



(USAF Photo)

RATTLERS SILENCED
by SMSgt. Ronald M. Dixon, 244th Radio Relay Sq., are held out by the smiling sergeant. The rattlesnakes were killed by Sergeant Dixon when he was surveying a Bickleton, Wash., site to be used for his Air National Guard unit's summer training site.

Guards Man Relay Station

A seven-member team of Air vey truck, is part of a communications chain linking Portland and Spokane. Another station is set up at Skamania, one at Moro, then there are two more before the message reaches Yakima Firing Center.

Their work is a two-week summer training encampment, and the first of its kind for this area. The guardsmen arrived here early Saturday, moved their equipment to a ridge off The Old Dalles road, and set it up.

Two men stay continuously at the relay. Their "home base" during the two-week drill is in the Hood River Armory. The equipment, mounted on a heavy truck, is part of a communications chain linking Portland and Spokane. Another station is set up at Skamania, one at Moro, then there are two more before the message reaches Yakima Firing Center.

The job of the summer trainees is to maintain equipment and keep the communication open for the duration of their encampment. In two weeks time, the exercise will end and the equipment will go back to Portland.

In charge of the training detachment is Staff Sgt. George Cooley.