

Standards & Discipline: “Desperate Measures” Written Case Study

Facilitator: Reading the Case Study twice often ensures that participants are prepared to discuss the issues.

Facilitator’s Summary: Discipline reflects the self-control necessary to do the hard right over the easy wrong. In the face of temptation, a female Soldier chooses the easy wrong to provide for her child.

Notes:

- What rules and laws apply in this situation?
- Discipline is the accepted practice of our Army Profession, in the conduct of duty, effectively and ethically.
 - How did this female troop lack discipline?
 - How did it affect the unit?
- NCOs are primary in maintaining and enforcing standards and discipline.
 - Discuss how her supervisor knew this was going on and failed to correct this discipline deficiency.
 - What standards did he set within the unit?
- How did the unit OIC uphold the responsibility to set the example by demonstrating unequivocal intolerance of unprofessional conduct?
- The author describes the female as, “a good troop who made a mistake for the right reasons.” Should the consequences for mistakes be the same whether or not they were done with good intentions? Why or why not?
 - Have you ever experienced a situation like this in regards to Army standards or regulation?