

Eskimo Battalion Wipes Out Foe in Mock Battle

The Eskimos of the 1st Battalion acting as guerillas against Co A, 6th Bn, 9th Infantry from Ft. Wainwright, wiped that company out when their base was overrun in last week's exercises near Nome.

The Scouts were outnumbered 5 to 1 but they ambushed the Regular Army Company several times capturing vehicles, men, equipment and weapons without loss to the Scouts. The Scouts captured a machine gun and ammunition and used it against Co A.

The guerilla force was made up of the local Guard unit, officers and men from 28 villages who were attending a seminar and two civilians Frank Okleasik and Robert Langton.

Major John Schaeffer, commander of the 1st Scout Bn, stated, "This maneuver has proved again that the Scout cannot be matched when operating in the Arctic. Our Battalion and Co A, 6th Bn both received some excellent training."

Major Schaeffer is Eskimo from Kotzebue.

In the other activities of the 1st Scout Battalion, the Scouts launched a recruiting drive in Unalakleet, Nome, Kotzebue and Barrow Monday Nov. 10. Muktuk Marston and B.G. Reed assisted.

Activities planned for Nome included a dance featuring the J.J. Banana Spring Wound Sound Circuit band at 9:00 p.m. last Monday in the Armory, the Veteran's Day Parade, an open house at the Armory with displays, movies, Otter rides for the kids, and showing of Muktuk Marston's film, "People of the Tundra" at the Armory.