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## Toulon soldier keeping in touch with folks back home

*By Star Courier staff*

TOULON -- More than 100 families in Galva, Kewanee, Dixon and dozens of other communities represented in the Galva National Guard unit, which is nearing the third month of a one-year deployment in Iraq, hear and see the news every day and worry, but they are also very proud of their loved ones.

The mother of one of the soldiers, SPC Joshua Simpson of Toulon, sent us this about her son, along with a photo:

"Josh is in Baghdad with the F Battery 202 Army National Guard unit from Galva.

"He keeps his spirits up as much as possible. His unit uses the Internet for e-mailing friends and family when it is running well for them.

"They patrol a rural area in a routine of 14 hours on and 22 off. Their job is to keep their sector stabilized and protect convoys that carry supplies.

"While he is doing his job, he ponders the complexity of the situation due to the different religious sects, different languages, and the different perspectives involved with the people they are trying to protect.

"His address is :

SPC Simpson

1 Cav 4-5 ADA

ATTN: F BTRY 202 ADA 1st PLT

ADA AE 09379"

Sincerely, Lisa Orwig

Josh is the son of Lisa Orwig of Davenport, Iowa;  
Mike Simpson of Missoula, Mont.; and Joe Orwig of  
Toulon.

He is a 2000 graduate of Stark County High School  
and was starting his third year at Northern Illinois  
University in DeKalb when called to duty last fall.

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