-West of the Third Milestone from Netheravon; thence

On the West.—By a line drawn in a South South-Westerly direction for a distance of about 1,900 yards to a point about 600 yards West of Bunty's Folly; thence turning in a South-Easterly direction for a distance of about 4,000 yards across Netheravon Down to a point about 1,100 yards East of Netheravon Bake; thence

On the South.—By a line drawn in an Easterly direction for a distance of about 2,100 yards to the Eastern end of the 2,500 yards Firing Point.

FIELD FIRING RANGE DANGER AREA.

On the East. By a line commencing at the Eastern end of the 2,500 yards Firing Point of the Classification Range, and drawn in a Northerly direction, following the Eastern boundary of the Classification Range Danger Area described above, to the Signal Flag (d), 300 yards South-East of Compton Field Barn; thence continuing in a Northerly direction to the War Department boundary at Casterley Camp; thence

On the North.—By a line drawn in a North-Westerly and Westerly direction along the War Department boundary to a point, half-way between the two belts of trees on Marden Down, about 350 yards East of the Signal Flag (i) referred to in Bye-law No. 3; thence

On the West.—By a line drawn in a Southerly direction for a distance of about 2,100 yards to a point just South of Wilsford Gorse, thence in a South-Easterly direction for a distance of about 2,950 yards to the Signal Flag (e) on the Track, Nether-

avon—Market Lavington, referred to in Bye-law No. 3; thence following the Western boundary of the Classification Range Danger Area described above, to the point about 1,100 yards East of Netheravon Bake; thence

On the South.—Following the Southern Boundary of the Classification Range Danger Area described above, to the Eastern end of the 2,500 yards Firing Point.

Dated this Twelfth day of July One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four.

(Signed) HAILSHAM,
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.

TIMES OF FIRING.

2. Day firing on the Ranges will not commence before 9 a.m. and will cease at 4 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 twelve occasions in one year. In such cases one week's notice will be given to the Clerks of the Pewsey and Amesbury Rural District Councils, and in the event of either 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.

ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS.

3. 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.

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

WHERE COPIES OF BYE-LAWS CAN BE OBTAINED.

5. Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained at the Office of the Commander, Royal Engineers, Salisbury Plain, Wood Road Larkhill Camp.

NOTE.

The Classification Range and Field Firing Range Danger Areas referred to in these Bye-laws are within the danger area of the Salisbury Plain Artillery Ranges and at certain times, when the Netheravon Machine Gun and Mortar Firing Ranges are not in use, the areas concerned may be closed under Bye-laws in respect of the Artillery Ranges.