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WIMBLEDON AND PUTNEY COMMONS.

*REGULATIONS prescribed by Her Majesty's
Principal Secretary of State for the War
Department, relative to the use of the Wimbledon
and Putney Commons for Military Purposes.*

1. The Commons shall not be used for military purposes except in accordance with these Regulations.
2. The Commanding Officer of a brigade, battery, regiment, or other force intending to proceed to the Commons for any military purpose, shall give two days' written notice to the Conservators of his intention, addressed to the Head Common Keeper, Manor Cottage, Wimbledon, and such notice shall specify which branch of the service will be represented, and whether blank firing will be practised.
3. AS TO DRILLING OF TROOPS (including ordinary drilling

of artillery, cavalry, and infantry, field manœuvres and reviews, with or without blank firing)—

- (a) Horses and artillery shall not be ridden over, or placed upon cricket pitches, golf greens, or the dams of the ponds, or in young plantations. The Head Common Keeper (mounted) shall be in attendance to point out these places.
- (b) Paper or other litter shall not be thrown upon the Commons. Every battery and regiment shall pick up any litter that may be caused by men of such battery or regiment.
- (c) Damage by fire shall be especially guarded against, and immediate steps shall be taken to extinguish any that occurs, by employing the troops on the ground at the time, regardless of the origin of the fire.
- (d) All blank firing shall cease at dusk, and be at once countermanded, if within fifty yards of any public carriage road, when any vehicle or equestrian is passing, and shall not be ordered while the troops are standing in the furze, or in any plantation.
- (e) The area for a review, being adequate for the purpose, shall be fixed by the Conservators of the Commons.
- (f) No night operations with blank firing shall be conducted without special permission.

4. AS TO CAMPING (including pitching and striking tents for the purposes of drill)—

- (a) No encampment shall remain on the ground for more nights than three.

- (b) The part of the Commons for such drill for encampment being adequate for the purpose shall be fixed by the Conservators of the Commons.
 - (c) No fires, except for the purpose of cooking, shall be lighted, any troops encamped upon the Commons shall assist at once in the extinction of a fire occurring on the Commons during the encampment.
 - (d) No trenches shall be dug, except by the express order of the Officer commanding the force, and then only for the purpose of draining the tents, forming camp kitchens, latrines, and refuse pits. In cutting any trench, the turf shall be carefully preserved.
 - (e) Before the force moves off the ground, every trench shall be filled in, the turf replaced, and the Common restored to its natural level, and all rubbish of every description shall be picked up, or buried.
 - (f) No tree, brushwood, heather, fern, or furze, shall be cut for any purpose.
5. These regulations shall not apply to Rifle Volunteers practising Rifle Shooting at the Ranges mentioned in the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Act, 1871.

Secretary of State
For the War Department.