



IMBER RANGES

BYE-LAWS

Made by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department, under the provisions of Part II of the Military Lands Acts 1892, for regulating the use of the above-mentioned ranges.

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
1963 No. 1293

ARMY

The Imber Ranges Byelaws 1963

Made 11th July 1963

Coming into operation 11th November 1963

Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department in exercise of the powers conferred upon hm by Part II of the Military Lands Act 1892(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following Byelaws:-

AREA OF LAND AFFECTED

1. The area to which these Byelaws apply (hereinafter referred to as "the Danger Area") consists of the Imber Ranges in the Parishes of Warminster, Upton Scudamore, Bratton, Edington, East Coulston, Erlestoke, Great Cheverell, Little Cheverell, West Lavington, Tilshead, Chitterne, Knook, Heytesbury, Norton Bavant, Bishopstrow, Imber, Westbury and Upton Lovel in the County of Wiltshire the limits of which are set out in the Schedule hereto and are, for convenience of reference, marked with a thick black line on the plan hereto annexed and identified as "Plan of the Imber Ranges".

USE OF DANGER AREA

2. The Danger Area may be used for the purposes of military training, for the firing of weapons of all kinds (including such firing from aircraft) and the carrying out of demolitions with or without explosives and for all activities ancillary to such training, firing or demolitions.

PROHIBITION OF INTRUSION

3. The Danger Area shall be permanently closed to the public. Subject to the provisions of Byelaw No. 8, no person shall:-
- (a) enter into or upon or pass over or through the Danger Area, or
 - (b) be or remain in or upon the Danger Area, or
 - (c) cause or permit or suffer any vehicle, animal, aircraft or thing to enter into or upon or to pass through or to be or remain in or upon the Danger Area, or
 - (d) cause or permit any aircraft to fly over the Danger Area at a height less than 30,000 feet above mean sea level.

PROJECTILES

4. No person shall dig or search for any projectile or any lead or other metal in or on the Danger Area, or interfere with or take or retain or be in possession of any projectile or any lead or other metal found within the Danger Area, or remove any projectile from the Danger Area.

GOVERNMENT STORES

5. No person shall interfere with or remove from the Danger Area any stores or articles belonging to the War Department or otherwise the property of the Crown.

OFFENCES

6. Subject to the provisions of Byelaw No. 8, any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening any provision of any of the preceding Byelaws Nos. 3, 4 and 5 thereby commits an offence against the Byelaw so contravened.

ENFORCEMENT

7. Subject to the provisions of Byelaw No. 8, the following persons are hereby authorised to remove from the Danger Area and to take into custody without warrant any person found therein or found committing any other offence against any of the said Byelaws and to remove from the Danger Area any vehicle, animal, aircraft or thing whatsoever found in the Danger Area in contravention of any of the said Byelaws:-

- (a) the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command;
- (b) the Officer Commanding, Salisbury Plain Sub-District;
- (c) the Commandant, School of Infantry;
- (d) any officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer, or any military policeman or War Department constable, in uniform and being for the time being under the Command of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief or the Officer Commanding, Salisbury Plain Sub-District or the Commandant, School of Infantry;
- (e) any person authorised in writing by or on behalf of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief or of the Officer Commanding Salisbury Plain Sub-District or of the Commandant, School of Infantry; and
- (f) any member of a police force.

EXEMPTIONS

8. (1) Nothing done by a person using the Danger Area in pursuance of Byelaw No. 2 shall constitute an offence against any of these Byelaws.

- (2) Any person acting under and in accordance with any authority or permission given by or on behalf of the Secretary of State or the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command or the Officer Commanding Salisbury Plain Sub-District or the Commandant, School of Infantry shall be deemed not to have committed an offence against the provisions of Byelaw No. 3.
- (3) If it is proved that an act or omission of any person which would otherwise have been an offence against any of the provisions of Byelaw No. 3 was due to any cause not avoidable by the exercise of reasonable care by that person the act or omission shall be deemed not to be an offence against that Byelaw.

INTERPRETATION

9. (1) The Interpretation Act 1889(a) shall apply to the interpretation of these Byelaws as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
- (2) In these Byelaws the expression—
- “projectile” includes any shot or shell or other missile and any portion thereof;
- “aircraft” includes any craft or contrivance which though not an aircraft is for the time being airborne.

