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GUARD SOLDIER KILLED IN IRAQ**

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LINCOLN, Neb. – A Nebraska Army National Guard Soldier serving in Iraq was killed Feb. 4 in Baghdad by an improvised explosive device that detonated next to the armored security vehicle he was serving as a gunner in.

Specialist Randy J. Matheny, 20, was a member of the Nebraska Army National Guard's Detachment 3, 1074<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company based in Sidney. He is the son of Gary Matheny and Jan Collins of McCook, Neb.

Specialist Matheny was promoted posthumously to the rank of sergeant.

Two other Nebraska Army National Guard Soldiers were injured in the incident. Their names and conditions are not being released.

“The entire Nebraska National Guard family grieves over the loss of Sergeant Matheny,” said Maj. Gen. Roger Lempke, adjutant general for Nebraska. “Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and the McCook community.”

Matheny was a 2004 graduate of McCook Senior High School. He joined the Nebraska Army National Guard on March 28, 2005, as a heavy vehicle driver in Detachment 1, 1057<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company in Scottsbluff. He attended basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., in 2005, and then advanced individual training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., in 2006.

He transferred to the Sidney unit in June 2006 as a heavy vehicle driver and then was mobilized for duty in Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom on July 15, 2006.

The 1074<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company is currently stationed in Iraq where the unit is responsible for providing security for transportation missions throughout Iraq.