

# TEAM COBRA

## SERVING ON POINT

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As Saddam Hussein's regime loses its grip on Iraq, several Patriot batteries have received the call to move forward. Among these units are the soldiers of D Battery, 3-43 Air Defense Artillery, who were providing coverage over Qatar. The battery, known as "Team Cobra" is now forward-emplaced at an area designated LSA Adder.

Earlier discoveries in Iraq of several gas masks, protective suits, nerve agent antidote kits and stockpiles of hollow-tipped artillery shells have hinted at preparations to use prohibited weapons of mass destruction – including chemical weapons.

Until such time as the United States has completed the search for these weapons and while there are still enemy forces battling coalition troops, air defenders will continue to operate from a ready stance.

By operating near airfields, units such as D Battery help to ensure coalition forces maintain air superiority.

Spc. Bobby Jenkins, D Battery, 3-43 ADA "Delta Dawgs," scans the surrounding area at sunset, maintaining security for the Patriot missile battery.



1st Lt. Alyssa Aarhaus discusses line of sight communications between Camp Cobra and Camp Andy with Cpl. Jeremy Bagley (center) and Spc. Mark Bourlier.



Launcher crew member Spc. Miguel Alvarez confirms generator volts and Hertz are at optimum performance for Patriot missile operation.



Food service specialists Pfc. Rico Diacono (left) and Spc. Vincent Goularte prepare lunch for their battery.



(Left) Pvt. Rudyard Urian takes status reports and coordinates statistics of personnel and equipment.