

Schultz won first prize in the first all-EM golf tourney at the Waco, Texas AAF while a 134 gross for 18 holes by Pfc. R. S. Grochowski won the "worst gross" prize.

Brig. Gen. T. W. Blackburn, Commanding General of the 3rd Fighter Command, Drew Field, Tampa, Fla. won his unit's Officers' double elimination match golf tournament with an 85 over the Palma Ceia course . . . Lt. Horton Smith, former Ryder Cup star has been assigned to the recently formed Athletic Branch of the Special Services Division with headquarters in New York City and will organize special athletic projects for overseas theatres . . . New champion of the Wichita Falls (Tex.) CC is Cpl. Don Cherry of nearby Sheppard (Tex.) AAF whose one over par 73 beat Vann Lignon 1 up in the finals.

WPB has authorized the manufacture of golf clubs to fill army, navy and veteran's administration orders and lifted its ban on the manufacture of golf club parts; production to be by allocation . . . Wounded servicemen will benefit to the extent of \$17,172 from the 1944 Victory National golf championship held at the Edgewater GC, Chicago.

## English Golf in Nazi War Prisoner Camp

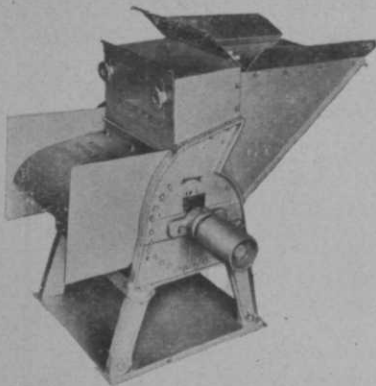
German guards of a Prisoner of War Camp look with toleration upon the exploits of the PWs so far as golf is concerned. English prisoners formed their own golf club, made balls out of wood and clubs out of branches of trees. They then designed their own little course. Swedes heard about it and sent them some clubs. Finally, they had about 20 clubs amongst 400 people, and a similar number of wooden golf balls. The game became popular; it was a great happiness to those interned. —Golf Monthly, Edinburgh.

## Keesler Field Holds Third GI-only Tourney

★ KEESLER FIELD, Biloxi, Miss. \$1,200 Open golf tournament, held December 10, 1944 at the Edgewater Gulf Hotel course, is believed to have been the largest links competition ever staged exclusively by and for military personnel. The winner was Pfc. Babe Lind of Bergstrom Army Air Field, Austin, Texas. It was Keesler's third annual affair and was sponsored by the field's Special Services' Athletic Department.

There were 310 GI linksmen battling

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for the \$1,200 in war bonds, cash and merchandise awards. The top prize of a \$100 war bond went to Lind for his round of 74, 39 out and 35 in. More than two dozen golfers, unable to compete on December 10 because of military duties, were permitted to play the day following. Five states were represented in the military tournament; Arkansas, Texas, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi. The Edgewater Gulf hotel donated the use of its course free of all fees. The Edgewater also donated a \$50 war bond and other hotels and local merchants donated more than 75 prizes to a total value of more than \$1,200. S/Sgt. Joe Mazziotti, Keesler post golf coach was in charge of the tourney.

USGA winter rules applied allowing players to tee balls with head of clubs on fairways only. There were blind hole, high-low and handicap awards allowing all classes of players a chance for prizes. Among the many prizes contributed were two reserved seats to the New Orleans Sugar Bowl game on New Years day, \$80 worth of valuable leather goods and a host of merchandise awards from Biloxi merchants. Highest gross was 163 for 18 holes won by Pvt. Raymond S. Junek making his debut on a golf course.

All playing equipment was furnished free to entrants.

When Marvin Francis Ward was making a three-point landing in the delivery room of a Portland hospital, his dad, Capt. Marvin H. "Bud" Ward, Army Air Force, and USGA amateur champion, was soaring 9,000 feet over the ocean on his return to base after a five-day leave in Brisbane. In a recent letter to L. B. Icely, and W. L. Robb, of Wilson's, "Bud" tells of teaming with Frank Strafacci in a Red Cross match at the Gailles GC, in which they went down 3 and 2 to the Queensland champion paired with the local club title holder. The course, says "Bud", is one of the finest he ever played. Pictures of Sarazen, who visited the club several years ago, are to be found throughout the clubhouse.

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