



SALISBURY PLAIN

IMBER RANGES, HILL FARM RANGE AND
BOWLS BARROW RANGE.

BYE-LAWS

Made by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for
the War Department under the provisions of the
Military Lands Acts, 1892 to 1903, as amended by
Regulation 52 of the Defence Regulations 1939, and
by virtue of that Regulation for regulating the use
the above-named Ranges.

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1. These ranges may be used for Rifles, Revolvers, Machine Guns, Light Machine Guns, Mortars, Rifle Grenades, Hand Grenades, Anti-Tank Guns and Anti-Tank Rifles.

LANDS AFFECTED.

2. The area of land affected by these Bye-laws, and set out in the Schedule hereto, comprises the HILL FARM RANGE Danger Area and BOWLS BARROW RANGE Danger Area.

OFFENCES DURING FIRING.

3. During such time as notice is given by the hoisting or display of signals as hereinafter provided in Bye-law No. 4 that firing is taking place on the HILL FARM RANGE or the BOWLS BARROW RANGE, then, so long as the said signals are hoisted or displayed, the HILL FARM RANGE Danger Area or the BOWLS BARROW RANGE Danger Area, including all roads and footpaths crossing the said Danger Areas, will be closed to the public, and no person shall enter or remain within the Danger Area affected, and no vehicle, animal or thing shall be permitted to remain therein except that farm implements may be permitted to remain therein at the owner's risk.

SIGNALS.

4. Notice that firing is taking place on the HILL FARM RANGE, or on the BOWLS BARROW RANGE respectively, is given by the following signals:—

BY DAY.

- (a) In respect of the HILL FARM RANGE: By a red flag hoisted on a flagstaff at each of the following places:—
- (i) BRATTON CASTLE.
 - (ii) A point 250 yards east of FARM DOWN PLANTATION.
 - (iii) A point 150 yards South of MIDDLE RIDGE PLANTATION.
 - (iv) A point 250 yards North-West of road junction at the West end of SOUTH DOWN SLEIGHT.
 - (v) A point 100 yards South-West of THE CROTT.
 - (vi) A point 100 yards South-West of DIRTLEY WOOD.

- (vii) A point between UPTON COW DOWN AND RANSCOMBE BOTTOM.
 - (viii) A point near track junction 200 yards South-East of WHITE SCAR HANGING.
 - (ix) A point 200 yards North-West of BOURNES BARN.
 - (x) The junction of footpath running South from WESTBURY WHITE HORSE with track running South-West from BRATTON CASTLE.
- (b) In respect of the BOWLS BARROW RANGE: By a red flag hoisted on a flagstaff at each of the following places:—
- (i) A point 200 yards East of the road junction at West end of SOUTH DOWN SLEIGHT.
 - (ii) A point 400 yards South of LADY WELL.
 - (iii) A point 500 yards West of PARSONAGE FARM, IMBER.
 - (iv) A point 1,000 yards South of ST. GILES' CHURCH IMBER.
 - (v) A point 900 yards South-East of IMBER FIRS.
 - (vi) LONG BARROW, 800 yards North-West of QUEBEC BARN.
 - (vii) A point 1,000 yards North-West of WEST HILL FARM.
 - (viii) A point 900 yards North-East of WEST HILL FARM.
 - (ix) A point 100 yards North by East of FIELD BARN.
 - (x) BATTLESBURY HILL.
 - (xi) A point 250 yards North-East of GALLERY BRIDGE.
 - (xii) A point in IMBER VILLAGE.
 - (xiii) A point in HEYTESBURY VILLAGE.
- (c) Notice to Aircraft that Mortar firing is taking place will be given by exposing a suitably sited letter "F" (8 ft. by 6½ ft.), in black on a white background.

BY NIGHT.

- (d) In respect of either the HILL FARM RANGE or the BOWLS BARROW RANGE: By Red Lamps or Red Flares displayed on the flagstaffs referred to at (a) or (b) above.

DURATION OF SIGNALS.

The signals referred to in (a), (b) and (d) of this Bye-law will be hoisted or displayed one hour before firing commences, and will be lowered and, in the case of the letter " F " referred to in (c) above covered up immediately firing has ceased.

RECOVERY OF SHELL, ETC.

5. No person shall search for or otherwise interfere with any shot, shell, bomb, bullet or other projectile or portions thereof within the HILL FARM RANGE Area or the BOWLS BARROW RANGE Area, or take, retain or be in possession of any such shot, shell or bomb, bullet, or other projectile or portions thereof found within the aforesaid Range Areas.

Provided nevertheless that the provisions of this Bye-law shall not apply in cases of persons who recover shot, shell, bombs, bullets or other projectiles under the instructions of the local Military Authority.

OFFICERS AUTHORISED.

6. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-law No. 3 shall be deemed to commit an offence against the Bye-law so contravened.

The persons authorised under Section 17 (2) of the Military Lands Act, 1892, to remove or take into custody without warrant any person committing an offence against Bye-law No. 3, or to remove any vehicle, animal or thing found on either of the said Danger Areas in contravention of Bye-law No. 3, are :—

- (i) The Major-General i/c Administration, 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 Major-General i/c Administration or of the said Officer in Charge.
- (iv) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said Major-General i/c Administration or the said Officer in Charge.
- (v) Any constable.

