

Statutory Rules and Orders,

No. 1097 of 1932.



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### LANDS AFFECTED.

1. The area of land affected by these Bye-laws and set out in the schedule hereto, comprises the Larkhill Artillery Range Danger Area and the West Down Artillery Range Danger Area, which together are hereinafter referred to as the Combined Range Danger Area.

Firing or field firing may take place under these Bye-laws on (i) The Larkhill Artillery Range, or (ii) The West Down Artillery Range, or (iii) The Combined Ranges comprising both the Larkhill and West Down Artillery Ranges.

### OFFENCES DURING FIRING.

2. During such time as notice is given by the hoisting of signals as hereinafter provided in Bye-law No. 3, that firing or field firing is taking place on the Larkhill Artillery Range or the West Down Artillery Range or on the Combined Ranges, as the case may be, then, so long as the said signals are hoisted, the Larkhill Artillery Range Danger Area or the West Down Artillery Range Danger Area or the Combined Ranges Danger Area as the case may be, including in each case, that portion of the Old Devizes Road between Rolleston Camp on the South and Redhorn Hill on the North and all public roads and footpaths crossing the said Danger Area or Areas affected, will be closed to the public, and no person shall enter or remain within the Danger Area or Areas affected, and no vehicle, animal or thing shall be permitted to remain therein, except that grazing stock and farm implements may be permitted to remain therein at the owner's risk.

### SIGNALS.

3. Notice that firing or field firing is taking place on the Larkhill Artillery Range or the West Down Artillery Range or on the Combined Ranges as the case may be, is given by the hoisting of the following signals:—



**A.—In respect of Firing other than Field Firing :—**

(i) On Larkhill Artillery Range—By red flags hoisted at the following places :—

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| (1) Knighton Down.       | (6) South of Marden Copse.                        |
| (2) The Bustard.         | (7) Casterley Camp.                               |
| (3) Reservoir Point 550. | (8) Lavington Folly.                              |
| (4) Ell Barrow.          | (9) Alton Flagstaff, 1,000 yards W.S.W. of Alton. |
| (5) Redhorn Hill.        |   |

(ii) On West Down Artillery Range—By red flags hoisted at the following places :—

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| (1) The Bustard.                                     | (6) Urchfont Hill.         |
| (2) Silver Barrow.                                   | (7) Redhorn Hill.          |
| (3) Richards Post, 1,000 yards E.S.E. of Field Barn. | (8) South of Marden Copse. |
| (4) Ram's Cliff.                                     | (9) Easterton Down Farm.   |
| (5) Gibbet Knoll.                                    | (10) Reservoir Point 550.  |
|  | (11) Church Pits (Q. 18).  |

(iii) On the Combined Ranges—By red flags hoisted at the places mentioned in (i) and (ii) above, two flags instead of one being flown at Redhorn Hill.

**B.—In respect of Field Firing :—**

- (i) On Larkhill Artillery Range—By black and white pennants hoisted at the places mentioned in A (i) above in addition to the Red Flags.
- (ii) On West Down Artillery Range—By black and white pennants hoisted at the places mentioned in A (ii) above in addition to the Red Flags.
- (iii) On the Combined Ranges—By black and white pennants hoisted at the places mentioned in A (i) and A (ii) above in addition to the Red Flags.

**OFFICERS AUTHORISED.**

4. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-law No. 2 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 Bye-law No. 2, or to remove any vehicle, animal or thing found on any of the said areas in contravention of Bye-law No. 2 are :—

- (i) The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command.
- (ii) The Officer in Charge of the Ranges.



- (iii) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or Military Policeman, for the time being under the Command of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, or of the said Officer in Charge ;
- (iv) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, or of the said Officer in Charge ; or
- (v) Any Constable.

#### DATE OF OPERATION OF BYE-LAWS.

5. These Bye-laws shall come into force on the First day of December, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two, and shall continue in force for seven years from that date. The existing Bye-laws respecting the Salisbury Plain Artillery Ranges, dated Fifteenth February, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three shall cease to have effect from the said First day of December, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.

