



MOUSE EATING CORPORAL? — Fang became the official mascot of Supply Company North (Prov.)

Corporal Fang Is an Unusual Mascot

FORT WAINWRIGHT, AK: corporal that eats three mice Supply Company North Did you hear the one about the every other Saturday? (Prov.) Ft. Wainwright, has such

a corporal named Fang. He is a 4½ foot boa constrictor who became the unit's official mascot recently.

Fang arrived at the company about four months ago with his owner, Specialist 4 Alan L. Crandall. An OK from his commander, Captain Harry E. Giesler, was all he needed to award Fang two stripes and an official title.

Fang's been with his owner since July and was named such because he hasn't any fangs, which makes him harmless. Nevertheless he's snake enough to chill the spine of reptile

phobists.

He's been quite a morale booster, according to CPT Giesler and the men of the unit. Watching him swallow mice is an unusual sight.

Fang is confined to his cage when he's taken out of his owner's room, but he'd just as soon stay there because he isn't too enthused about lights and a lot of people.

The serpent is probably the most inexpensive corporal the Army feeds. A regular human diet of three meals a day is about 1,000 more than Fang requires in a year.