



DIDCOT

Central Ordnance Depot.

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, for regulating the use of certain War Department lands in the district of Didcot in the County of Berks, as set out in the Schedule hereto for the purposes to which they are appropriated and for prohibiting all intrusion on such lands and all obstruction of the use thereof.

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LANDS AFFECTED.

1. The War Department lands to which these byelaws apply consist of the area known as the Army Ordnance Depot, Didcot, hereinafter referred to as the "Depot Area" more particularly described and set out in the Schedule hereto.

OFFENCES.

2. (i) During working hours that is to say from 7.50 a.m. to 5.0 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and from 7.50 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays, no persons, other than military personnel of the Army Ordnance Depot, Didcot, and of No. 4 Section, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, and Royal Air Force personnel of No. 3 Stores Depot, Milton, and the civilian employees of both Depots, shall intrude or enter or be upon the Depot Area for any purpose whatever without a pass issued by the Chief Ordnance Officer, Didcot, or the Commanding Officer, No. 3 Maintenance Unit, R.A.F., Milton.

(ii) During the times other than the working hours mentioned in paragraph (i) above no persons other than those on duty under the authority of the Chief Ordnance Officer, Didcot, or the Commanding Officer, No. 3 Stores Depot, Milton, shall intrude or enter or be upon the Depot Area for any purpose whatever unless in possession of a pass issued by the Chief Ordnance Officer, Didcot, or the Officer Commanding, No. 3 Maintenance Unit, R.A.F., Milton.

3. No person, in possession of a pass issued as aforesaid in accordance with Byelaw No. 2, shall intrude or enter or be upon any portion of the Depot Area other than such portion or portions as are specified on the said pass; nor shall any such person intrude or enter or be upon the Depot Area for any other purpose than that indicated on the said pass.

4. No person shall drive any motor car, motor cycle or other self-propelled vehicle over any road within the Depot Area at

a speed exceeding that indicated on notices posted to regulate the speed of vehicles on such roads.

5. Smoking is strictly forbidden within the Depot Area and no person shall smoke, or by throwing down lighted or live matches or in any other way, do anything causing or tending to cause a fire to break out on the said area.

6. No person whatsoever shall remain upon the Depot Area after being warned to leave the Depot Area by the Chief Ordnance Officer, Didcot, or any person acting under his authority.

RIGHTS OF WAY.

7. Nothing in these byelaws shall interfere with any public right-of-way, but subject as aforesaid the expression "Depot Area" shall include all roads on such area.

CONTRAVENTION OF BYELAWS.

8. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening any of the preceding Byelaws Nos. 2 to 6 shall be deemed to commit an offence against the Byelaw so contravened.

OFFICERS AUTHORISED.

9. The persons hereby authorised to remove or take into custody without warrant any person committing an offence against any of the preceding Byelaws Nos. 2 to 6 or to remove any vehicle, animal or thing found on the Depot Area, in contravention of these Byelaws, are :—

- (1) The Chief Ordnance Officer, Didcot.
- (2) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or Military Policeman or War Department Constable in uniform for the time being under the Command of the said Chief Ordnance Officer.
- (3) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said Chief Ordnance Officer.
- (4) Any Constable.

DATE OF OPERATION OF BYELAWS.

10. These Byelaws shall come into force at the date hereof on and after which date the Byelaws in respect of Central Ordnance Depot, Didcot, dated 10th September, 1932, shall be revoked.

SCHEDULE.

The War Department lands referred to in Byelaw No. 1 together with all buildings thereon, to which these Byelaws apply, are situated to the North-West of Didcot, on the North of the Great Western Railway Main Line from Didcot to Swindon, just West of the Oxford Branch line. The Area is enclosed by a fence and is bounded as follows :—

On the East.—By a line commencing at a point marked A on the plan attached to these Byelaws, at the South-West corner of EASTON'S PLANTATION and drawn in a North-Easterly direction, along the West side of an old Cart Track, for a distance of about 1,140 yards to a point, marked B on the plan, on the South side of the Public Right of Way leading to SUTTON COURTENAY LANE; thence

On the North.—By a line drawn in a North-Westerly and Westerly direction along the South side of the said Public Right of Way for a distance of about 2,030 yards to a point marked C on the plan, on the East side of SUTTON COURTENAY LANE; thence

On the West.—By a line drawn in a Southerly direction along the East side of SUTTON COURTENAY LANE for a distance of about 385 yards to a point, marked D on the plan, opposite the AIR MINISTRY WARDER'S HUT; thence in an Easterly direction for a distance of about 166 yards to the point marked E on the plan; thence in a South-Westerly direction for a distance of about 1,173 yards, crossing SUTTON COURTENAY LANE at the point marked F on the plan, and continuing past the AIR MINISTRY WARDER'S HUT on the MILTON ROAD to a point, marked G on the plan, South of MILTON ROAD; thence in a Southerly direction for a distance of about 170 yards to the point, marked H on the plan, on the North side of the Great Western Railway Main Line from DIDCOT to SWINDON; thence

On the South.—By a line drawn in a South-Easterly direction, for a distance of about 2,530 yards, along the North side of the Embankment of the Great Western Railway Main Line from DIDCOT to SWINDON, to the point marked I on the plan, thence turning Northwards for about 17 yards to the point marked J on the plan, and thence in a South-Easterly direction following the said railway line to a point marked K on the plan; thence turning in a North-Westerly direction along the South side of the Public Right of Way bounding EASTON'S PLANTATION to the starting point, marked A on the plan.

Dated this Tenth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

BY ORDER of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department,

G. W. LAMBERT.

NOTICES.

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 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 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 His Majesty.

WHERE BYELAWS CAN BE OBTAINED.

2. Copies of these Byelaws with a plan showing the area described in the Schedule attached can be obtained at the Office of the Chief Ordnance Officer, Didcot, by any person who desires to obtain the same.

