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ARMY LANDS

Revised



Bulford Ranges

BYELAWS

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

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The Bulford Ranges Byelaws 1963

Made 11th February 1963

Coming into operation 14th May 1963

Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Part II of the Military Lands Act 1892(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby, with the consent of the Wiltshire County Council so far as regards the interference with the highways hereinafter mentioned, 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 Bulford Ranges (together with all highways thereon) situated in the Amesbury Rural District 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 Bulford Ranges".

USE OF DANGER AREA

2. The Danger Area may be used for the firing of pistols, rifles, machine guns and for the throwing of grenades and for all activities ancillary to such firing and throwing.

PROHIBITION OF ACCESS

3. (1) When the Danger Area is being used for any of the military purposes specified in Byelaw No. 2, 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, vessel, 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 1,400 feet above mean sea level.

(2) Whilst the Danger Area is being used for any of the said military purposes, notice of the fact shall be given by the display of the following signals, that is to say, by the display of a red flag by day and a red light by night hoisted at the following places:—

- (a) at a place at the summit of Beacon Hill, 230 yards north-north-west of Mist Pond, 380 yards west by south of the western extremity of Hill Copse;
- (b) at a place approximately 250 yards north of the Bulford-Tidworth road approximately 880 yards east-south-east of Sheep Bridge;
- (c) at a place approximately 400 yards north-north-west of Sheep Bridge 180 yards east-south-east of the eastern-most of the Bulford Field Plantations (Seven Sisters);
- (d) at a place 50 yards west of the west end of Dumbell Plantation;
- (e) at a place 400 yards north-north-west of the north-west boundary of Dumbell Plantation, 920 yards west-south-west of the southern extremity of Down Barn Plantation;
- (f) at a place 270 yards north-north-west of Ablington Penning, 1,100 yards west-north-west of the western extremity of Silk Hill Plantation;
- (g) at a place 500 yards east by south of the eastern extremity of Ablington Furze, immediately to the northern side of the track running east by north to Dunch Hill Plantation;
- (h) at a place approximately 100 yards due west of the north-east corner of Dunch Hill Plantation;
- (i) at a place on the track running parallel with Devil's Ditch approximately 520 yards south-east of the south-east corner of Dunch Hill Plantation;
- (j) at a place at the junction of tracks 150 yards west of Devil's Ditch, 200 yards west-north-west of the north-west corner of "The Belt";
- (k) at a place 450 yards north-north-west of the junction of the Bulford-Tidworth road and Devil's Ditch, 240 yards due west of Devil's Ditch.

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. The following persons are hereby authorised to remove from the Danger Area and to take into custody without warrant any person found therein when it is being used for any of the military purposes specified in Byelaw No. 2 or found committing any other offence against any of the said Byelaws, and to remove from the Danger Area any vehicle, animal, vessel, 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 Officer in charge of the Bulford Ranges;
- (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 any of the above-mentioned Officers;
- (e) any person authorised in writing by or on behalf of any of the Officers mentioned at (a), (b) and (c) above; 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 or by a 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 shall constitute an offence against any of these Byelaws.

(2) 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 paragraph (1) 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(b) 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 14th day of May 1963, and may be cited as the Bulford Ranges Byelaws 1963.
- (2) The Byelaws in respect of Salisbury Plain (Rifle and Revolver and Field and Mortar Firing Ranges) dated 15th December 1933(c) are hereby revoked.

THE SCHEDULE

The limits of the Danger Area are as follows:—

On the North

Commencing at a point on the north side of the track which runs along the north of Ablington Down, and 670 yards north by west of Ablington Penning, a line following the north side of the said track, EAST-NORTH-EAST for a distance of 3,830 yards to the northernmost extremity of Dunch Hill Plantation; thence

On the East

From the last mentioned point generally SOUTH-SOUTH-EAST following the eastern side of the track through Dunch Hill Plantation for 250 yards, thence crossing to the western side of the said track, on the eastern side of Brigmerston Down, in the same direction for a distance of 1,650 yards to a point 570 yards south-west of the Golf Course Pavilion, thence SOUTH BY EAST for a distance of 1,130 yards to meet the north side of the Bulford-Tidworth road at a point 70 yards east-south-east of the centre of Long Barrow; thence

On the South-East and South

From the last mentioned point along the north-west and north side of the Bulford-Tidworth road in a general SOUTH-WESTERLY direction for a distance of 3,240 yards to a point 650 yards north-north-west of the north-west corner of the plantation known as Stephen's Mound; thence

On the West

From the last mentioned point in a NORTH-WESTERLY direction for a distance of 1,110 yards, to a point where it crosses Nine Mile River, 670 yards north-east of Sheep Bridge, thence

WEST BY SOUTH for 650 yards to a point 80 yards east by north of the easternmost corner of the most easterly of the Bulford Field Plantations, thence NORTH-WEST for a distance of 1,300 yards passing through Dumbell Plantation, to a point in Brigmerston Field 200 yards north-west of the northernmost point of the said Dumbell Plantation, thence in a direction NORTH-NORTH-WEST for a distance of 1,780 yards to the point of commencement.

Dated this 11th day of February 1963.

(Sgd.) W. GERAGHTY

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

The consent of the Wiltshire County Council to the making of these Byelaws, so far as regards the restriction of the use of the highways mentioned therein, was given by a resolution dated the 25th day of January 1963.

