



Staff Sgt. Martin Gibson, rear detachment officer for Battery F, sits behind a desk at the National Guard Armory in Galva while the unit is deployed to Iraq. Each unit designates at least one officer to remain at the home armory as a link between the troops overseas and families here at home. Gibson, who lives in Annawan, is on call 24 hours a day, Monday through Friday, sleeping on a cot set up in the office to take any calls. Baghdad, where the troops are stationed, is nine hours ahead of local time.