



Grandparents Richard and Sharon Harker lashed a ladder to the sign at Townsedge, Friday morning, to avoid being blown away by strong winds as they hung a 1st Cavalry flag above a bright red "Welcome Home! Mission Accomplished" banner for their grandson, Spc. Charles R. Harker of Annawan, and other members of the Galva National Guard unit, now on their way home from Iraq. The unit, which was attached to the 1st Cavalry during their tour of duty, is scheduled to leave Kuwait this weekend, bound for U.S. soil, and will hopefully return to Illinois on or about March 20. Soldiers' families are asking area communities to put out banners, flags, posters, ribbons and signboard messages to welcome home the troops.