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Solution: Since the field and velocity are perpendicular the magnitude of the force is $F = qvB = 0.3\text{N}$. The direction is down, toward the ground.