

CRICHEL DOWN

BOMBING RANGE

BYE-LAWS

MADE by the Secretary of State for Air under the provisions of the Military Lands Acts, 1892 and 1900, as applied by the Air Force (Application of Enactments) (No. 1) Order, 1918, and the Air Force (Application of Enactments) (No. 3) Order, 1923, and as amended by Regulation 52 of the Defence Regulations, 1939, and by virtue of that Regulation for regulating the use of the above-named Range.



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DESCRIPTION OF THE RANGE

1. The Crichel Down Bombing Range, to which these Bye-laws apply, is situated partly on Launceston Down and partly on Crichel Down, in the parishes of Tarrant Hinton, Tarrant Launceston and Long Crichel in the County of Dorset and consists of an area of Air Ministry land (hereinafter called "the Range Area"), the limits of which are set out and described in the Schedule hereto.

GENERAL PROHIBITION

2. During such time as notice is given by the hoisting or displaying of signals in manner hereinafter provided in Bye-law No. 4 that bombing practice is taking place within the Range Area the Range Area will be closed to the public, and all intrusion thereon and all obstruction of the use thereof are prohibited.

OFFENCES DURING BOMBING PRACTICE

3. During such time as notice is given by the hoisting or displaying of signals in manner hereinafter provided in Bye-law No. 4 that bombing practice is taking place within the Range Area and that the Range Area is closed to the public in accordance with the provisions of Bye-law No. 2, then:—

(i) No person shall enter or be upon the Range Area or bring, take or suffer to remain therein any vehicle, animal, aircraft or thing;

(ii) No aircraft shall alight on, remain in or travel upon the Range Area;

(iii) In the event of any aircraft being from any cause within the Range Area while so closed to the public the pilot or other person in charge thereof shall use his utmost endeavours to remove such aircraft out of the Range Area without loss of time.

SIGNALS

4. Notice that bombing practice is taking place within the Range Area is given by the hoisting or displaying of the following signals:—

(A) By day—

(i) By a red flag hoisted on Flagstaff No. 1 erected on the Officers' Control Tower situated 915 yards north-east of the old Turnpike and 595 yards due east of the Blandford Forum and Salisbury Road.

(ii) By a red flag hoisted on Flagstaff No. 2 erected on Quadrant Shelter No. 1 situated 990 yards south-east of the Officers' Control Tower and 830 yards north-west of the Higher Farm.

(iii) By a red flag hoisted on Flagstaff No. 3 erected on Quadrant Shelter No. 2 situated 1,288 yards due south of Flagstaff No. 2 and 1,000 yards south-west of Middle Farm.

(iv) By a red flag hoisted on Flagstaff No. 4 situated 930 yards due west of Flagstaff No. 3 and 350 yards north-east of the north-eastern corner of Penfold Belt.

(B) By night—

By a fixed red light displayed on each of the Flagstaffs mentioned in (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) of (A) above.

DURATION OF SIGNALS

The signals referred to in this Bye-law will be hoisted or displayed half-an-hour before bombing practice commences and will be hauled down or extinguished when bombing practice has ceased.

RECOVERY OF PROJECTILES

5. No person shall remove, tamper with, touch or otherwise interfere with any projectile or portion thereof found within the Range Area or take or retain, or be in possession of any such projectile or portion thereof found within the Range Area.

Provided, nevertheless, that the provisions of this Bye-law shall not apply in the case of persons who recover projectiles under written instructions from the local Naval, Military or Air Force authorities.

RIGHTS OF WAY

6. Save as provided in Bye-laws Nos. 2 and 3, nothing in these Bye-laws shall interfere with any public right of way within the Range Area, but subject as aforesaid the expression "Range Area" shall include all roads and footpaths within the Range Area.

OFFICERS AUTHORISED

7. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening any of the preceding Bye-laws Nos. 2, 3 or 5 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 any of the preceding Bye-laws Nos. 2, 3 or 5 or to remove any vehicle, animal, aircraft or thing found in the Range Area in contravention of any of the said Bye-laws are:—

(1) The Officer Commanding, Royal Air Force Station, Boscombe Down.

