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SALISBURY PLAIN:

RIFLE AND REVOLVER RANGES AND
FIELD AND MORTAR FIRING RANGES
IN THE COUNTY OF WILTS.

BYE-LAWS

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LANDS AFFECTED.

1. The areas of land affected by these Bye-laws and set out in the Schedule hereto comprise the danger areas of the Perham Down Rifle and Revolver Ranges, the Sidbury Rifle Range and the Bulford Rifle Ranges, the Beach's Barn Field and Mortar Firing Range and the Rollestone Rifle Ranges.

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 any Range or Ranges, as the case may be, then, so long as the said signals are hoisted or displayed the Danger Area or Areas of the Range or Ranges affected, as the case may be, including all public roads and footpaths crossing the said Danger Area or Areas will, except as hereinafter provided in Bye-law No. 3, 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 farm implements may be permitted to remain therein at the owner's risk.

ROADS.

3. The road leading from Tidworth along the Northern foot of Beacon Hill to Bulford and the track crossing the 700 yards firing point on the Sidbury Range from Chalk Pit to Cemetery will, at all times, be open to traffic.

SIGNALS.

4. Notice that firing is taking place on any Range or Ranges mentioned in Bye-law No. 1 is given by the hoisting and display on Flagstaffs of the following signals.

(1) *By Day.*

(a) In respect of the Perham Down Rifle and Revolver Ranges—By a RED Flag over a BLUE PENNANT hoisted at each of the following places:—

- (i) East and West of Warren Hill.
- (ii) Middle Hill (450 yards North-East of Bedlam Plantation).

- (iii) The North-West corner of Furze Hill Wood, 350 yards North-West of the Observatory Tower on Furze Hill.
- (iv) 400 yards South-West of the Observatory Tower on Furze Hill.
- (b) In respect of the Sidbury Rifle Range—By a RED Flag over a YELLOW PENNANT hoisted at each of the following places :—
- North, South-East, South and South-West of Sidbury Hill.
- (c) In respect of the Bulford Rifle Ranges—By a RED Flag hoisted at each of the following places :—
- (i) Beacon Hill.
 - (ii) Tumulus, West of "A" Butt.
 - (iii) Silk Hill.
 - (iv) Dunch Hill Plantation.
 - (v) Hare Warren, 450 yds west of
 - (vi) Rabbit Hill.
- (d) In respect of Beach's Barn Field and Mortar Firing Range—By a RED Flag over a BLACK AND WHITE PENNANT hoisted at each of the following places :—
- (i) The places mentioned in (i) to (vi) of paragraph (c) above.
 - (ii) North-West end of Triple Plantation.
 - (iii) 50 yards East of Beach's Barn Plantation.
 - (iv) West end of Hound Plantation.
 - (v) Tumulus, 500 yards South-West of Sun Plantation.
- (e) In respect of the Rollestone Rifle Ranges—By a RED Flag hoisted at each of the following places :—
- (i) 100 yards South of 600 yards Firing Point on "A" and "B" Ranges.
 - (ii) 200 yards West of "A" and "B" Butts.
 - (iii) Near North-West corner of Warren Plantation, 380 yards South of Blackball Firs.
 - (iv) Near Southern corner of Shrewton Folly.
 - (v) 450 yards South of Wexland Hanging.
 - (vi) 700 yards East of "C" and "D" Butts.

(2) *By Night.*

In respect of any Range or Ranges in use—By RED Lamps hoisted and displayed on the Flagstaffs referred to in (1) (a) to (e) above.

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 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 any of the said Danger Areas in contravention of Bye-law No. 2, are :—

- (i) The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command.
- (ii) The Officer-in-Charge of any Danger Area.
- (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 any such Officer-in-Charge.
- (iv) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief or of any such Officer-in-Charge.
- (v) Any Constable.

PERIOD OF OPERATION OF BYE-LAWS.

