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FORT POLK SOLDIER KILLED AND FIVE WOUNDED IN IED ATTACK

FORT POLK, LA – The Department of Defense announced today the death of a Fort Polk soldier who was supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Pvt. Rey D. Cuervo, 24, a Cavalry Scout from Laguna Vista, Texas, was killed on Dec. 28 in Baghdad, Iraq. Private Cuervo was on a mounted patrol when an improvised explosive device hit his vehicle. Cuervo was assigned to 1st Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, based here at Fort Polk.

Private Cuervo joined the Army September 1999 and arrived at Fort Polk, June 2003.

Five additional soldiers, also assigned to 1st Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment were wounded in the incident. The wounded soldiers were evacuated to military medical facilities.

The names of the wounded soldiers are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

This incident is under investigation.