(2) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or any Service Policeman for the time being under the Command of the said Officer Commanding.

(3) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said Officer Commanding.

(4) Any Constable.

WHEN AIRCRAFT IN DANGER

8. When any aircraft is within the Range Area all bombing practice shall cease and a second red flag or red light will be hoisted or displayed below each of the red flags or red lights for the time being hoisted or displayed in accordance with the provisions of Bye-law No. 4 to notify the pilot or other person in charge of the aircraft that he is within the Range Area.

EXEMPTIONS

9. Save as provided in Bye-law No. 8 these Bye-laws shall not apply to:—

(a) H.M. Aircraft or any aircraft employed under Admiralty, War Department or Air Council authority.

(b) Any aircraft compelled by accident, stress of weather or unavoidable cause to alight on or remain in the Range Area.

INTERPRETATION

10. In these Bye-laws the expression " aircraft " includes all balloons, whether fixed or free, kites, gliders, airships, aeroplanes, seaplanes, flying boats and other flying machines.

DATE OF OPERATION OF BYE-LAWS

11. These Bye-laws shall come into force on the 22nd day of February, One thousand nine hundred and forty.

SCHEDULE

LIMITS OF THE RANGE AREA

The Range Area to which these Bye-laws apply is situated partly on Launceston Down and partly on Crichel Down, in the parishes of Tarrant Hinton, Tarrant Launceston, and Long Crichel, in the County of Dorset and is bounded as follows:—

ON THE NORTH.—By a line commencing on the south side of the road from Long Crichel to the main Salisbury-Blandford road at a point 275 yards south-east of the Salisbury-Blandford road situated about 2,270 yards north-east of Tarrant Hinton village marked by Notice Board No. 1, and thence following the south side of the Long Crichel road in a general south-easterly direction for a distance of about 1,607 yards passing Notice Boards Nos. 2 and 3, Danger Board No. 1, Notice Board No. 4 and Danger Board No. 2 until a point is reached marked by Notice Board No. 5, situated on the south side of the said road, and thence:—

ON THE EAST.—By a line commencing at the last mentioned point and continuing in a general south-westerly and south-easterly direction along a fence for a distance of about 1,200 yards passing Danger Boards Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 until a point is reached marked by Danger Board No. 8, and thence in a north-westerly direction for a distance of about 117 yards until a point is reached marked by Notice Board No. 5A, and thence in a southerly direction for a distance of about 253 yards until a point is reached marked by Danger Board No. 9, and thence:—

ON THE SOUTH.—By a line commencing at the last mentioned point and continuing in a general westerly and south-westerly direction along a fence for a distance of about 978 yards passing Notice Board No. 6, Danger Boards Nos. 10 and 11 and Notice Board No. 7 until a point is reached marked by Danger Board No. 12, and thence:—

ON THE WEST.—By a line commencing at the last mentioned point and continuing in a north-westerly direction along a fence for a distance of about 1,455 yards passing Notice Board No. 8 and Danger Boards Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 until a point is reached marked by Danger Board No. 18, and thence in a northerly direction for a distance of about 180 yards until a point is reached marked by Danger Board No. 19, and thence in a general north-easterly direction for a distance of about 1,608 yards passing Danger Board No. 20, Notice Boards

Nos. 9 and 10, Danger Boards Nos. 21 and 22, and Notice Board No. 11 until the starting point is reached marked by Notice Board No. 1.

DATED this 31st day of January, One thousand nine hundred and forty.

(Signed) KINGSLEY WOOD,
Secretary of State for Air.

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 whether land or water 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, vessel, 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.”

BOMBING PRACTICE

(2) Bombing practice may take place on the Range Area at any time of the day or night throughout the year.

