



Salisbury Plain Rifle and Revolver Ranges, in the County of Wilts.

BYE-LAWS

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1. The areas of Land affected by these Bye-Laws (hereinafter called the "Danger Areas") are situated within War Department Property, Salisbury Plain, in the Parishes of North Tidworth, Fittleton, Figheldean, Milston and Bulford, East of the River Avon, and in Shrewton, Durrington, Figheldean and Netheravon, West of the River Avon, and are shown coloured red on the map hereinafter mentioned.

They are bounded as follows :—

PERHAM DOWN RANGES.—On the East, from the 900 yards firing point "A" Range to approximately the War Department Boundary turning Southwards to Markway Firs, on the South, thence proceeding Westwards along the Shipton Track as far as Shipton Plantation, thence in a West-North-Westerly direction to the Dew Pond at South end of Ashdown Copse, thence along track West edge of Ashdown Copse and along track or drive separating Furze Hill and Ashdown Copse, thence in a straight line to the South West angle of Lambdown Furze thence along the South side of Lambdown Furze for 350 yards, thence to the 900 yards firing point "B" Range, and thence to the 900 yards firing point "A" Range.

When the Revolver Range only is in use the Danger Area will be as follows :—

On the West, from the East angle of track or drive separating Furze Hill and Ashdown Copse, thence in a straight line to the South West angle of Lambdown Furze thence along the South side of Lambdown Furze for 350 yards, thence due South to a point 550 yards East of Warren Hill Plantation, then West to the East angle of the track or drive separating Furze Hill and Ashdown Copse.

SIDBURY RANGE.—On the North-East from the 800 yards firing point North-Westwards through flag 3 to the bank of the Earthwork along the bank to flag 2, thence in a straight line North-Westwards, crossing the Marlborough

Track at the point where "Ditch" begins, to a point $1\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs West of track, thence at right angles for about 2 furlongs, thence on the South East, in a straight line back to flag 1, thence in a straight line to South side of firing point, 800 yards.

BULFORD RANGES.—On the South from Stephen's Mound Eastwards along an irregular line connecting the extreme firing points to the point where "Ditch" enters the Belt North of the Shipton Track, thence in a straight line Northwards to the Figheldean—North Tidworth Track, at a point about 1 furlong East of the Marlborough Track, thence South-Westwards to a point 2 furlongs due West of the North-West corner of the "Wig" thence South-Eastwards to Stephen's Mound.

BEACH'S BARN—SIDBURY FOOT—BULFORD FIELD FIRING RANGES.—Southern Boundary identical with above, then Northwards along the Belt past Hare Warren along the West side of the Denes, and from North-West corner of the Denes, Northwards to flag 1, Sidbury Range. Thence in a North-Westerly direction along Sidbury Range Danger Area to the Fittleton Track, thence Westwards along the Fittleton Track to the Approach Road to Haxton Field Barn, thence to the West of Haxton Field Barn, and thence Southward to the point 2 furlongs West of the North-West corner of the "Wig."

ROLLESTONE RANGES.—On the East from the 600 yards firing point "D" Range Northwards to a point just West of Netheravon Bake, thence Northwards through the junction of the Newfoundland Farm and Lavington Tracks, to a point 2 furlongs (about) North of same. Thence due West along the South Side of Old Farm in the South-East corner of Shrewton Folly. Thence Southwards to the angle of the plantation South of Blackball Firs, and thence to the 600 yards firing point of "A" Range, and thence along the 600 yards firing point to "D" Range.

2. The Public Roads and Footpaths crossing the Danger Area of each Range or Group of Ranges will be closed to all persons whilst firing is going on on that Range or Group of Ranges. The limits of the said Danger Areas are marked by War Department Notice Boards. It shall be an offence under these Bye-laws for any person to enter or remain within the Danger Area of any Range or Group of Ranges while the danger flags or signals relating to that Range or Group are hoisted under Bye-laws 4 or

10 as the case may be, and no vehicle, animal or thing shall be allowed to remain therein except that farm implements may be permitted to remain thereon at the owner's risk.

3. A Board with a copy of these Bye-laws is placed at each end of the said roads and footpaths.

4. In respect of each Range or Group of Ranges, Red Flags will be hoisted at the following places whilst firing is going on, on that Range or Group.

PERHAM DOWN RANGES.—On the North-East and South-West of Warren Hill, on Middle Hill, on the Observatory Tower of Furze Hill, and 300 yards South-West of the Observatory Tower.

