



Former Tiskilwa man injured in Iraq

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TISKILWA -- A former Tiskilwa resident has been injured in Iraq, but there is a disagreement on the extent of his injuries.

Spec. Jeremy Wrotny, now of LaSalle and a member of the Army National Guard unit in Galva, was injured on April 7. He was serving as a gunner on a Humvee doing mounted patrol in Iraq when the vehicle was ambushed, according to Tim Franklin, public affairs officer with the Illinois National Guard. Franklin said Wrotny was not seriously injured, and he expected him to return to his unit shortly.

That's not the story Wrotny's parents Shelly and Ronald, now of Minnesota, and his wife Melody are hearing from Jeremy and his commanding officer. Shelly said her son is now in Germany, where he was sent after having surgery in Iraq.

"They aren't sure whether the Humvee ran over something or if a bullet came into the vehicle and hit him," she said.

Shelly said whatever hit her son came in through his cheek and went out by his mouth. His jaw is broken and he lost several teeth.

Shelly said Jeremy's commanding officer told Melody that Jeremy would next be sent to Washington, and he already been given a Purple Heart for his injuries.