

Bincombe Rifle Range, in the County of Dorset.

BYE-LAWS

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1. The area of land affected by these Bye-laws (hereinafter called the "Danger area") is situate at Bincombe, in the Parish of Bincombe, Dorset. It lies between Bincombe Village and Coombe Valley, and the summit of Bincombe Hill falls within the N.W. part of the area.

It is bounded as follows:—

On the West by a line commencing at the Western corner of the 600 yards Firing Point, which is about 430 yards North-East of Bincombe Marsh Dairy, and running in a North by East direction for about 1,000 yards (passing about 90 yards to the West of Bincombe Church and over Bincombe Hill) to a point on the South side of the track leading to Hill Barn, and about 320 yards West of same; thence

On the North by a line running in an Easterly direction for about 700 yards along the South side of the said track and thence along the line of hedge till a point is reached which is about 370 yards East of Hill Barn; thence

On the East by a line running in a Southerly direction for about 200 yards along the Western side of hedge, which is the Eastern boundary of the Parish, and thence continuing in a South-Easterly direction for about 1,170 yards to the East corner of the 600 yards Firing Point; thence

On the South by a line running along the rear of the 600 yards Firing Point to the starting point.

Its length, running North-North-East and South-South-West, is about 1,200 yards, its extreme width is about 700 yards.

2. During such time as firing is taking place the Danger area will be closed to the public, and notice that the Danger area is closed will be given as follows :—

(a) By Red Flags hoisted at the following places :—

1. Top of Bincombe Hill.
2. Corner of road West of Bincombe Church.
3. At the Southern extremity of the Range.
4. On the Eastern boundary where crossed by the footpath leading from Bincombe to Green Hill.

(b) By look-out men placed where necessary to warn persons who may be approaching it.

3. No person shall enter or remain within the Danger area when and during the time the flags are hoisted as aforesaid, and no vehicle, horse or thing shall be allowed to remain thereon, and all public roads and footpaths therein will be closed.

4. Notice Boards, with a copy of these Bye-laws, will be placed where any road or footpath enters the Danger area.

5. The following persons, viz. :—

- (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 Police 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 of the said Officer in charge,
- (5) Any Constable,

shall have power and are hereby authorised :—

- (i.) To remove from the Danger area and take into custody, without Warrant, and bring before a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, as provided by the Military Lands Acts, 1892 to 1903, to be dealt with according to law, any person contravening Bye-law No. 3.
- (ii.) To remove from the Danger area any vehicle, horse or thing found thereon.

6. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-law No. 3 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.

7. A map showing the limits of the Danger areas and the position of flags referred to in Bye-law No. 2, and the roads and paths affected can be inspected at the following places:—

Range Warden's Target Shed on Range.

Bincombe Farm.

Commanding Royal Engineer's Office, The Nothe
Weymouth.

8. Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained at the Office of the Commanding Royal Engineer.

9. These Bye-laws shall come into force forthwith.

Dated this 16th day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

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