

# ROTC Plans

## New Activities

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Washington and Lee's green-clad soldiers-to-be are embarking on what promises to be a busy and in some respects experimental year.

Scheduled for the last week in October is a "night compass problem" for all students in the ROTC program. This entails detailing nine or 10 men with a compass and a certain destination to reach using the compass.

The night compass program, executed by companies, was instituted last year at W&L.

Also at the end of October the freshmen will fire .22 calibre rifles, culminating their initial marksmanship training.

In March juniors will fire M1 rifles. This is new to the university this year. (The M1 rifle is the rifle which is presently part of every soldier's basic equipment.)

For the first time juniors will this year go through a combat leaders' course. Four simulated battle situations will be given to four-man teams. A different cadet will act as "leader" in each situation, presenting a solution to the combat problem.

Maj. Edward J. Roxbury said a typical "situation" might be handling a wounded man with a prisoner of war or fixing a broken jeep axle in a battle environment.

In April, platoon attack problems will be conducted. An annual affair, this consists of putting the various platoons on a mock battlefield under fire. Men will be equipped with weapons and blank ammunition for the attack.

A feature of the ROTC program to Washington and Lee is set for the second semester. A course in western military history for freshmen is being planned. The ROTC department has received two Lee Scholarship grants to produce a text for the course.

Under the direction and supervision of the ROTC officers, senior Jim Hitch and junior David Wolthorn are helping compose the text.