

Nathan Hale Battalion Conducts Field Training Exercise

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Mansfield, CT – Cadets
of the Nathan Hale
Battalion departed from
the University of



Cadets utilized a one rope bridge to cross during movement to the training site

Connecticut with full rucksacks, on the afternoon of October 23 to conduct a field training exercise. Cadets ruck marched for 5.62 miles to the training site where they set up patrol bases and performed team building activities. On the morning of October 24, Cadets woke up at 4:00 a.m. to freezing temperatures and participated in a Brigade wide challenge in which they crawled over the freezing, wet ground for hundreds of meters. Over the course of the weekend, Cadets received instruction on many topics to include the proper wear of their cold weather gear, basic



Cadet Michael Santos emplaces security

instruction on radios, squad and platoon tactical movement formations and techniques, and land navigation. The weekend culminated on October 25 with tactical exercises that required Cadets to use the skills that they had learned over the course of the semester. As they were awaiting the buses that would bring them home for the weekend, they were treated to a show by the Ranger Challenge Team accompanied by the seniors who performed a Haka dance. Overall, the training event was a huge success with all Cadets being able to learn valuable leadership skills that they will carry with them throughout their careers.