When the Revolver Range only is in use Red Flags will be hoisted at the following places :—

(a) At Observatory Tower ; (b) South of Lambdown Furze behind Revolver Range firing point ; (c) on road at a point 550 yards East of Warren Hill Plantation ; (d) at East angle of Track or drive separating Furze Hill and Ashdown Copse.

SIDBURY RANGE.—North, South, and East of Sidbury Hill.

BULFORD RANGES.—On Beacon Hill, Tumulus, West of " A " Butt, Silk Hill, Sidbury Foot, at the South end of Long Hill (the latter to be visible from Tidworth) and on Rabbit Hill.

BEACH'S BARN—SIDBURY FOOT—BULFORD FIELD FIRING RANGES.—On the places mentioned for Bulford Ranges and also on the North and South of Sidbury Hill, Haxton Field Barn and Beach's Barn.

ROLLESTONE RANGES.—South of " A " and " B " Butts, Rollestone Ranges, North End of Warren Plantation, Southern Corner of Shrewton Folly, 600 yards North-East of Wexland Bake, 700 yards East of " D " Butt, Rollestone Ranges.

5.—(a) Firing on the Rifle Ranges West of the River Avon will not commence before 9 a.m., and will cease at 6 p.m. No firing will take place on Sundays.

(b) Firing on the Bulford Rifle and Field Firing Ranges will take place during the following hours :—

8 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.—1st March to 31st October.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., without any break.—1st November to last day in February.

No firing will take place on Sundays.

(c) Firing on Perham Down and Sidbury Ranges will take place at any time during the day. No firing will take place on Sundays.

6. All persons who are within any Danger Area at any time when the Danger Flags or Signals are hoisted for that area will be so at their own risk and the Military Authorities will not be responsible for any accidents arising from a disregard of these Bye-laws.

7. In certain exceptional circumstances the Commander-in-Chief, Southern Command, shall have power (by giving one month's notice to the Clerks of the respective Councils) to authorise firing to take place at any hour of the day or night, but firing shall not be continued beyond 11 p.m. on such days, nor shall such days or nights exceed twelve in one year. In the event of the Councils being of the opinion that any days so specified will be inconvenient, they shall have power to suggest alternate days, which may be substituted accordingly.

8. The Danger Flags referred to in paragraph 4 above, in respect of each Range or Group of Ranges, will be flying at all times when firing is taking place on such Range or Group.

9. The road leading from Tidworth along the Northern foot of Beacon Hill to Bulford, will at all times be open to traffic. The road crossing the 700 yards firing point on Sidbury Range from Chalk Pit to Cemetery, will at all times be open to traffic.

10. On every occasion on which the Field Firing Danger Area of Bulford Ranges, marked on the said map, may be used, a black and white pennant will be hoisted on all danger flagstuffs in addition to the Red Danger Flags, and the flanks of the Danger Area will be patrolled by mounted men.

11. The following persons, viz. :—

- (1) The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command.
 - (2) The Officer-in-Charge of any Danger Area.
 - (3) 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 any such Officer-in-Charge.
 - (4) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, or of any such Officer-in-Charge, or
 - (5) Any Constable,
- shall have power and are hereby authorised—
- (i) To remove from the Danger Area, for which Danger flags or signals have been hoisted, without Warrant, any person contravening these Bye-laws.

(ii) To remove from the Danger Area, for which Danger Flags or signals have been hoisted, any vehicle, animal or thing found therein.

12. Any person contravening any of these Bye-laws shall be deemed to commit an offence against the same, and is under the said Acts liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding FIVE POUNDS.

13. A map showing the respective Ranges and Danger Areas and the position of Danger Flags, Footpaths and Roads, can be inspected at the Office of the Officer Commanding Royal Engineers, Bulford Camp.

14. These Bye-laws shall come into force forthwith and the Bye-laws respecting Salisbury Plain Rifle Ranges dated eighth November one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, shall be revoked.

Nothing in these Bye-laws shall affect the operation of the Bye-laws in respect of Salisbury Plain Artillery Ranges dated fifteenth February one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three or the Bye-laws in respect of Salisbury Plain (Netheravon) Machine Gun Ranges dated third March one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

Dated this second day of February, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

(Signed) L. WORTHINGTON EVANS.

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

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

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

(Signed) ROBERT DIXON, *Clerk.*

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

(Signed) CHAS. C. STIDSTON, *Chairman.*

(Signed) WM. R. GRAHAM, *Clerk.*

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

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

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