

# Commando Training Begun at Princeton

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## Obstacle Course Being Used By 800 R. O. T. C. Cadets

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PRINCETON, N. J., July 18—Training in fundamental commando techniques began this week for 800 cadets in the Princeton University Field Artillery unit of the Reserve Officers Training Corps with the opening of a specially designed obstacle course on a wooded hillside near Lake Carnegie.

Planned by Lieutenant Raleigh Hansl Jr., instructor in military tactics, to supplement the university's compulsory athletic program and give to R. O. T. C. students practice in surmounting barriers commonly met in combat, the course was constructed largely by undergraduates.

All cadets are required to negotiate the course's hurdles, sheer walls, tunnels and entanglements once a week. Emphasis at present is being placed on developing the right technique in getting over the obstacles, although eventually students will be timed for speed in covering the half-mile steeplechase.

Several cases of poison ivy have developed among men who rolled, fell or staggered from the limits of the course, and a hand-over-hand climb up a slender twenty-foot rope has made blistered hands the rule.