(Sgd.) R. P. HARRIES

Clerk to the Wiltshire County Council

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 Police Station, Bulford, and at the Office of the G.S.O. II, Headquarters Salisbury Plain Sub-District. They may also be inspected at the Office of the War Department Land Agent, War Department Estate Yard, Durrington, Wilts., where copies of the Byelaws may be obtained at the price of one shilling for each copy.

RECOVERY OF PROJECTILES

3. Any person who finds a projectile within the Danger Area must not disturb it but should report the finding of it to the Range Warden or to the police at the first opportunity.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF FIRING

4. Public Notification that firing will take place will be given by sending notices, not less than seven clear days before the day or night of firing, giving particulars of the intended date, time and duration of the firing to the persons and authorities listed in the Appendix hereto.

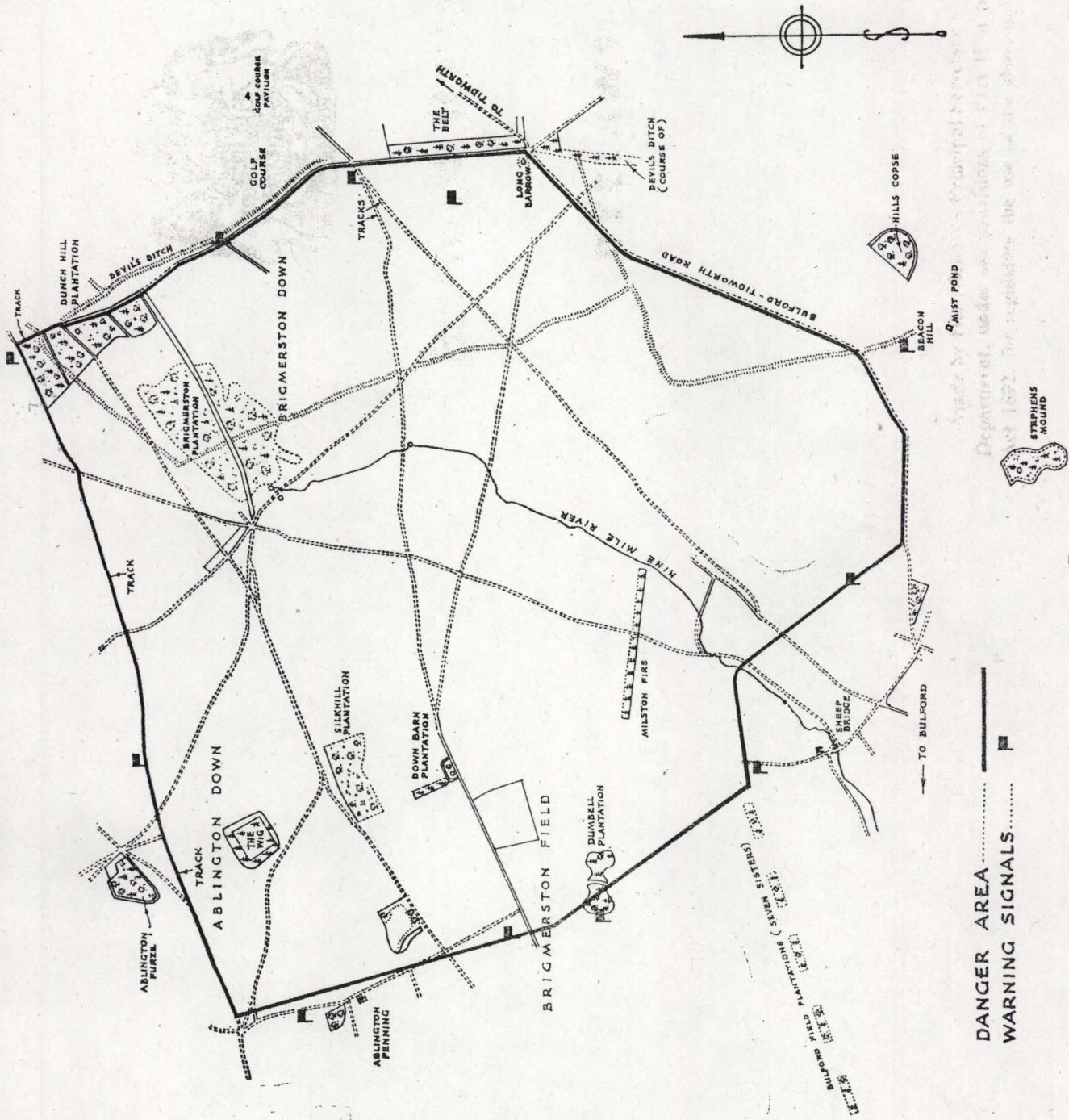
ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS

5. Notice Boards displaying copies of these Byelaws are situated on all public roads and footpaths where they enter the Danger Area.

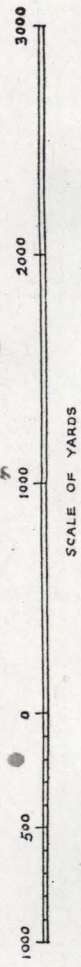
APPENDIX

The Hampshire County Constabulary,	Police Station, South Tidworth, Hants.
The Wiltshire County Constabulary,	Police Station, North Tidworth, Wilts.
The Wiltshire County Constabulary,	Police Station, Bulford, Wilts.
The Secretary, R. A. Hunt.	
The Secretary, Tedworth Hunt.	

PLAN OF THE BULFORD RANGES



DANGER AREA
 WARNING SIGNALS



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