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## News from the Front

By *DAVE CLARKE* Regional Coordinator

BAGHDAD, Iraq -- 1LT Chris Doherty of Galva arrived Wednesday in Baghdad, according to his wife, Amanda, who received a phone call from her husband early yesterday morning.

Doherty will be stationed at Camp War Eagle, a U.S. Army base located in the Iraqi capital. He is an artillery officer with 1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division.

After leaving Fort Hood, Texas, earlier this month, Doherty's unit made final preparations for deployment to Iraq at Camp Udairi, Kuwait. While there, his father, Jim Doherty, said he met fellow Galvan Tom Wallenfedt, a member of F/Battery, 202nd Air Defense Artillery, who was also staging at the camp.

Another friend, and member of the Galva National Guard, Lucas Siemers, was stationed nearby at Camp Wolverine, another Kuwaiti staging area. "That was kind of ironic because his grandfather, Dave McClintic, is a big fan of the Michigan State Wolverines," said Jim Doherty.

Doherty and the crew of his Bradley Fire Support Vehicle were flown to Baghdad while their "track" was carried overland by a heavy equipment transport.

"We were notified that for the first four or five days on the ground we will not have any barracks or tents to live in. That is why we were issued a weatherproof sleeping bag," Doherty told his parents via e-mail.

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