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## Local Soldiers' Letters Become Book

A lot of soldiers write home when serving overseas and National Guard Sgt. Jason Adams, from the F Battery in Galva, IL, was no exception. What he didn't know then was that people other than his family and friends were reading those letters.

Now, Jason Adams, is signing a book made up of the letters he wrote from Iraq and it's a strange feeling for him. He says he certainly never intended to write a book.

Jason's father Howard first started emailing Jason's letters to other friends and family members. It sooned turned into a newspaper column Jason didn't even know he was writing. It wasn't long before a book offer came in for Active Duty: Letters To Home From Iraq.

"Anytime you can get news form somebody that's been there and walked the walk," says Howard Adams, "you can pretty much bet that they might be telling the truth."

Jason tells a story of Baghdad through the eyes of the Foxtrot Battery, a view he says is often missed by the media.

"By and large, we had no idea what to expect," says Jason, "and what we found was a people who, for the most part, are not unlike us."

Jason tells of eighteen months of experiences serving both our country and the Iraqi people.

"You know, everybody in my unit is from the Quad City area," says Jason. "(It lets them know what their neighbors, what their friends and neighbors, are going through."

Copies of Active Duty are on sale at the Barnes & Noble in Peoria and Green River Books in Princeton. You can also order online at [www.learnovationpress.com](http://www.learnovationpress.com) or by calling 1-888-577-1190.



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