

Alaska Guard Gets Exam

A group of ten medical personnel from the Mississippi National Guard will arrive in Anchorage this week enroute to bush Alaska where they will make physical examinations of about 400 members of the Alaska Guard's two Eskimo Scout battalions.

One group of five medics will be assigned to Bethel, to examine members of the 2nd Scout Battalion. The other team of five will travel first to Nome, then Kotzebue and Barrow, examining members of the 1st Scout Battalion.

Air crews of the Alaska Air National Guard will play a large part in the program, as they ferry the medical teams between their work points, and will help to ferry Scouts from more remote locations such as Unalakleet and Savoonga, into the main examination locations.

The program was planned in an effort to relieve a large backlog of Guardsmen who have not

completed their required annual physical exams because of the shortage of physicians in the bush areas.

It is the first time such a large-scale examination effort has been attempted by the Guard in any state.

The Mississippians will leave Alaska on Oct. 5.

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