

## West Point Football Team Compared With Commandos

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WEST POINT, N. Y., Oct. 27.—High up here on the hills above the curving Hudson, there's an army task force that has taken its objectives this fall with speed, though it has had a minimum expenditure of ammunition.

It's a small squad of some thirty bluish-grey uniformed men whose victims say they strike with the suddenness and fierceness of Commando raiders. It's the gridiron detail of the United States Military Academy, strong, fast, talented youngsters who have an assignment mapped out for them every afternoon this fall.

In this war year military authorities say Army should have that know's no rival it can't whip. That's the kind of football team it appears Earl (Red) Blaik has welded at The Point.

It has driven through one-third of its schedule without

danger, either having to ex-

pend its forces and without hav-

ing to reveal battle strategy

formulated for more crucial en-

gagements.

These Keylets, the best to

represent the Military Academy in some years, have beaten La-

fayette, Cornell, and Columbia.

It's a fast striking unit that

gets the jump on its foes and then

wipes out to lay more on if

it be needed. It scored in three

minutes against Cornell, six

minutes against Columbia. It

banged out a first-quarter two-

touchdown lead over both foes.

It can come up with a quick

thrust that shakes a sprinting

halfback loose and on the touch-

down line before the four-sus-

pot disaster is at hand. It star-

ted Lafayette by shooting mer-

cury-footed Ralph Hill through

and opening for a 72-yard scor-

ing dash. It twice astounded Co-

lumbia by suddenly shackling

the Lion defenders while Cap-

tain Hank Maxey bounded down-

field on a 65 and 70 yard

sprints.

It is an alert task force, too,

well-trained in anti-aircraft war-

fare. It faced Columbia's Paul

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