

# Salisbury Plain Netheravon Machine Gun Ranges.

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1. The areas of land affected by these Bye-laws (hereinafter called the "Danger Areas") are situated within War Department Property, Salisbury Plain, in the Parishes of Durrington, Fig-heldean, Netheravon, Enford, Upavon, Rushall, Charlton, Wilsford and Marden, and are shown coloured red on the map hereinafter mentioned. They are bounded as follows:—

*Classification Range.*—On the East, from the two thousand five hundred yards firing point which lies five hundred yards South-East of New Buildings, Northwards along the Eastern Boundary of the Larkhill Artillery Range to the flag four hundred yards South-South-East of Compton Field Barn, thence South-Westwards for one thousand three hundred yards, crossing the Lavington Track about six hundred yards South of the Third Milestone from Netheravon, thence South-Eastwards for one thousand seven hundred and fifty yards to the track leading from the Lavington Track to Well Bottom and thence in a straight line to the two thousand five hundred yards firing point.

*Field Firing Range.*—On the East from the Packway along the Eastern Boundary of the Larkhill Artillery Range Northwards to the War Department boundary at Casterley Camp, thence North-Westwards and Westwards along the War Department boundary to a point halfway between the two belts of trees on Marden Down, thence due South for two thousand one hundred and fifty yards, thence South-Eastwards to the point where the direct track from Casterley to Enford Down crosses Anthony's Walk, at which point is a flagstaff, thence South-South-Eastwards to the junction of the track from New Buildings to Netheravon Bake with that from Knighton Barrow to Newfoundland Farm, thence East-South-Eastwards to Alton Barn, thence Southwards to the Packway, and thence Eastwards along the Northern side of the Packway to the starting point.

2. The Public Roads and Footpaths crossing the Danger Area of each Range will be closed to all persons whilst firing is taking place on such range. The limits of the said Danger Areas are marked by War Department Notice Boards and a board with a copy of these Bye-laws is placed at each end of the said roads and footpaths. It shall be an offence under these Bye-laws for any person to enter or remain within the Danger Area of either range while the danger flags or signals relating to that range are hoisted under Bye-law 3 (a) or (b) as the case may be, and no vehicle, animal or thing shall be allowed to remain therein, except that farm implements may be permitted to remain at the owner's risk.

3. (a) In respect of the Classification Range Red Flags will be hoisted at the following places whilst firing is in progress :—

- (1) On the track four hundred yards East of New Buildings.
- (2) On Lavington Road five hundred yards West of Wexland Farm.
- (3) Three hundred and fifty yards East of Lavington Folly, and
- (4) Four hundred yards South-South-East of Compton Field Barn.

(b) In respect of the Field Firing Range all the above flags will be hoisted whilst firing is in progress and, in addition, the following flags will also be hoisted :—

- (1) The flag West of Casterley Camp and the flag on War Department Northern boundary where the West boundary of Marden Parish crosses the Ridge Way (which two flags are used for Artillery Danger flags also).
- (2) The flag near Lavington Track, four hundred yards North-West of the Third Milestone from Netheravon, and
- (3) On Netheravon Down, about one thousand one hundred yards East-South-East of Newfoundland Farm.

On every occasion on which the Field Firing Danger Area may be used a black and white pennant will be hoisted on all danger flagstuffs in addition to the red flags.

4. Firing on the Ranges will not commence before nine a.m. and will cease at four p.m. No firing will take place on Sundays.

5. The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command shall have power (by giving one week's notice to the Clerks of the respective Councils) to authorise additional firing to be

carried on at any hour of the day or night, such occasions not to exceed twelve in one year. In the event of the Councils being of the opinion that any day so specified will be inconvenient they may suggest alternative days, which may be substituted accordingly if the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief shall think fit. When night firing is taking place red lamps will be hoisted on the flagstuffs referred to in paragraph 3 or red flares will be shown.

6. The Danger Flags referred to in paragraph 3 above in respect of each Range will be flying at all times when firing is taking place on such Range.

7. The following persons, *videlicet* :—

- (1) The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command,
  - (2) The Officer-in-Charge of any Danger Area,
  - (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 any such Officer-in-Charge,
  - (4) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief or of any such Officer-in-Charge, or
  - (5) Any Constable,
- shall have power and are hereby authorised :—
- (1) To remove from the Danger Area, for which Danger flags or signals have been hoisted, without Warrant any person contravening these Bye-laws.
  - (2) To remove from the Danger Area for which Danger flags or signals have been hoisted, any vehicle, animal or thing found therein.

8. Any person contravening any of these Bye-laws 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 respective Ranges and Danger Areas and the position of Danger flags, Footpaths and Roads, can be inspected at the Office of the Officer Commanding Royal Engineers, Bulford Camp.

10. These Bye-laws shall come into force on the first October, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and continue in force for seven years from that date.

*Dated this third day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.*

(Signed) STEPHEN WALSH,

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

The Rural District Council of Pewsey hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws.

(Signed) JAMES S. HAINES, *Chairman.*

(Signed) ROBERT DIXON, *Clerk.*

The Rural District Council of Amesbury hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws

(Signed) F. M. WHITE, *Chairman.*

(Signed) A. M. WILSON, *Clerk.*