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Capt. Sudip Bose, M.D. U.S. Army 1st Cavalry Division

Age: 30

Family: Parents are Subhas and Aloka Bose of Naperville and one sister, Simita.

When deployed: January. Where: Baghdad.

Duties: Bose is a battalion surgeon who is responsible for providing medical care to approximately 1,500 soldiers as well as local Iraqis.

What life is like: Aloka Bose said her son is on call seven days a week, 24 hours a day. In messages to his family he has said people back home hear about those who are killed but don't always know the serious toll injuries have taken on many servicemen and servicewomen. Several have lost limbs and their vision in attacks, he said. Still, Bose has tried to maintain a positive attitude, his mother said.

Background: Bose has lived in Naperville since 1985. He is a 1992 graduate of Naperville Central High School, where he was a member of the track team. He was admitted to the honors program in medical education at Northwestern University, where he received his degree in 1999.



Courtesy of the Bose family

Dr. Sudip Bose, in Kuwait shortly after being deployed to Iraq last January.

He joined the Army in 1995 and completed his internship and residency requirements at Darnall Army Medical Hospital in Killeen, Texas. Board certified in emergency medicine, Bose was an attending physician and assistant program director at Darnall Hospital prior to his deployment.

Future: His tour of duty in Iraq is expected to last from one year

to 15 months. He is eligible for discharge from the Army in June 2005, after which he would like to find a position as a physician in the Chicago area.

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