GET THE RANGE

Golf Practice Range at Camp Croft, S. C., Popular With Soldiers

CAMP CROFT, S. C.—One of the most popular centers of recreation for soldiers here following the wind-up of the day's work, is the Camp's newly installed golf driving range and miniature golf course, located in the center of the reservation and adjacent to the station hospital.

Opened a few weeks ago, the driving range has met with great response from Croftites, as has the miniature course. Shortage of golf balls has been a problem confronting First Lieut. William Carpenter, special service athletic officer, in operating the recreation project.

A sizeable stock of pellets was obtained for the driving range through a hole-in-one benefit tournament, recently sposored by the Camp at Shoresbrook CC, Spartanburg (S. C.), the city nearest the cantonment.



Col. Howard Donnelly, commander of Croft Ninth Infantry training regiment, cuts loose on a drive. Teeing a ball (back of Col. Donnelly) is Sgt. Cummings.

However, due to the large number of golfenthusiasts in the military personnel of this infantry training replacement center, the supply realized as a result of the ace tournament failed to cover the requirements of the many soldier-patrons.

The range is in direct charge of Pvt. Fred Johnson, former Philadelphia Cricket club pro, who took over the assignment after he completed his basic military training here. The miniature course is operated



Pvt. Fred Johnson, formerly at Philadelphia Cricket Club, on the golf practice range at Camp Croft. In the background is the range golf shop being built by soldier-carpenters.

under the direction of Staff Sergt. Mark Cummins of Chicago, who, in civil life, managed Olson's Hollywood (Fla.) Inn.

Photos taken on the golf range by the U. S. Army Signal Corps photographers of Camp Croft for GOLFDOM include the illustration on this issue's front cover. Tuning up for the time when they'll hit the real thing with something more potent than golf balls, Camp Croft soldiers aim at Hitler's caricature on the post's new driving range. To make sure he doesn't miss, Corp. Peter Lasiewski of Fort Benning, Ga., formerly of Croft, has moved up real close for a crack at Adolph.

PRES. C. F. ROBBINS, of A. G. Spalding & Bros., together with Vice-President L. E. Coleman entertained a group of company employees at a golf tournament and dinner at Rock Spring CC, West Orange, N. J., Aug. 16.

Salesman Ken Smith won the kickers handicap. George Dawson, New York district sales manager, and Lyle Thomson, with scores of 72 and 77 respectively made on a wet course, revealed the playing qualities of the new Spalding Hurricane golf ball which was used by all the contestants. Other players were Advertising Manager Harry Amtmann, Store Managers Frank Heery and Bill Hellawell, Salesmen Howard Till, Bill Tollner and Phil Darcy; Walter Roberts and George Roth of the golf pro department and John Tapoosian of the Brooklyn factory.