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## BYE-LAWS.

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NOTE.—The West Down Artillery Range referred to in these Bye-laws is also known as the Rolleston Artillery Practice Range.



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*Made by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department with the consent of the Devises, Amesbury and Pewsey Rural District Councils, under the provisions of the Military Lands Acts, 1892 to 1903, for regulating the use of the above-named Ranges, and for prohibiting all intrusion.*

1. The area of the land affected by these Bye-laws (hereinafter called the "Combined Danger Area" and comprising the two separate Danger Areas hereinafter referred to as the Larkhill Artillery Range Danger Area and the West Down Artillery Range Danger Area) lies east and west of the part of the Old Devises Road between Rolleston Camp on the south and Redhorn Hill on the north; is bounded approximately, on the east, by a line from Casterley Camp to a point on the Packway Road, half a mile west of the Stonehenge Inn, on the west, by the War Department Property Boundary, and is more particularly shown on the maps hereinafter mentioned.
2. The Larkhill Artillery Range Danger Area consists of that portion of the Combined Danger Area which is situated to the eastward of the Old Devises Road. The West Down Artillery Range Danger Area consists of that portion of the Combined Danger Area which is situated to the westward of the Old Devises Road.
3. Notice boards with a copy of these Bye-laws are placed where any road or pathway enters the Danger Areas or either of them.
4. Firing may take place under these Bye-laws on the:—
  - (i) Larkhill Artillery Range to the east of the Old Devises Road;
  - (ii) West Down Artillery Range to the west of the Old Devises Road;
  - (iii) Combined Ranges comprising both the Larkhill and West Down Ranges to the east and west of the Old Devises Road and being the whole of the Combined Danger Area referred to in Bye-law No. 1.
5. The public roads and footpaths crossing either of the Ranges and Danger Areas or the Combined Ranges and Danger Areas, as the case may be, will be closed to all persons whilst firing is taking place on the Range or Danger Area concerned.

The Old Devizes Road shall not be closed except when firing is taking place on the Combined Ranges, that is to say, when the Larkhill and West Down Ranges are in use together as one Range.

6. During such time as firing is taking place the Danger Areas concerned will be closed to the public and notices to that effect will be as follows:—

Red flags will be hoisted on the following places:—

(a) Whilst firing is taking place on Larkhill Range:—

1. Knighton Down. 2. Lavington Folly. 3. Casterley Camp. 4. Wilsford Down. 5. Ell Barrow (east of road).

(b) Whilst firing is taking place on West Down Range:—

6. Redhorn Hill. 7. Urchfont Hill. 8. Gibbet Knoll. 9. Ram's Cliff. 10. Silver Barrow. 11. East Down. 12. Ell Barrow (west of road).

(c) Whilst firing is taking place on the Combined Ranges:—

1. Knighton Down. 2. Lavington Folly. 3. Casterley Camp. 4. Wilsford Down. 6. Redhorn Hill. 7. Urchfont Hill. 8. Gibbet Knoll. 9. Ram's Cliff. 10. Silver Barrow, and at the Bustard.

7. Firing on the Salisbury Plain Artillery Ranges shall not commence before 9 a.m., and shall cease at 3 p.m., except as follows:—

(a) On not more than two days each season firing will be permitted on the Combined Ranges between the hours of dawn and 3 p.m.

At least a fortnight's notice, however, must be given beforehand, by notices to that effect in the local papers, and by printed notices put up at the Bustard, Redhorn Hill or Foxley Corner, and opposite the "Charlton Cat" public house in Charlton Village.

(b) On not more than four days in each month, the ordinary hours for practice may be extended to 4 p.m., on the understanding that such extension of hours will only be made in exceptional occasions when absolutely necessary to complete the day's programme of firing.

8. Look-out men will be placed around the Danger Area on which firing is taking place to warn persons who may be approaching it.

9. When and during the time flags are hoisted as mentioned in Bye-law No. 6, no person shall enter or remain within the Danger Area on which firing is taking place as indicated by the flags, and no vehicle or animal shall be allowed to remain therein, and all roads and footpaths therein will be closed.

10. The following persons, viz. :—(i) The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, 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 General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, or of the said Officer in charge; (iv) any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, or of the said Officer in charge; or (v) any Constable; shall have power and are hereby authorised :—

(i) To remove from the Danger Area on which firing is taking place, without Warrant, any person contravening these Bye-laws.

(ii) To remove from the Danger Area on which firing is taking place any vehicle, animal or thing found thereon.

11. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-law No. 9, shall be deemed to commit an offence against the same, and is, under the Military Lands Act, 1892, liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding FIVE POUNDS.

12. For the purpose of these Bye-laws firing shall be deemed to be taking place and the Danger Area or Areas concerned shall accordingly be and remain closed during such time as the red flags indicated in Bye-law No. 6 remain hoisted.

13. A map, showing the limits of the Danger Areas and the position of flags referred to in Bye-law No. 6 and the roads and paths affected, can be inspected at the following places :—

Headquarters, Southern Command, Radnor House, Salisbury; Headquarter Offices, Tidworth; Headquarter Offices, Bulford; and at the Office of the Commanding Royal Engineer, Bulford.

Copies of these maps are also deposited with the Clerks to the Devizes and Amesbury Rural District Councils.

14. These Bye-laws shall come into effect on the 23rd day of April, 1914, and shall continue in force for 7 years from that date. The existing Bye-laws respecting the Salisbury Plain Artillery Ranges, dated the 15th day of May, 1913, shall cease to have effect from the 22nd day of April, 1914, but nothing in these Bye-laws affects the operation of the Bye-laws respecting Salisbury Plain Artillery and Rifle Ranges dated the 27th day of March, 1907, so far as regards Rifle Ranges.

Dated this 21st day of April, 1914.

(Signed) H. H. ASQUITH,  
*His Majesty's Principal Secretary of  
State for the War Department.*

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

(Signed) T. W. FERRIS, *Chairman.*  
O. SHEPPARD, *Clerk.*

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

(Signed) GEORGE F. GAY, *Chairman.*  
R. A. WILSON, *Clerk.*

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

(Signed) ARTHUR NUTH, *Chairman.*  
ROBERT DIXON, *Clerk.*