AIRCRAFT IN DANGER.

7. When any aircraft is observed flying over the Danger Area, when Mortar firing is in progress, at a height estimated to be less than 3,000 ft., firing will immediately cease, and will not be resumed until the Aircraft is out of danger.

DATE OF OPERATION OF BYE-LAWS.

8. These Bye-laws shall come into force at the date hereof on and after which date the Bye-laws in respect of the above-named Ranges, dated the twenty-eighth day of February One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, shall cease to have effect.

SCHEDULE.

DESCRIPTION OF LANDS AFFECTED.

The area of land affected by these Bye-laws comprising the HILL FARM RANGE Danger Area and the BOWLS BARROW RANGE Danger Area is situated on War Department property, SALISBURY PLAIN, in the Parishes of IMBER, BISHOPSTROW, NORTON BAVANT, BRATTON, EDINGTON, UPTON SCUDAMORE, WESTBURY and WARMINSTER, and is shown coloured red on the map referred to in Notice No. 5 hereof, and is bounded as follows:—

HILL FARM RANGE Danger Area.

By a line commencing at the West end of SOUTH DOWN SLEIGHT at the junction of the IMBER-WARMINSTER Road with the track from BOWLS BARROW to BRATTON CASTLE and drawn in a Northerly direction to KNAPP PLANTATION, thence North-Westwards through FARM DOWN PLANTATION to the EARTHWORK on the track across WINKLAND'S DOWN: thence in a Westerly direction for a distance of about 800 yards along the South side of the said track (excluding the track) to its junction with the footpath running South-West from BRATTON CASTLE at a point thereon about 360 yards North-East of LONG RIVER ROAD: thence drawn in a South-Westerly direction along the East side of the said track from BRATTON CASTLE (excluding the track) to the point at which it forks to WHITE SCAR HANGING and UPTON SCUDAMORE: thence in a South-Easterly direction to DIRTLEY WOOD, and thence South-Eastwards, by Eastwards for a distance of about 2,000 yards, passing North-East of the ROOKERY to the IMBER-WARMINSTER Road: thence North-Eastwards along the North side of this road (excluding the road) to the starting point at the West end of SOUTH DOWN SLEIGHT at the junction of the IMBER-WARMINSTER Road with the track from BOWLS BARROW to BRATTON CASTLE.

BOWLS BARROW RANGE Danger Area.

On the North.—By a line commencing at the West end of SOUTH DOWN SLEIGHT at the junction of the IMBER-WARMINSTER Road with the track from BOWLS BARROW to BRATTON CASTLE, and drawn in an Easterly direction over SOUTH DOWN SLEIGHT for a distance of about 1,800 yards to a point about 400 yards South-West of LADY WELL: thence in a North-Easterly direction for a distance of about 900 yards to the TUMULUS near the road from IMBER to LADY WELL about 600 yards East of LADY WELL: thence along the South side of the said road (excluding the road) in an easterly direction for a distance of about 1,800 yards to a point marked by a notice board: thence:—

On the East.—By a line drawn in a South-Easterly direction until it meets the track from IMBER to BOWLS BARROW and thence East-by-Southwards to the Pond on the West of FORE DOWN: thence in a South-Easterly direction to the Eastern extremity of TINKER'S FIRS, and continuing South-by-Eastwards to the East end of the belt of trees running from IMBER FIRS: thence in a South-Westerly direction for a distance of about 3,200 yards to LONG BARROW at a point about 800 yards North-West of QUEBEC BARN: thence:—

On the South.—By a line drawn in a Westerly direction for a distance of about 4,480 yards to a point on the footpath 500 yards North of NORTH FARM, and thence in a North-Westerly direction to a point on a footpath about 110 yards North of FIELD BARN, marked by a notice board, thence:—

On the West.—By a line drawn in a North-North-Westerly direction for a distance of about 1,700 yards to a point on the IMBER-WARMINSTER Road marked by a notice board, about 560 yards North of HILL BARN, and thence by a line drawn along the East side of the IMBER-WARMINSTER Road (excluding the road) in a North-Easterly direction to the starting point at the West end of SOUTH DOWN SLEIGHT at the junction of the IMBER-WARMINSTER Road with the track from BOWLS BARROW to BRATTON CASTLE.

DATED this twenty-ninth day of December One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

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

(Signed) G. W. LAMBERT.

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 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.

PERIOD AND TIMES OF FIRING.

(2) Firing may take place from these Ranges at any time during the day and night throughout the year.

ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS.

(3) The limits of the Danger Areas described in the Schedule hereto are marked by War Department Notice Boards, and a board displaying a copy of these Bye-laws is placed at each end of any roads and footpaths where they enter the said Danger Areas.

AIRCRAFT WARNING.

(4) Aircraft are warned not to fly in the vicinity of the ranges while Mortar firing is in progress, and no liability for accident to Aircraft arising from the use of the ranges can be admitted.

WHERE PLAN OF RANGE CAN BE INSPECTED.

(5) A map showing the limits of the Danger Areas, the positions of the Signal Flags and Signal to Aircraft referred to in

