Mr Dennis M. Craig has sent us some war-time rules of a golf club near London on which readers may like to reflect over Christmas:

1. Players are asked to collect bomb and shrapnel splinters to save these causing damage to the mowing machines.

2. In competitions, during gunfire or while bombs are falling, players may take cover without penalty for ceasing play.

3. The positions of known delayed action bombs are marked by red flags at a reasonably, but not guaranteed, safe distance therefrom.

4. Shrapnel and/or bomb splinters on the fairways, or in bunkers within a club's length of a ball may be moved without penalty and no penalty shall be incurred if a ball is thereby caused to move accidentally.

5. A ball moved by enemy action may be replaced, or if lost or destroyed, a ball may be dropped not nearer the hole without penalty.

6. A ball lying in a crater may be lifted and dropped not nearer the hole, preserving the line to the hole, without penalty.

7. A player whose stroke is affected by the simultaneous explosion of a bomb may play another ball from the same place. Penalty one stroke.

Incidentally, Mr Craig's firm, R. C. Craig & Co. Ltd., at Hammersmith, have, for the past few years, been taking apprenticeship greenkeepers into their works for a two-week period during which time they are taught maintenance, service and general workshop practice.

Any club interested should contact Messrs R. C. Craig & Co. Ltd., 153 The Arches, Stamford Brook, Hammersmith, London, W.6. A small charge is made to cover expenses and accommodation, which the firm itself will arrange.