



Colonel Donald B. Smith, commanding officer of the field, (left) is shown greeting Major General Gustavo Salinas, chief of the Mexican Air Force (right) who paid a visit to Seymour Johnson Field this past week as guest of Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the Army Air Forces. General Salinas and his aide, Captain Gazola are making a series of inspections of U. S. airfields. Accompanying the Mexican General here from Washington were Col. A. W. Brock, Major D. M. Warner and Maj. C. T. McHugh, all officers of the Army Air Forces.

Short Sportrait Of Sgt. Miller

Staff Sergeant Stanley Miller works in the office of Physical Training at the Sports Arena and has a lengthy background in sports. With a career in sports that dates back to the colonial days of the Roaring Twenties, he spins a mighty yarn about the personages and teams that he encountered during these years.



... the service on July 22, 1943 at New Cumberland, Pa. Miami Beach was his first stop-off from the induction camp and from there he arrived at Seymour Johnson Field, October 9, 1943. Started in athletics when he played on a football team in his hometown, Hantsville, Pa. ... Was one of main ballplayers of this team of early teenagers. Recalls quite vividly a contest in which his eleven was up against a semi-pro aggregation of

plagiarism. ... In the 'opposing lineup was George Gipp, who was later to go on to become one of the greatest punters and all-around stars of football records while with Notre Dame. ... Sgt. Miller observes that Gipp's talent was slowly obvious even on that day back in the old Nanticoke field. A few years later, Miller was parading the pine boards for a professional baseball team. Later he attended Alliance Military Academy in Pennsylvania where he stayed for two years after graduation in capacity as Basketball, Football and Baseball coach. ... Came the year of 1926 and our raggedly carved subject was engaging the University of Michigan. Competed in football and basketball. ... Got his letter in the sports he competed in and says the most interesting experience that ever befell him was having the honor to have played alongside of Benny Friedman while both were at the University. ... Friedman's name is a byword in football circles. Charley Gehring, former super ball hawk for the Detroit Tigers and premier second baseman of the decade, used to work out with the Michigan men about the time that he was breaking into the big time. ... Pete Appleton, who served valiantly for over ten years in the Major League Big Circus, played with Miller for the University and pitched many a victory for the old alma mater. ... Upon graduation, he was appointed to the post of Basketball coach at Ypsilanti Normal, Mich. ... He helped supervise other sports while there. ... Chase this job instead of accepting the offer of the Long Island Indians to play pro football for them. Indians are farm team for N. Y. Giants and chance to climb up into the top league was present. ... Preferred to teach athletics and around Nanticoke for the remainder of the years up until joining the Army. ... Many of his pupils have gone on to make names for themselves.

Pet Squirrel Home Again In Barracks of 712th

Members of the 712th Training Group and Staff Sergeant Joe Kupperman in particular, are happy again. The reason: "Baby" has returned.

"Baby" is a four-and-a-half-months old pet squirrel who inadvertently wandered off in St. Louis, Mo. shortly before S-Sgt. Kupperman and his buddies were shipped to this Technical Training Command station of the Army Air Forces.

The soldiers had living quarters in the W. M. C. A. there and when "Baby" took up missing, a frantic but fruitless search followed. It was a rather disheartened group that arrived here and as soon as he was freed, Kupperman wired his new address to directors of the St. Louis Y.M.C.A. Worried For Week

Then followed a week of worry, sleepless nights and headache and only for Kupperman but the whole outfit. At long last, a telegram arrived stating that "Baby" had been found by a group of soldiers and was already en route to this field.

A few days ago the pet arrived, bag and baggage and was greeted by a cheer from the 712th that would have put the Notre Dame voting section to shame. Kupperman said he had felt "like a mother who had lost her only child in a subway rush."

"Baby" appeared more than a little pleased with the reunion but seemed tired after the long train ride. She wasted little time crawling into the familiar and cozy innards of the sergeant's helmet for 40 weeks.

"Baby" was born in Oklahoma and officially adopted by Kupperman and his buddies in Kansas when she was two months old. Treated with only the highest respect by all soldiers, she received gifts of candy and other tid-bits but her main diet is carrots, peas and pretzels—with emphasis on the carrots. She often drinks her water from a canteen cup.

S-Sgt. Kupperman, who thinks "Baby" has "the prettiest brown eyes I don't have to depend upon the bugler to make revolve roll call. Every morning, she awakens him in the barracks with an affectionate nip on his ear. The pet is by his side all night long and sits by day on his shoulder or cuddles in his pocket.

Sometimes, Kupperman leaves his pet in the barracks all day long but "Baby" doesn't seem to mind the solitude and acampers along the rafters chirping happily to herself.

Method Of Voting Is Explained For GIs

Get an election coming up soon in your state in which you'd like to vote? If so, you'll be the chance by virtue of an order issued by Post Headquarters—this week.

The order said that posts have been distributed post cards which the soldier may obtain from his commanding officer to request his ballots from his secretary of state. The post cards are mailed without charge.

The post cards requesting ballots are signed by the soldier's commanding officer. The Post order also states that it is not the duty of the commanding officer or any other officer to determine "who is or was eligible to register for and vote in any election." The order also states that "officers must scrupulously avoid advising any person how to vote."

'Limited' Men May Get Out

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4-F classifications with a view to getting into the Army under various eligible men with uncomplicated cases of venereal disease. It has been discovered that some registrants were seeking to escape service by deliberately becoming infected. The rapid treatment of venereal disease has proved so effective that it is now considered feasible to accept numbers. It is felt that accepting more infected men will be beneficial, not only to the men themselves but also to the civilian population, since they will be adequately treated while in the Army, rather than remaining infected.

