

ROTC Cadets in Simulated 'War'

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Company "A" of W&L's ROTC regiment successfully wiped out pockets of enemy resistance Wednesday afternoon in problems in platoon attack in the W&L ROTC Program. Dressed in regular army fatigues and carrying M-1 rifles and automatic rifles, the two platoons of Company "A", under the command of Cadet Capt. Charlie Buffum were the first cadets in the regiment to undergo training in simulated combat conditions at the White Farm area on the Goshen Road.

The orders for the attack stated that the enemy had been driven successfully from their former position

of strength throughout the Valley, with only few pockets of tough resistance remaining. The cadets were ordered to wipe out the enemy on two hills over a course of nearly 850 yards. Maneuvering through deep mud, snow and over hilly terrain, and in face of simulated tough opposition, the cadets successfully mounted the attack and destroyed both areas of opposition.

The platoon attack problems are an innovation to the W&L ROTC program, and are designed to implement classroom training by offering leadership opportunities on the field. The problems are similar to those tackled by cadets at

summer camp during their junior and senior years.

During the month of April, the rest of the regiment will face problems in the same area. Plans for next year include enlarging the scope of the problems to include a greater replica of actual combat conditions. This year, several charges of one-quarter pound dynamite were set off to implement the effect of combat conditions.

Cadre officers observing the problem Wednesday were satisfied with the performance of the cadets, most of whom had never experienced such training before. The cadets were commended for fast moving and alert action.



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