

Seek Data On Golf Club Facilities Available for War Hospitalization

A QUESTIONNAIRE to determine to what extent U. S. golf clubs may be able to provide emergency and convalescent hospital facilities to the Army, Navy and Red Cross recently has been mailed to golf club presidents by Franklin L. Miller, 1454 Hanna Bldg., Cleveland. Miller has been authorized by the War and Navy departments and the Red Cross to obtain preliminary data.

Associations that are participating especially actively in helping to obtain the data required include the Northern California GA, Southern California GA, Club Managers' Assn. of Washington, and New York Metropolitan, Chicago, Cleveland, Cincinnati, San Antonio, New Orleans, Houston, and St. Louis district golf associations.

What Facilities 'Just in Case'

Purpose of the survey is to solicit no official commitments but to get an accurate close-up on what facilities might be available for rental by the government in case of urgent need. No basis of rental agreements is referred to in the questionnaire, although preliminary discussions between Army and Navy high officials and Miller have favored retention of enough clubhouse space and of course use to allow the clubs to continue operations on a wartime program.

Several golf clubs already have been

rented by the government for schools and other purposes.

There already is a shortage of military hospital space in the United States suitable for convalescent cases. With American forces certain to be more extensively engaged in hostilities in the near future, the survey of golf club hospital possibilities is being conducted now rather than delayed until arrangements must be made with urgency as the sole factor.

Many club and association officials see in this consideration of golf club service two highly important elements; one being the possible opportunity of making effective use of golf club facilities at a time when no American asset should be neglected, and the other being the probability that government rental will provide income that will enable numerous clubs to continue to exist and to supply members with recreation facilities.

Chance To Do a Real Job

It's believed by some thoughtful golfers' and golf club officials that golf clubs in making known their readiness to entertain propositions for housing battle casualties will be engaging in one of the most valuable and becoming public relations moves any sport can make. The private clubs too often have been unjustly rapped as camps of Americans who are not particularly interested in the preservation of

Cash penalty traps with the money going for Red Cross, USO or other war relief organizations, have been extensively adopted since the idea first was used at the Elmhurst (Ill.) CC.

A contribution, generally of a dime or a quarter is required of a player who shoots a ball into the designated trap.

Here's the Red Cross trap at the Lincoln Park municipal course, Grand Forks, N. D. The bank into which the money is paid for the trap shot, is in the shop of Eugene Lovejoy, Lincoln Park pro.

