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## Kewanee brothers both serving in Iraq

*By Star Courier staff*

BAGHDAD, Iraq -- Two brothers from Kewanee are now serving in Iraq -- one recently arrived with Battery F, 1st Battalion, 202nd Air Defense Artillery of the Illinois National Guard based in Galva, while the other has been there the past year and was set to come home when his tour was extended this month.

Sgt. Jason DeSmit is a 1996 graduate of Wethersfield High School who attended Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and was employed at the Carbondale Steak & Shake when his unit was activated last fall for duty in Iraq.

His younger brother, Cpl. Ben DeSmit, a 1998 graduate of WHS, has been deployed near Baghdad for the past year as a mechanic with the Second Armored Cavalry Regiment. He and his wife, Bethany, are stationed at Fort Polk, La.

He was scheduled to come home April 30, but his unit's mission has been extended four to six months due to the increase in unrest in Iraq.

They are the sons of Ken and JoAnn DeSmit of Kewanee.

Golby is recon scout with 1st ID near Tikrit

TIKRIT, Iraq -- Army 1st Lt. Jim Golby, a native of Kewanee, was deployed to Iraq with the 1st Infantry Division, 1st Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry, Charlie Troop.

Lt. Golby serves as a scout platoon leader conducting reconnaissance in an area around Tikrit, north of Baghdad in

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the notorious "Sunni Triangle."

The 1st Infantry Division is based in Schweinfurt, Germany, where Lt. Golby and his wife, Kristen, have resided since July of 2002. They were married May 25, 2002.

Golby is a graduate of Kewanee High School and the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He trained in scout leadership preparation in reconnaissance at Fort Knox, Ky.

He is the son of Jim and Alice Ann Golby of Kewanee.

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