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We study components of Springer fibers for $GL(n)$ that are associated to closed orbits of $GL(p) \times GL(q)$ on the flag variety of $GL(n)$, $n = p + q$. These components occur in any Springer fiber. We show that, in contrast to the case for arbitrary components, these components are smooth varieties, and are invariant under a maximal torus of $GL(n)$. This is done by using results of Barchini and Zierau to give a precise description of these components as iterated bundles. (Received August 25, 2009)