Men rejected for psycho-neurotic reasons will be re-examined. Quota to be Strict

Hereafter men with physical disabilities will be accepted only on a strict quota basis and selection will be made on the basis of special skills, aptitude and intelligence. When such men are accepted a temporary slip will be attached to their record if they are placed in a unit, when the slip will be destroyed.

Band Concert Scheduled Again This Thursday

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... ranging from a symphonic arrangement of "Deep Purple" to Glenn Miller's arrangement of "Anvil Chorus." The popular Tech Commandos, who also follow Sgt. Leyden's baton, will hold forth during the intermission. All military personnel of the field and their guests are invited to attend the concert.

Feature soloist of the evening will be the "Paylor" soloist who will present "Oubans." Sgt. Leyden also promises "Manhattan Serenade," the "Second Hungarian Rhapsody" by Liszt and "Avalanche" by Lecocq, the symphonic selection from which "The Breeze and I" is taken.

Thank You Note:

This is just "thank you" to all squadron and detachment correspondents for getting their news in the barracks, and to remind them that early copy means assurance that it will appear in the Air-O-Mech.

For those other persons who may have for the paper, please remember that we appreciate getting news and news tips from the enlisted men. After all, they are the backbone.

If you have a story which you think you would like to write, by all means do so. But remember, double space it, write on one side of paper only and if possible have it typewritten.

Again, folks, thanks—and keep us in mind when something happens.

Benny Overseas With USO Shows In Middle East

NEW YORK, N. Y. —USO-Camp Shows announced Friday the arrival of entertainer Benny Hackett in the Middle East in the Pacific areas where they will entertain American service men. Jack Benny, film-radio comedian, is heading a camp show in the Middle East with Mrs. Leslie, motion picture actress; Wini Shaw, stage-screen-radio singer; and Larry Adler, the harmonica virtuoso.

In the South Pacific some are Ray Bolger, famed dancer-comedian, and Little Jack Little, orchestra leader, pianist and singer. All these stars are entertainers at various Pacific areas under the auspices of camp shows, and will perform at an indefinite period.

Wini Shaw has made three previous offshore tours under the auspices of USO-Camp Shows, in Newfoundland, the Caribbean, and in Bermuda. Ray Bolger entertained offshore previously in 1941, when he flew to the Caribbean in a "Flying Showboat" which carried the first Camp Shows entertainment to American troops outside the United States.

Bob Hope, with Frances Langford, is heading one of several Camp Shows in the British Isles; and Adolphe Menjou is heading another touring show. Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy recently returned from Newfoundland, and the Yacht Club's Boys are now back home after a "long run" for Camp Shows in the Middle East and North Africa.

Man of The Week



CPL. GEORGE DENEZ

A few months ago, Seymour Johnson Field was sorely in need of an artist to draw up charts, booklets and other necessary bulletins. The name of CPL. George Denes was pulled from classification and so — an artist was found.

Since the early part of March when he started to work at Reproduction, he has provided the post with many posters, charts and other things in his line of work. For instance, he is the fellow who draws up the "clothing arrangement" charts posted in barracks. He draws the movie schedule charts, field plans maps and even finds time to draw cartoons for the Air-O-Mech.

The Air-O-Mech name design which appears at the top of page one is the work of Denes. He is the artist behind the cartoons appearing on the editorial page.

George didn't start in the army as an artist, however. In civilian life, he is the fellow who's leading commercial artist and designer. His work has traveled to all parts of the country. Many of his drawings and designs have appeared in some of America's leading magazines.

Denes also wrote a text book on art and design. He was one of the first to aid art lessons through the mail to people still pulling public comment and replies.

One of the most outstanding works of Denes on this field is the recent art work documentary on a motion picture of "Henderson Field." He made more than 30 drawings and designs which were inserted into the natural colored film. The film will probably be shown to officers and enlisted men of the field in the near future. It will later be sent to Washington, D. C. to be filed in the National Film Library.

George is attached to Headquarters and Headquarters area. His home address reads New York.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. Baron Gottfried Von Cramm - former Champion of the Cup star.
2. University of Chicago.
3. Sugar Bowl - New Orleans.
4. No member of the New York Yankees played for the first time since the Classic started several years ago.
5. Lt. Johnny Beasley, who defeated the Yankee twice.
6. ...
7. Mickey Walker
8. Slammie Sammy Sneed
9. Burleigh Grimes
10. Walter Hagan - he is a golfer while the others are famous baseball players.

Skunk And Fish—And 797th Has Problems

The 797th Technical School Squadron really has its troubles these days, and the troubles are all about a skunk and goldfish. First, the 797th has a problem as a mascot a baby skunk. There were many "ohs" and "ahs" at the "purry" little animal, but some squeamishness about getting too close and just what the animal was going to smell like when it got a little older.

The latter problem was settled when it was decided to have the skunk de-skunked. Then the little skunk failed to come out of the anesthetic. Sorrow fell like a great shadow throughout the barracks.

Then came the goldfish problem. The GIs spent hours constructing a fancy goldfish pool in front of their squadron sign. First, the pool was in the water. All is beautiful. But now the GIs can't find any goldfish to put in their aquarium. "All the whole thing," screamed one GI, "the whole business of fish—without the fish!"

Oh, boy! Yeah, man—let's get the ol' swimmers' wet and cool. It's the dirty, polluted pool in the hole, but it sure serves the purpose of getting service men relaxed.