DATE OF OPERATION OF BYELAWS

10. (1) These Byelaws shall come into operation on the 11th day of November 1963, and may be cited as the Imber Ranges Byelaws 1963.
- (2) The Byelaws relating to the Imber Ranges, Hill Farm Range and Bowls Barrow Range on Salisbury Plain dated the 29th day of December 1939(b) are hereby revoked, and the Byelaws relating to the Salisbury Plain Area (including Porton Experimental Station) dated the 4th day of November 1937(c) shall cease to have effect as respects the Danger Area.

THE SCHEDULE

The limits of the Danger Area are as follows:-

On the North

A line commencing 575 yards south of the centre of Bratton Castle at the junction of the footpath which runs in an east by southerly direction from Westbury Hill and the bridle road which runs south by west from Bratton Castle, and running in a general EASTERLY direction following the south side of the bridle road which passes 280 yards south by east of Reeves Farms, for a distance of 2,170 yards, thence due SOUTH

(a) 52 & 53 Vict.c.63. (b) S.R.&O.1939/1901. (c) S.R.&O.1937/1095.

for 28 yards, due EAST for 7 yards and due NORTH for 25 yards, returning to the south side of the said bridle road, thence in an EASTERLY direction along the south side of the said bridle road for a distance of 830 yards to its junction with the Bratton-Imber road, thence in a SOUTH-EASTERLY direction on the south-west side of that road for a distance of 140 yards to its junction with the footpath running south from Patcombe Hill, thence in a NORTH-EAST BY EASTERLY direction for a distance of 750 yards and thence in a direction generally EAST BY NORTH along Barn Bottom for a distance of 2,325 yards to the southernmost tip of the embankment 600 yards south-west by west of brouncker's Farm, thence in an EAST-NORTH-EASTERLY direction for 1,050 yards to a point on the south-west side of the old Bath-Sarum road 800 yards south-east of the milestone reading "Bath 18—Sarum 18", and thence SOUTH-EAST following the south-west side of the old Bath-Sarum road for a distance of 1,000 yards to its junction with the track which runs to New Zealand Farm, thence in a direction EAST BY SOUTH for a distance of 750 yards to a point on the track which runs north-east from the Bath-sarum road to Rooktree Farm, 1,025 yards south-west of Rooktree Farm, thence in an EAST-SOUTH-EASTERLY direction for a distance of 750 yards to a point 375 yards north-east of Bush Barn, thence in an EAST-NORTH-EASTERLY direction for a distance of 625 yards to a point on the track leading from the Bath-Sarum road to While Hill and 250 yards west of Highland Farm, thence in a direction EAST-SOUTH-EAST for a distance of 225 yards to the west side of the track which runs south from Highland Farm; thence

On the East

From the last mentioned point in a SOUTH-SOUTH-EASTERLY direction along the west side of the last mentioned track for a distance of 1,080 yards to its junction with the Gore Cross-Imber road, thence in a direction SOUTH-EAST BY SOUTH for a distance of 720 yards to a point 600 yards south-west of Cornbury Farm, thence in a direction EAST-SOUTH-EAST for a distance of 550 yards to the track which runs southwards from Cornbury Farm and thence in a direction EAST BY NORTH for 850 yards to a point 210 yards due west of the West Lavington-Tilshead road 1,800 yards south-south-east of St. Joan à Gores Cross. Thence in a direction SOUTH-SOUTH-EAST for a distance of 1,840 yards to a point on Horse Down 650 yards north-west of Tilshead Lodge; thence