6. Nothing in these Bye-laws shall affect the operation of Bye-laws made in respect of Salisbury Plain Rifle and Revolver Ranges or in respect of Salisbury Plain (Netheravon) Machine Gun Ranges.

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#### SCHEDULE.

##### DESCRIPTION OF LANDS AFFECTED.

The area of land affected by these Bye-laws comprises the Danger Areas of the Larkhill Artillery Range, and the West Down Artillery Range (together referred to as the Combined Ranges Danger Area), and lies East and West of and includes the part of the Old Devizes Road between Rolleston Camp on the South and Redhorn Hill on the North ; is bounded approximately on the East by a line drawn from Casterley Camp to a point on the Packway Road half a mile West of the Stonehenge Inn, and on the West by the War Department Property Boundary, and is more particularly shown on the maps referred to in Notice No. 4 hereof.

The Larkhill Artillery Range Danger Area consists of that portion of the area, described above, which is situated to the Eastward of the following line :— From the Southern Boundary at Rolleston Bake Farm following (and including) the Old Devizes Road as far as a point 400 yards West of Ell Barrow ; thence turning North-Eastward along the line of Danger Posts, past Wilsford Down Farm, to Scraggy Copse and along the belt of trees from Scraggy Copse across Marden Down to the range boundary South of Marden Copse. The West Down Artillery



Range Danger Area consists of that portion of the area described above, which is situated to the Westward of the above line and includes the Old Devizes Road.

*Dated this Fourth day of November one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.*

(Signed) HAILSHAM,  
*His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State  
for the War Department.*

The Wiltshire County Council hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws.

(Signed) W. L. BOWN,  
*Clerk of the Council.*

#### NOTICES.

##### PENALTY FOR OFFENCES.

1. By Section 17 (2) of the Military Lands Act, 1892, it is provided that :—

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 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 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.

##### TIMES OF FIRING OR FIELD FIRING AND PUBLIC NOTICES.

2. Firing or field firing on the Salisbury Plain Artillery Ranges shall not commence before 9 a.m. and shall cease at 4 p.m. except as follows :—

In exceptional circumstances firing or field firing will be permitted at any time of the day or night.

At least three days' notice will be given beforehand by notice to that effect in *Salisbury Times*, *Wiltshire Gazette* and *Devizes and Wiltshire Advertiser* and by notices



exhibited at the Bustard, Redhorn Hill or Foxley Corner and opposite the "Charlton Cat" Public House in Charlton Village.

The local Constabulary and the War Department Land Agent, Durrington, will also be informed.

#### ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS.

3. In addition to the signals referred to in Bye-law No. 3 look-out men will be placed around the Danger Area on which firing or field firing is taking place to warn persons who may be approaching it. Notice Boards with a copy of these Bye-laws are also placed where any road or pathway enters the Danger Areas.

#### WHERE PLAN OF RANGE CAN BE INSPECTED.

4. A map showing the limits of the Danger Areas and the positions of signal flags referred to in Bye-law No. 3 and the roads and footpaths affected can be inspected at the following places:—

Headquarters, Salisbury Plain Area, Bulford Camp. The Office of the Commander, Royal Engineers, Salisbury Plain, Larkhill Camp.

Copies of the map are also deposited with the Clerks to the Devizes and Amesbury Rural District Councils.

#### WHERE BYE-LAWS CAN BE OBTAINED.

5. Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained at the Office of the Commander, Royal Engineers, Salisbury Plain, Larkhill Camp, by any person who desires to obtain the same.

#### WARNING TO AIRCRAFT.

6. Aircraft are warned not to fly in the vicinity of these ranges while firing or field firing is in progress and no liability for accidents to aircraft arising from the use of the ranges can be admitted.

#### NOTE.

A portion of the Larkhill Artillery Range Danger Area referred to in these Bye-laws forms the Rolleston Rifle Ranges Danger Area and the Salisbury Plain (Netheravon) Machine Gun Range Danger Area, and at certain times, when the Artillery Ranges are not in use, those portions of the Larkhill Artillery Ranges so affected may be closed under the Bye-laws in respect of the Salisbury Plain Rifle and Revolver Ranges or of the Salisbury Plain (Netheravon) Machine Gun Ranges.