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**DoD announces death of Louisiana soldiers supporting
Operation Iraqi Freedom**

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The Department of Defense announced today the deaths of four soldiers who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Sgt. Floyd G. Knighten, Jr., 55, of Olla, La., died on Aug. 9 in Iraq. Knighten died as a result of a non-combat related cause while in a convoy from Camp Bilad heading to Camp Pennsylvania. Knighten was assigned to the 1087th Transportation Support Company, Louisiana Army National Guard.

Spc. Levi B. Kinchen, 21, of Tickfaw, La., died on Aug. 9 in Baghdad, Iraq. A fellow soldier tried to wake Kinchen and noticed he was not breathing. Kinchen was assigned to 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, La.

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