

# Bill Hately Flies ANG Boys then Joins Them

Bill Hately, was one of several Wien Consolidated Airlines Pilots who ferried members of the Alaska National Guard from remote villages to Bethel last week. But there was a difference.

Once the job was done, he put on his guardsman uniform and joined the last flight. Each year he takes two weeks to attend the annual encampment at Camp Carroll.

Bethel-born Hately attended the University of Alaska for a year. In 1961 he went to officer candidate school to be commissioned as an officer in the Guard. Later he took army flight training, received his wings and instrument rating.

He is one of approximately 700 Guardsmen who came from 31 villages in the lower Yukon-Kuskokwim area. Out of a population of 1,800 able-bodied men, about one-third of them are Guardsmen.

"The real story of the Guard here is in the men. They are

hunters, fishermen, traders, councilmen and leaders in their communities," says Maj. Donald Shantz, commander of the Second Scout Battalion, 297th Infantry with headquarters at Bethel.

The battalion is made up largely of Eskimos who are alert eyes and ears for the Alaska military establishment.

In a well-coordinated effort, approximately 1,100 Guardsmen were airlifted from all over northern Alaska in a little more than two days. Three airlines participated in the movement—Wien Consolidated, Alaska and Reeve Aleutian—with Wien moving most of them.

The men were flown to collection points by small planes where they were picked up by larger aircraft and taken to Camp Carroll. Despite adverse weather at some points on Feb. 13, 14 and 15, the movement was accomplished on time.