

Alvin C. York, a member of the Churches of Christ in Christian Union, from Pall Mall, TN, a small Holiness Denomination, part of which became part of the Church of God, Cleveland, TN, was a Religious Objector to War. The government effectively convinced him that his position was incorrect, but not before he filed a petition with the District Draft Board to overturn his being drafted. Already an excellent hunter, he became an excellent sniper and war hero. He was the government's poster child for turning religious objectors into great soldiers. Many have assumed that most religious objectors did just what he did. Most, however, maintained their pacifism under great pressure.



"Sergeant Alvin C. York, 328th Infantry... Argonne Forest, near Cornay, France., 02/07/1919" (ARC Identifier: 530787); Series: Signal Corps Photographs of American Military Activity, 1754 - 1954; , Records of the Office of the Chief Signal Officer, 1860 - 1982; Record Group 111; National Archives.