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**DoD announces death of Fort Polk soldier supporting Operation
Iraqi Freedom**

Fort Polk, La.—The Department of Defense announced today the death of a Fort Polk Soldier supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Private First Class Michael A. Mora, 19 of Arroyo Grande, California, died May 14 in An Najaf, Iraq, when his military vehicle slid off the road and turned over.

Pfc. Mora was a cavalry scout assigned to I Troop, 3rd Squadron, 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment here at Fort Polk. Mora joined the Army January 2003 and arrived at Fort Polk July 2003.

A memorial service is being planned but no date has yet been set.

The incident is under investigation.

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