

# 1st Scout Battalion Subscribes for 33 Units

Major Bill Caldwell and his Eskimo Sergeant Major Harold Bell of the 1st Scout Battalion Headquarters of the National Guard at Nome, visited the Times office recently to subscribe for 33 units under the battalion's

command.

The 1st Scout Battalion covers a huge area of Alaska from Stebbins and St. Michael in the Norton Sound, the Interior and the Upper Yukon, and north to Barter

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"Your newspaper gets around and many of the unit members enjoy reading it," Major Caldwell said. "It has news of interest to the people in the Guard. They read about people they know and this is important to their morale."

There are over 600 Scouts in the 1st Battalion. When asked about the capabilities of the Eskimo and Indian Scouts, Major Caldwell said:

"These men are real sharp and they learn very fast. These people can do things other Army units can't do and they cooperate all the way."

The Major and Sergeant Bell said that other villages would like to start units "but we haven't got the facilities."

Another group, the 2nd Scout Battalion headquartered at Bethel also subscribes to the Times for 29 of its units.