On the South

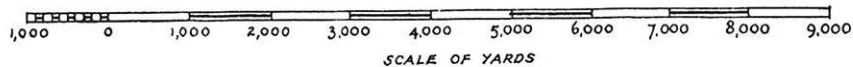
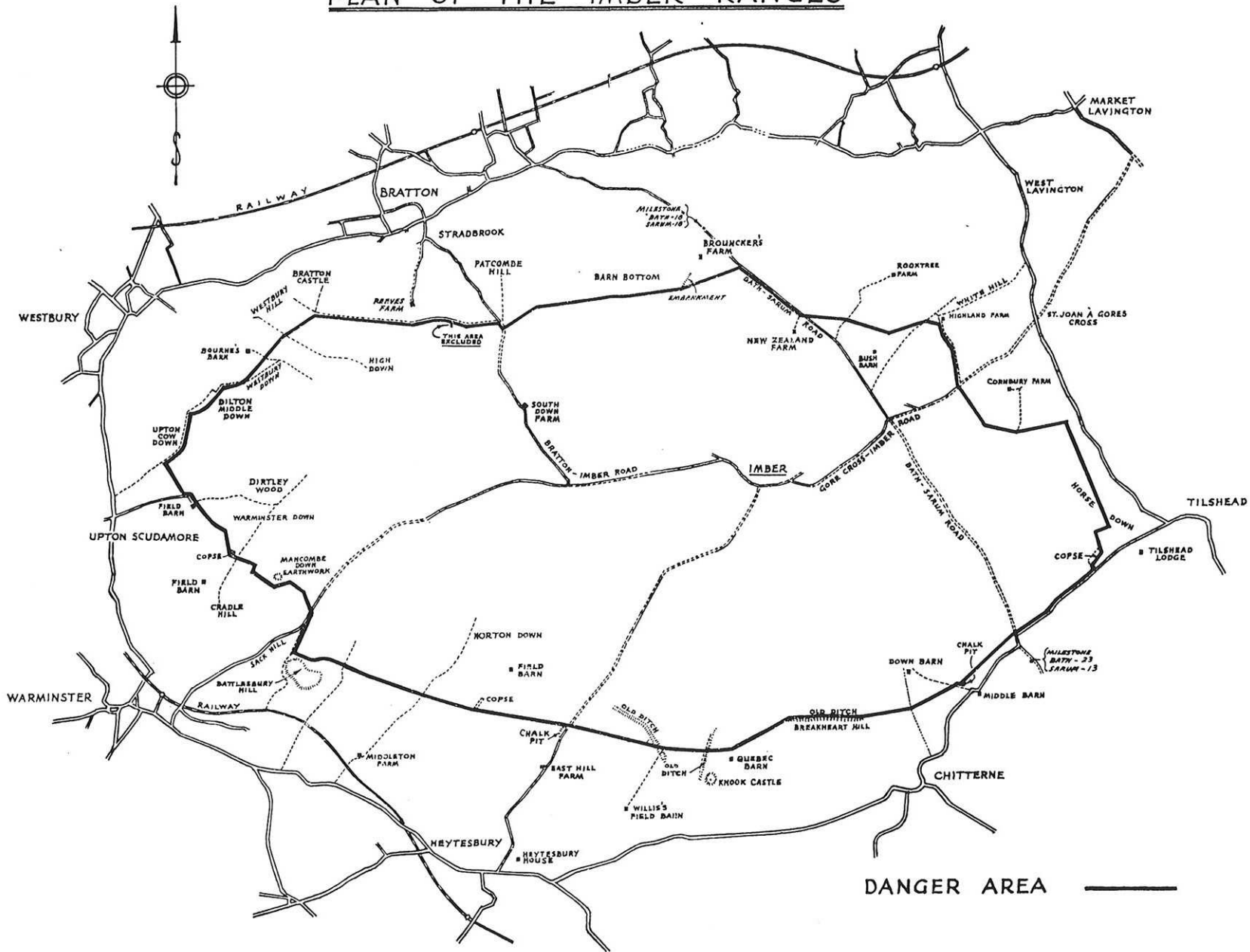
From the last mentioned point in a WEST-SOUTH-WESTERLY direction for a distance of 270 yards and thence in a direction SOUTH-SOUTH-EAST for a distance of 350 yards to the easternmost corner of the copse 650 yards west of Tilshead Lodge, thence following the south-east edge of the copse for 225 yards to its southernmost corner and

