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DoD announces death of Fort Polk soldier supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom

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The Department of Defense announced today the death of a Fort Polk soldier supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Spc. Zeferino E. Colunga, 20, of Bellville, Texas, died on Aug. 6 at Homburg University Hospital in Germany. Colunga was initially evacuated to the 28th Combat Support Hospital in Iraq on Aug. 4. He was then evacuated to Landstuhl Army Regional Medical Center and later to Homburg hospital for further evaluation. He remained at Homburg until his death. His death was unrelated to the recent cases of pneumonia in Southwest Asia. Colunga was assigned to 4th Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, La.

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