

Refreshment at Camp Croft

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Twelve months ago the land six miles south of Spartanburg, South Carolina, was a region of cotton and corn fields and peach orchards. Today it is a busy military establishment — Camp Croft.

Camp Croft is a replacement center for the U. S. Army. It provides thirteen weeks primary training for new members of the Army. There are approximately 20,000 white and 2,400 colored soldiers stationed there.

The Army has virtually built a complete city with every modern convenience. There are churches of every

denomination, recreation halls, picture shows, barber shops, Service Clubs with dances at least once a week, cleaning and pressing shops, a place to sit—back of the mess hall and peel potatoes, and one of the finest group of Post Exchanges operated by the Army.

The Post Exchange at Camp Croft is under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Wallace E. Hackett, Post Exchange Officer. The Colonel has transformed the rough pine board buildings into one of the best looking and best merchandised Post Exchange stores in the country. They are as attrac-

The Dole Dispenser in this Post Exchange at Camp Croft, South Carolina, sometimes turns out more than 115 glasses of "Coca-Cola" per hour.



tive and inviting as any retail stores anywhere except those with especially prepared and decorated rooms.

The arrangement of the fixtures and stock, the merchandising of the stock, can match the big stores of the East. They sell everything a soldier could possibly need. He can buy tobacco, magazines, jewelry, clothing, toilet articles, novelties, tools, food and drink. Across the rear of each PX extends a soda fountain serving all kinds of drinks and food. Of course "Coca-Cola" plays a big part in this department. Each fountain has a Dole Dispenser for "Coca-Cola." There are seven PXs which use approximately 43,000 glasses of "Coca-Cola" each month. The stores are open from 11:30 A. M. until 1 P. M. and from 4:30 P. M. until 9:00 P. M. Several of these fountains average over 115 glasses of "Coca-Cola" per hour the whole time they are open every day of the week.

The colored Service Club, managed by First Lieutenant Parsons, was built for the pleasure and diversion of the



Ice cold "Coca-Cola" is popular at Camp Croft's Service Club for colored soldiers.

colored soldiers at Camp Croft. It is a large building, furnished with attractive modernistic furniture, library, complete kitchens and soda fountains. On this fountain, too, there is a Dole Dispenser for "Coca-Cola."

The boys spend many happy hours in their club, playing games, reading, talking over their experiences before entering the Army, stopping occasionally for the "pause that refreshes" at the soda fountain. Every Wednesday night there is a dance for them and can those boys dance!



GEORGE ROGERS

CORRECTION

Fifty Per Cent or Over Lodge

The RED BARREL regrets that through error in the January issue Gordon Parrish, Jr., of the Los Angeles Route, was named as the first brother from beyond the Continental Divide to reach the goal of membership in the coveted lodge. George Rogers of the Hollywood Route is the new Western brother. To Lodge member Rogers our apologies for the error and congratulations for his achievement.