

1,000 Guardsmen to Be at Encampment

Over 1000 Army National Guardsmen will gather in the Anchorage area late this month to begin the first of three Alaska Guard encampments.

The men will be members of the 1st and 2nd Scout Battalions, the State Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment and the 10th Ordnance Platoon.

Traveling primarily by air, the Guardsmen will begin arriving in Anchorage on January 22. They will be flown into Elmendorf AFB, and then taken by bus to the National Guard field training site, Camp Carroll, on Ft. Richardson.

The Eskimo Scouts, members of the two Scout Battalions, will be coming from such diverse points as Barter Island, Barrow, Dillingham, Mekoryuk, Gambell and Diomedes.

The men of the State Headquarters come primarily from Anchorage and Juneau, while the majority of the members of the 10th Ordnance Platoon are Anchorageites.

During the two weeks the units are encamped at Camp Carroll, the Guardsmen will undergo a wide variety of training. There will be training sessions at Camp Carroll, in the Ft. Richardson maneuver areas adjacent to Eagle River and on most of the Ft. Richardson live-firing ranges.

This first encampment will end on February 7. The second camp, slated to begin on February 21, will extend through March 7. That field training period will be for members of the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry, the 38th Special Forces Detachment, the 910th Engineer Company, a single company of the 2nd Scout Battalion and a limited number of men from the State Headquarters.

One Army Guard unit will attend both encampments. The 134th Public Information Detachment will split its required two weeks active duty training, so as to provide news coverage of each camp session.

The 135th, composed of men from Anchorage, will be at Camp Carroll from January 31 through February 7, and again from February 28 through March 6.

A third National Guard camp will be held later this summer, when members of the 186th Tactical Airlift Group, Alaska Air National Guard, undergo their annual training.