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1. The area of the land affected by these Bye-laws (hereinafter called "the Combined Danger Area" and comprising the two separate Danger Areas, hereinafter referred to as the Larkhill Artillery Range Danger Area and the West Down Artillery Range Danger Area) lies east and west of 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 from Casterley Camp to a point on the Packway Road, half a mile west of the Stonehenge Inn; on the west, by the War Department Property Boundary, and is more particularly shown on the maps hereinafter mentioned.

2. The Larkhill Artillery Range Danger Area consists of that portion of the combined Danger Area which is situated to the eastward of the Old Devizes Road. The West Down Artillery Range Danger Area consists of that portion of the combined Danger Area which is situated to the westward of the Old Devizes Road.

3. Notice Boards with a copy of these Bye-Laws are placed where any road or pathway enters the Danger Areas or either of them.

4. Firing may take place under these Bye-Laws on the :—

- (i) Larkhill Artillery Range to the east of the Old Devizes Road.
- (ii) West Down Artillery Range to the west of the Old Devizes Road.
- (iii) Combined Ranges comprising both the Larkhill and West Down Ranges to the east and west of the Old Devizes Road and being the whole of the combined Danger Area referred to in Bye-law No. 1.

5. The Public roads and footpaths crossing either of the Ranges and Danger Areas or the combined Ranges and Danger Areas, as the case may be, will be closed to all persons whilst firing is taking place on the Range or Danger Area concerned.

6. During such time as firing is taking place the Danger Areas concerned will be closed to the Public and notices to that effect will be as follows :—

Red flags will be hoisted on the following places :—

- (a) Whilst firing is taking place on Larkhill Range :—
 (1) Knighton Down. (2) Lavington Folly.
 (3) Casterley Camp. (4) Chirton Maggot.
 (5) Redhorn Hill. (6) Ell Barrow.
 (7) Reservoir Pt. 550. (8) The Bustard.
- (b) Whilst firing is taking place on the West Down Range :—
 (9) Redhorn Hill. (10) Urchfont Hill.
 (11) Gibbet Knoll. (12) Ram's Cliff.
 (13) Silver Barrow. (14) The Bustard.
 (15) Reservoir Pt. 550. (16) Easterton Down Farm.
- (c) Whilst firing is in progress on the Combined Ranges two flags instead of one will be flown at Redhorn Hill and the Flags at all the other places mentioned in (a) and (b) above will be hoisted.
- (d) When Field Firing is taking place on either of the above Ranges, or on the Combined Ranges, black and white pennants will be hoisted on the various flagstaffs in addition to the ordinary red danger flags.

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

- (a) In exceptional circumstances firing will be permitted at any time of the day or night. At least 3 days' notice will be given beforehand by notice to that effect in the "Salisbury Times," "Wiltshire Gazette" and "Devizes and Wiltshire Advertiser," and by notices put up 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.

8. Look-out men will be placed around the Danger Area on which firing is taking place to warn persons who may be approaching it.

9. When and during the time flags are hoisted, as mentioned in Bye-law No. 6, no persons shall enter or remain within the Danger Area on which firing is taking place as indicated by the flags, and no vehicle, animal or thing shall be allowed to remain therein, except that grazing stock and farm implements may be permitted to remain therein at the owner's risk. All roads and footpaths therein will be closed.

10. The following persons, viz. :—

- (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,

shall have power and are hereby authorised :—

- (i) To remove from the Danger Area on which firing is taking place, without Warrant, any person contravening these Bye-laws.
- (ii) To remove from the Danger Area on which firing is taking place any vehicle, animal or thing found thereon.

11. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-law No. 9 shall be deemed to commit an offence against the same, and is, under the Military Lands Act, 1892, liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding FIVE POUNDS.

12. For the purpose of these Bye-laws firing shall be deemed to be taking place, and the Danger Area or Areas concerned shall accordingly be and remain closed, during such time as the red flags indicated in Bye-law No. 6, remain hoisted.

13. A map, showing the limits of the Danger Areas and the position of flags referred to in Bye-law No. 6 and the roads and the paths affected, can be inspected at the following places :—

Headquarters, Salisbury Plain Area, Bulford Camp, and at the Office of the Officer Commanding Royal Engineers, Bulford Camp.

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

14. These Bye-laws shall come into effect on the 1st March, 1923, and shall continue in force for seven years from that date. The existing Bye-laws respecting the Salisbury Plain Artillery Ranges, dated the 21st April, 1914, as modified by the Bye-laws made on the 13th January, 1915, shall cease to have effect from the 1st March, 1923, but nothing in these Bye-laws affects the operation of the Bye-laws respecting Salisbury Plain Rifle Ranges dated the 8th November, 1922.

Ⓟ Repealed by later byelaws
d/ 2.2.26.

Dated this 15th day of February, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

(Signed) DERBY,

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

The Devizes Rural District Council hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws.

(Signed) FRANK MAGGS, *Chairman.*

(Signed) O. SHEPPARD, *Clerk.*

The Amesbury Rural District Council hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws.

(Signed) F. M. WHITE, *Chairman.*

(Signed) A. M. WILSON, *Clerk.*

The Pewsey Rural District Council hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws.

(Signed) JAMES S. HAINES, *Chairman.*

(Signed) ROBERT DIXON, *Clerk.*

NOTICE.

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

NOTE.—Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained at the following places:—Office of the Commanding Royal Engineer, Salisbury Plain West, Larkhill Camp; Office of the Commanding Royal Engineer, Salisbury Plain East, Bulford Camp.