6. These Bye-laws shall continue in force for seven years from the date hereof on and after which date the Bye-laws respecting the Salisbury Plain Rifle and Revolver Ranges dated the Second day of February, One thousand Nine hundred and Twenty-six, shall be revoked.

7. 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 (Netheravon) Machine Gun Ranges.

SCHEDULE.**DESCRIPTION OF LANDS AFFECTED.**

The areas of land affected by these Bye-laws comprising the danger areas of the Perham Down Rifle and Revolver Ranges, the Sidbury Rifle Range, the Bulford Rifle Ranges, the Beach's Barn Field and Mortar Firing Range and the Rollestone Rifle Ranges are situated on War Department property, Salisbury Plain, in the Parishes of North Tidworth, Fittleton, Figcheldean, Milston and Bulford, East of the River Avon and in Shrewton, Durrington, Figcheldean and Netheravon, West of the River

Avon and are shown coloured red on the plan referred to in Notice No. 4 hereof. The areas are bounded as follows:—

(a) PERHAM DOWN RIFLE AND REVOLVER RANGES.

On the East.—By a line starting at approximately the War Department boundary, just East of Great Perham Copse, and drawn in a general Southerly direction passing East of Warren Hill to Markway Firs at a point just North of the Shipton Track; thence—

On the South.—By a line drawn in a Westerly direction along the Shipton Track to a point just East of Shipton Plantation; thence—

On the West.—By a line drawn in a North-Westerly direction to a point one furlong west of the Deer Pond at the South end of Ashdown Copse; thence in a North-Easterly direction along the West edge of Ashdown Copse to the track or drive separating Furze Hill and Ashdown Copse; thence along this track or drive in an Easterly direction for about 230 yards and thence in a general North-Easterly direction to the South-West corner of Lambdown Furze; thence along the South side of Lambdown Furze in an Easterly direction for 350 yards and thence North-Eastward to the 900 yards Firing Point of "B" Range; thence—

On the North.—By a line drawn in an Easterly direction through the 900 yards Firing Point of "A" Range, to the starting point just East of Great Perham Copse.

(b) SIDBURY RIFLE RANGE.

On the North-East.—By a line starting at the 800 yards Firing Point and drawn in a North-Westerly direction through the Signal Flag on the South-East of Sidbury Hill to the South-East bank of the Earthwork; thence along the Bank to the Signal Flag on the North of Sidbury Hill and continuing in a North-Westerly direction crossing the Marlborough Track at the point where "Ditch" begins, to a point one and a half furlongs West of the Track; thence—

On the North-West.—By a line drawn in a South-Westerly direction for about two furlongs; thence—

On the South-West.—By a line drawn in a South-Easterly direction passing 100 yards South-West of the Tumulus on Haxton Down and through the Signal Flag on the South-West of Sidbury Hill to Sidbury Hill Plantation, and thence through Sidbury Hill Plantation to the track from Dunch Hill Plantation to the Pennings; thence—

On the South.—By a line drawn in an Easterly direction through Chalk Hill Plantation to the 800 yards Firing Point.

(c) BULFORD RIFLE RANGES.

On the South.—By a line starting from Stephen's Mound and drawn in a North-Easterly direction connecting the extreme Firing Points, to a point on "The Belt" South of the Shipton Track; thence

On the East.—By a line drawn in a Northerly direction along the West side of The Belt to a point where "Ditch" enters The Belt North of the Shipton Track; thence continuing in a Northerly direction to a point on the Pennings-Silk Hill Track in Dunch Hill Plantation; thence—

On the North.—By a line drawn in a Westerly direction along the said Track through Dunch Hill Plantation and along the Northern edge of Brigmerston Plantation and Silk Hill Plantation to a point one furlong West of Silk Hill Plantation; thence—

On the West.—By a line drawn in a Southerly direction through the Signal Flag on Silk Hill to the Signal Flag at the Tumulus West of "A" Butt and thence in a South-Easterly direction to Stephen's Mound.

(d) BEACH'S BARN FIELD AND MORTAR FIRING RANGE.

