

## **The Defense of Jisr Al Doreaa**

### **Practical Exercise 9 “Responsible Leadership”**

In the beginning of the book 2LT Connors is focused on getting his CAB and seeing combat. At the end of the book he states “Bidding goodbye to Doreaa, I realized that war isn’t about glory and Silver Stars it’s about bringing home Soldiers alive and making responsible decisions. Getting in firefights and raiding buildings is exciting but creating a lasting stability is real victory.” Why did his focus change? Is responsible leadership important?

Task: Discuss your thoughts on the role of the Platoon Leader in combat

Conditions: Given the same mission and troops that were available to 2LT Connors.

Standards: Discuss the difference between a “glory seeking” leader and a responsible leader in combat.

Discuss why young leaders sometimes fail to make responsible decisions.