



1st Brigade Combat Team, 34th Red Bull Infantry Division Unit History

Insignia:

The RED BULL insignia of the 34th Infantry Division was based on a design by Marvin Cone of Cedar Rapids, Iowa who drew it for a contest while training with the division at Camp Cody in 1917. A steer skull imposed on the shape of a Mexican water jar (an "olla") recalled the Division's desert home not far from the Mexican border.

History:

Organized at Stillwater as the Stillwater Guards and mustered into Federal service 29 April 1861 at Fort Snelling, Minnesota as Company B, 1st Regiment, Minnesota Volunteers.

Company B, 1st Regiment, Minnesota Volunteers saw a lot of action during the Civil War campaigns of - Bull Run, Peninsula, Valley, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Petersburg, Virginia in 1861, Virginia in 1862, Virginia in 1863, Virginia in 1864, Virginia in 1865

Within the First Brigade are the 2-135th and 2-136th Infantry Battalions. They too trace their lineages to the Minnesota Volunteers of the Civil War, the First Minnesota and the Second Minnesota respectively.

On 4 May 1898 the unit was redesignated Company K, 13th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. The unit saw action and distinguished itself during the Spanish American War in the Philippines.

All state National Guard units mustered into Federal Service August 5, 1917 for training in preparation for America's entrance into WWI.

Converted and Redesignated October 1, 1917 as Battery F, 125th Field Artillery, an element of the 34th Division. During World War I, the 34th was called the "Sandstorm Division" because of its training on the desert border.

Redesignated on November 21, 1921 as Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, and the Howitzer Company, 135th Infantry.
135th Infantry 34th Division, inducted into Federal Service on February 1941 at Stillwater, Minnesota.

The 34th Division and its elements entered WWII as the first American's to train on European soil and engage the enemy in the European Theatre of Operation.
The 34th accumulated more days of actual combat in World War II than any other U.S. division.

Redesignated February 10th 1991 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 34th Infantry Division.

The Brigade holds the distinction of having been the longest deployed unit of Operation Iraqi Freedom and was the First National Guard unit ready and employed under the Army's modular system.

Campaign Participation Credit

Civil War - Bull Run, Peninsula, Valley, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Petersburg, Virginia in 1861, Virginia in 1862, Virginia in 1863, Virginia in 1864, Virginia in 1865

War With Spain - Manila

Philippine Insurrection - Luzon, San Isidoro

World War I - Streamer without inscription

World War II - Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Anzio, Rome-Arno, North Appenines, Po Valley

Iraq – 05-07

Decorations

French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered BELVEDERE

Since September 11, 2001

The 1st Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry "Red Bull" Division has been involved in several missions supporting the Global War on Terrorism. The 1/34th BCT has participated in: Operation Joint Forge - Bosnia; Operation Joint Guardian - Kosovo; the Mediterranean Theater of Operations - Egypt; Operation Iraqi Freedom - Iraq; as well as, Homeland Defense Missions for Operation Noble Eagle.

1st Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry "Red Bull" Division has the distinction of being the first Brigade Combat Team deployed to a combat zone using the modern Army modular system. In 2005 the 1st Brigade Combat Team deployed with 4000 Citizen-Soldiers from several states, 2,600 from Minnesota, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Soldiers' tour was extended in support of the successful "Troop Surge," and they ultimately returned in August 2007, earning the distinction of serving the longest combat tour of any military unit in Iraq.

The 1st Brigade Combat Team Today

The 1st Brigade Combat Team and its subordinate units continue to be actively involved in their states' mission to provide a ready response to natural disasters and civil disturbance. They are also involved in Joint Exercises, Division and Brigade Warfighter Exercises, Overseas Deployments to Europe, Central America, and Southwest Asia, Combat Maneuver Training Center rotations, the Norwegian Exchange and Officer and NCO Exchanges with the United Kingdom and Germany.

Units under the 1st Brigade Combat Team:

1st Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division
Headquarters and Headquarters Company:
3300 W. 98th St. Bloomington, MN 55431

1/34th Brigade Troops Battalion
Headquarters and Headquarters Company:
3300 West 98th St., Bloomington, MN 55431

1/34th Brigade Support Battalion
Headquarters and Headquarters Company:
Camp Ripley, 15000 Hwy 115, Little Falls, MN 56345

1st Squadron, 94th Cavalry
Headquarters and Headquarters Troop:
4015 Airpark Blvd, Duluth, MN 55811

1st Battalion, 125th Field Artillery
Headquarters and Headquarters Battery:
205 N Broadway St, New Ulm, MN 56073

1st Combined Arms Battalion, 194th Armor
Headquarters and Headquarters Company:
1115 Wright Street, Brainerd, MN 56401

2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry
Headquarters and Headquarters Company:
100 Martin Luther King Drive Mankato, MN 56001

2nd Combined Arms Battalion 136th Infantry
Headquarters and Headquarters Company:
1002 15th Avenue North, Moorhead, MN 56560