PLAN OF THE RANGE

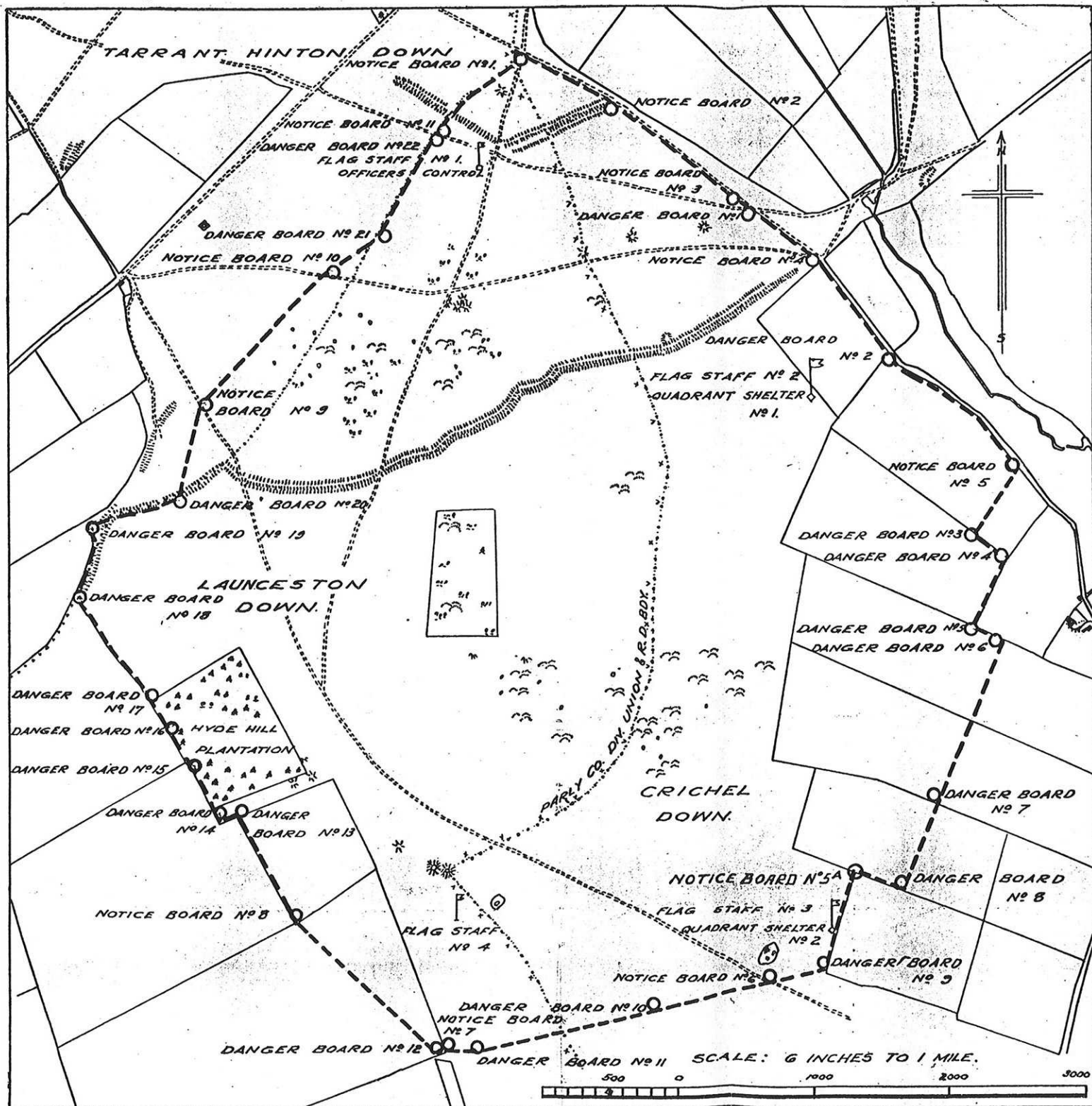
(3) A plan of the Range to which these Bye-laws apply is annexed hereto.

NOTICE BOARDS

(4) Notice Boards displaying a copy of these Bye-laws are placed where a road or footpath enters the Range Area.

WHERE COPIES OF THESE BYE-LAWS CAN BE OBTAINED

(5) Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained, free of charge, at the office of the Officer Commanding, Royal Air Force Station, Boscombe Down, and also from the Under-Secretary of State, (S.4(a)), Air Ministry, Kingsway, London, W.C.2.



SCALE: 6 INCHES TO 1 MILE.

