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- · Provides feedback to subordinate leaders
- · 3 types of counseling
 - ✓event counseling
 - ✓performance counseling
 - ✓professional growth counseling
- Counselor should be an active listener, respectful, self-aware and culturally aware, and possess empathy and credibility



Assessing Climate



- Cadet leaders shape the climate of their organizations
- Tools for assessing
- ✓Ethical Climate Assessment Survey (ECAS)
- ✓Command climate survey
- · Questions such as...
 - ✓Do leaders know what they are doing?
 - ✓Do leaders have the courage to admit when they are wrong?
 - ✓Do leaders act on the feedback they have been given?
 - ✓Is leader behavior consistent with cadet values?



SGT York



"Sir, I am doing wrong. Practicing to kill people is against my religion."

York, speaking of target practice at human silhouettes.



- Drafted in 1917 World War I
- Excellent marksman
- Labeled as conscientious objector
- CPT Danforth & MAJ Buxton's roles
- Reconciled to duty
- Link to Vignette

Won the Medal of Honor for valor



SGT York



- Which core leader competencies did his leaders display when they counseled with SGT York during his dilemma?
- How did his leaders help him develop?
- How did the ethical climate his leaders set affect the outcome of the situation?



SGT York Vignette

Initially a conscientious objector from the Tennessee hills, Alvin C. York was drafted after America's entry into World War I and assigned to the 328th Infantry Regiment of the 82d Division, the "All Americans."

PVT Yof, a devout Christian, told his commander, CPT E. C. B. Danforth, that he would bear arms against the enemy—but did not believe in killing. Recognizing PVT Yof, as a good Soldier and potential leader but unable to savay him from his convictions, CPT Danforth consulted his battalion commander, MAJ George E. Buxton, on how to handle the situation.

MAJ Button, a religious man with excellent incovidege of the Bible, had GPT Danforth bring PVT York to him. The major and PVT York tailled at length about the Scripture, God's teachings, about right and wong, and just wars. Then MAJ Button sent PVT York home on leave to ponder and pay over the dilemma. The battalian commander had promised to release York from the Army if he decided that he could not serve his country without sacrificing his intentity.

After two weeks of reflection and soul-searching, PVI York returned to his unit. He had reconciled his personal values with those of the Amy, PVI York decision would have great consequences for both himself and his unit. In the moming hours of 8 October 1918 in France's Argonne Forest, now Corporal (CPL) York, after having won his stipses during combat in the Lorraine, would demonstrate the character and heroism that would become part of American military history.

CPL York's battalion was moving across a valley to seize a German-held rail point when a German infantry battalion, hidden on a wooded ridge overlooking the valley, opened with machine gun fire. The Americans sought cover and the attack stalled.

CPL Yorks platoon, already reduced to 16 men, was sent to flank the enemy machine guns. As they advanced through the woods to the rear of the German outil, it supprised a group of some 25 German. The shocked enemy though the woods to the rear of the German outil, it supprised a group of some 25 German. The shocked enemy though the control of the con

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SGT York Vignette (continued)

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Although it seemed fudicrous for a lone Soldier to call on a well-entrenched enemy to surrender, the opposing German battalion commander, who had seen over 20 of his Soldiers killed, advanced and offered to surrender to CPL York if he

CPL York faced a daunting task. His platoon, with merely seven unwounded Soldiers, was isolated behind enemy lines with several dozen prisoners. When one American reminded York that the platoon's predicament was hopeless, he told him to be quiet.

CPL York soon moved the prisoners and his platoon toward American lines, encountering other German positions also forcing their surrender. By the time the platoon reached the edge of the valley they left just a few hours before, the hill we clear of all German machine guns. The suppressive fires on the Americans substantially reduced, the advance could Continue.

CPL York returned to American lines with 132 prisoners with 35 German machine guns out of action. After delivering the prisoners, he returned to his unit. U.S. Intelligence officers later questioned the prisoners and learned one determined American Solidier, armed with only a rife and pistol. For his heroic actions, CPL York was permoted to Sergeant and

the Medal of Honor. His character, physical courage, technical competence, and leadership enabled him to destroy

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