

## ***ANG Eskimo Scouts—***

# **1st Scout Battalion In Field Exercises**

Thirty members of the 1st Scout Battalion, Alaska Army National Guard, joined with a company of the 171st Infantry Brigade, US Army, Alaska, in a controlled field training exercise nick-named "Hawk" near Nome this week.

The Scouts, all members of the 1st Scout Battalion, played two parts in the maneuver. Approximately six men were assigned to work with the USARAL troops of Company A, 6th Bn, 9th Inf, as guides and as instructors in Arctic operations.

The remaining served as an "enemy aggressor" force, operating as a guerilla unit.

Plans for the exercise called for the USARAL troops to be airlifted from Ft. Wainwright to Nome air field by US Air Force C-141 transports from the 62nd Military Airlift Wing on November 3rd. The exercise will end on November 10, when the forc-

es return to their home stations.

Field portions of the exercise took place in an area north of Nome. There, the Eskimo Scouts assumed the role of a small enemy force dropped into U.S. territory. They made simulated attacks on communications lines, roads and airfields.

Company A was assigned the mission of tracking down and destroying the guerillas.

Purpose of the exercise is to provide the USARAL troops with the most realistic Arctic training possible, while offering the Eskimo Scouts the benefits of observing combat-ready infantry company in operation.

In consonance with normal Army policy, there will be no "winners" or "losers." The exercise will be evaluated and results studied for possible improvements in operational methods used by all forces.