

Guardsmen In Their 'Best' Training Session

Alaska National Guardsmen of the 1st and 2nd Scout Battalions started home last Saturday after what Colonel Fred O. Reger termed "the best training session we have ever had."

Col. Reger, assistant state Adjutant General for Army, said the new organization of five-man Scout teams tested by the Scout battalions this year has proven a great success.

"It's a real breakthrough in our development of small unit leaders," Col. Reger said.

The organization was approved for training purposes shortly before this encampment began on Feb. 12. Under the plan, the Scouts are broken down into five-man teams, each commanded by a sergeant.

"We've seen a lot of improvement in leadership during this camp," Col. Reger said. "I think this is going to turn out to be the answer to the problem we face by having these people so widely scattered."

The two battalions—the 1st and 2nd Scout Battalions, 297th Infantry, Alaska National Guard—are made up of men from 63 communities in northern and western Alaska. Some of the communities are so small that only five Guardsmen live there.