On the South.—By the Southern boundary of the Bulford Rifle Range Area described in (c) above; thence—

On the East.—By the Eastern boundary of the Bulford Rifle Range Area to the Pennings-Silk Hill Track in Dunch Hill Plantation; thence continuing in a Northerly direction to the Marlborough Track at the 14th milestone and thence in a North-Westerly direction, passing West of Hound Plantation and Haxton Copse, to the Fittleton Track; thence—

On the North.—By a line drawn in a Westerly direction along the Fittleton Track through the Signal Flag 50 yards East of Beach's Barn Plantation to the Signal Flag at the West End of Triple Plantation; thence—

On the West.—By a line drawn in a Southerly direction to the West end of Holme's Clump and then running in a South-Easterly direction to a point one furlong West of Silk Hill Plantation; and thence continuing in the same direction along the Western boundary of the Bulford Rifle Range Area described in (c) above, to Stephen's Mound.

(e) ROLLESTONE RIFLE RANGES.

On the East.—By a line starting from the 600 yards Firing Point of "D" Range and drawn in a Northerly direction through Robin Hood Ball to a point just West of Netheravon Bake; thence continuing in a Northerly direction through the junction

of the Newfoundland Farm and Lavington Tracks to a point about two furlongs North of the said junction; thence—

On the North.—By a line drawn in a Westerly direction to a point in Old Farm Clump; thence—

On the West.—By a line drawn in a Southerly direction through Blackball Firs and passing West of Warren Plantation to the 600 yards Firing Point of "A" Range; thence—

On the South.—By a line drawn in an Easterly direction to the 600 yards Firing Point of "D" Range.

Dated this fifteenth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three.

(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.—(a) Firing on the Rolleston Rifle Ranges will not commence before 9.0 a.m. and will cease at 6.0 p.m. No firing will take place on Sundays, Good Friday and Christmas Day.

(b) Firing on the Bulford Rifle Ranges and on the Beach's Barn Field and Mortar Firing Range will take place during the following hours :—

1st March to 31st October.—8.0 a.m. to 6.0 p.m.

1st November to last day of February.—10.0 a.m. to 3.0 p.m.

No firing will take place on Sundays, Good Friday and Christmas Day.

(c) Firing on the Perham Down Rifle and Revolver Ranges and on the Sidbury Rifle Range will take place at any time during the day.

No firing will take place on either of these Ranges on Christmas Day. No firing will take place on the Sidbury Range on Sundays or on Good Friday.

Firing may take place on the Perham Down Rifle and Revolver Ranges on Sundays and on Good Friday.

(d) In addition to the above times firing may be carried out in exceptional circumstances at any hour of the day or night on any of the Ranges, but firing shall not be continued beyond 11.0 p.m. on such days, nor shall the number of such days or nights exceed twelve in one year.

In such cases one month's notice of the days or nights on which such firing will take place will be given to the Clerks of the Pewsey, Andover and Amesbury Rural District Councils, and in the event of the Councils being of the opinion that any days or nights specified in the Notice will be inconvenient, alternative days or nights may be substituted.

ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS.

3.—(a) 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.

(b) During such time as the Beach's Barn Field and Mortar Firing Range is in use, the flanks of the Danger Area will be patrolled by mounted men.

WHERE PLAN OF RANGES CAN BE INSPECTED.

4. A plan showing the limits of the respective Danger Areas, the positions of the Signals referred to in Bye-law No. 4, and the roads and footpaths affected can be inspected at the office of the Officer Commanding, Royal Engineers, Bulford Camp.

WHERE COPIES OF BYE-LAWS CAN BE OBTAINED.

5. Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained at the Office of the Officer Commanding, Royal Engineers, Bulford Camp.

NOTE.

The Rollestone Rifle Ranges area referred to in these Bye-laws is within the danger area of the Salisbury Plain Artillery Ranges and at certain times, when the Rollestone Rifle Ranges are not in use, this area may be closed under bye-laws in respect of the Artillery Ranges.