thence in a direction SOUTH-SOUTH-EAST for a distance of 110 yards to the Chitterne-Tilshead road at a point 1,420 yards south-west by west of the junction of the Chitterne-Tilshead and the Tilshead-West Lavington roads, thence in a SOUTH-WESTERLY direction along the north-west side of the Chitterne-Tilshead road for a distance of 1,720 yards to its junction with the old Bath-Sarum road at a point 510 yards north-west by north of the milestone marked "Bath 23—Sarum 13", thence continuing in a SOUTH-WESTERLY direction for a distance of 1,250 yards to the westernmost corner of the chalk pit on the bridle road which runs to Middle Barn 320 yards west by north of Middle Barn, and thence following the northern side of this bridle road for a distance of 70 yards in a WEST-NORTH-WESTERLY direction and thence in a direction SOUTH-WEST BY WEST for 800 yards to a point on the track which runs southwards from Down Barn and 600 yards south of Down Barn, thence in a direction WEST BY SOUTH for 875 yards to the easternmost end of the Old Ditch on Breakheart Hill, thence in a general WESTERLY direction along the northern side of the Old Ditch for a distance of 1,150 yards, thence in a direction WEST-SOUTH-WEST for a distance of 1,075 yards to a point 130 yards north of Quebec Barn and thence in a direction WEST BY SOUTH for a distance of 475 yards to a point on the bridle road which runs along the western side of the Old Ditch 425 yards north by west of the centre of Knook Castle, thence in a direction WEST BY NORTH for 665 yards to the junction of the Old Ditch and the bridle road which runs north-east by north from Willis's Field Barn, thence in a WEST-NORTH-WESTERLY direction for 1,600 yards to the northernmost point of the chalk pit on the Heytesbury-Imber road approximately 850 yards north-north-east of East Hill Farm and thence in a direction WEST BY NORTH for 1,625 yards to the southern tip of the copse at a point 1,020 yards south-west of Field Barn, and thence continuing in a WEST-NORTH-WESTERLY direction for 900 yards to a point on the track which runs north-east from Middleton Farm to Norton Down 1,375 yards north-east of Middleton Farm, thence continuing in a WEST-NORTH-WESTERLY direction for 1,390 yards to the footpath east of Battlesbury Hill at a point 1,150 yards north-east by north of the point where it crosses the Railway, thence continuing in a WEST-NORTH-WESTERLY direction for 225 yards, thence in a WEST BY SOUTHERLY direction for 255 yards, thence WEST-NORTH-WEST for 425 yards to the east side of the footpath which runs to the east of Battlesbury Hill at a point 600 yards south-south-west of its junction with the road at Sack Hill; thence

On the West

From the last mentioned point in a NORTH-NORTH-EASTERLY direction and along the eastern side of the aforementioned footpath for a distance of 700 yards, thence NORTH-NORTH-WEST for 360 yards and NORTH-WEST for 280 yards to a point 175 yards east-south-east of the centre of the Mancombe Down earthwork, thence in a WEST-

PLAN OF THE IMBER RANGES



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SOUTH-WESTERLY direction for 300 yards to a point 200 yards south-west of the centre of the said earthwork and thence in a NORTH-WEST BY WESTERLY direction for 450 yards, thence in a NORTH BY EASTERLY direction for a distance of 155 yards, thence in a WEST-NORTH-WESTERLY direction for 425 yards to the westernmost corner of the copse 575 yards north-east by north of Field Barn, thence in a direction NORTH BY WEST for a distance of 400 yards, thence NORTH WEST for 670 yards to a point on the south side of the track which runs eastward towards Dirtley Wood and 30 yards north of Field Barn, thence along the north-east side of the road leading westward from Field Barn towards Upton Scudamore turning WESTWARD to a point on the north side of the said road 1,170 yards east-north-east of its junction with the Warminster-Westbury road, thence in a NORTH-NORTH-WESTERLY direction for 610 yards to a point on the south-east side of the bridle road which runs north-east by east from the Westbury-Warminster road to Upton Cow Down and 975 yards north-east of its junction with the Warminster-Westbury road, thence in a NORTH-EASTERLY direction along the south-east side of the said bridle road for a distance of 350 yards, thence in a direction NORTH BY EAST along the eastern side of the said bridle road for a distance of 620 yards, thence in a NORTH-EASTERLY direction along the south-east side of the track which runs to the north-west side of Dilton Middle Down for 650 yards, thence in an EAST BY NORTHERLY direction along the south side of the track for 320 yards to its junction with the track which runs along the north-west side of Westbury Down 500 yards south by west of Bourne's Barn, thence in a direction NORTH-EAST for a distance of 1,000 yards to a point on the bridle road which runs south-east from Westbury Hill to High Down 590 yards north-east by east of Bourne's Barn, thence in a direction NORTH-EAST BY EAST for a distance of 675 yards to the point of commencement.

Dated this 11th day of July 1963.

(Sgd.) C.M. FIFE

By order of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary
of State for the War Department

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 Byelaw 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 Byelaw from the area, whether land or water, to which the Byelaw 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, vessel, or thing found in the area in contravention of any Byelaw, 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 Her Majesty.

INSPECTION OF BYELAWS AND PLAN

2. A copy of these Byelaws and a plan showing the Danger Area may be inspected at the Office of the War Department Land Agent, War Department Estate Yard, Durrington, Wiltshire, where copies of the Byelaws may also be obtained at the price of one shilling for each copy.

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Notwithstanding any fine limit mentioned in the above byelaws the current maximum fine as at 01/09/2008 is the sum of £500 being the maximum on level 2 of the standard scale.