LET'S TAKE A LEAF FROM ENGLAND

In England, which is in the war’s front lines, and where transportation has been stringently controlled, the importance of sports in the war effort has never been forgotten. And golf continues to flourish as a popular sport.

Limited mainly to week-ends, it is true, the honorable game nevertheless goes on as a relief to wartime nervous tension and war-workers’ fatigue. It is a boon to men and women alike, a source of recreation to both American and British soldiers and an approved contributor to physical fitness.

Golf Balls are rationed there, and golfers may buy only two new balls each time they play. Skill is more than ever at a premium, for a lost ball in the now undisciplined undergrowth is rarely found. Sheep graze on the fairways during the week, the greens being protected by screens. For week-ends the sheep are penned up and the screens removed.

Fairways are now rougher than the pre-war rough itself. Caddies are seldom, if ever, available. But the British people, from every walk of life, flock to the courses and golf in wartime England is the average man’s game more than ever before.

ENGLISH GOLF RULES

Playing golf in England now has its difficulties in the way of gasoline and fuel. However, ardent golfers are not easily thwarted as may be seen by the wartime golf rules adopted by the Richmond Golf Club, located near London, England.

Following is the club’s emergency code:

1. Players are asked to collect bomb and shrapnel splinters to prevent 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.