



Pickett's Charge—ROTC Style

Tactical Exercise Trains Cadets To Cope With Battle Conditions

Yesterday evening, despite bad weather and rough terrain, units of the Washington and Lee ROTC corps of cadets successfully attacked and overran an aggressor position located in the hills of the Liberty Hall area.

This offensive took place as a part of a series of tactical problems presented to the members of the cadet corps to test and improve their ability to apply classwork matter in the field. The first part of this series was the compass problem held last fall.

Advancing from an assembly area each platoon individually attacks the objective occupied by aggressor forces and is brought under fire by the enemy as it advances.

Realism is accentuated and the problem made as lifelike as possible by providing of both cadets and ag-

gressors with blank ammunition to be fired from rifles and machine guns as well as grenade launchers with signal flares.

The purpose of this maneuver is to familiarize cadets with the problems of command and control during a tactical situation and in addition to give them practice in leadership. The cadets, having been given previous instruction in attack formations and the employment of both men and weapons are, by this field problem, more able to understand applications of the above concepts in battle conditions.

The units in the assault are commanded by their own cadet officers and both the commanders and the members of the units are graded and criticized as to their handling of all matters during the taking of the objective.