

# Alaska Nat'l Guard Hikes Pike to Lt. Col.

Major Joseph N. Pike of Bethel, commanding officer of the 2nd Scout Battalion, 297th Infantry, Alaska National Guard, was informed by Colonel Henry H. Hardenbergh recently that he had been advanced to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Col. Hardenbergh is the senior Army advisor for the Alaskan Army National Guard.

LTC Joseph Pike has the unique distinction of being the first Alaskan Scout Battalion commander to attain the highest possible

rank authorized for such a unit.

Col. Pike formerly lived in Sitka as an employee of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and U.S. Public Health Service.

Pike is the past post commander of the Sitka Post 13, American Legion; member of the Mt. Verstovia, Masonic Lodge 291; and past Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Baranof Chapter 15.

Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Joseph N. Pike reside in the City of Bethel.