



## **34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Artillery**

With the beginning of World War II, the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division reorganized under the triangular configuration. The Division was composed of three infantry regiments, the 133<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment was supported by the 175<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, the 135<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment was supported by the 125<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, and the 168<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment was supported by the 151<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery. The 185<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery supported the Division with 155mm howitzers. Beginning in January 1942, all Artillery Regiments, in Infantry Divisions were reorganized as battalions.

Each Infantry Division had three towed 105mm howitzer battalions (54 howitzers) and one towed 155mm howitzer battalion (18 howitzers).

After World War II, the colors of the 34<sup>th</sup> “Red Bull” Division were cased and the Minnesota National Guard formed the new 47<sup>th</sup> “Viking” Division in February 20, 1947.

In 1956, the Army unveiled pentomic infantry armor and airborne divisions. Pentomic infantry divisions had one towed 105mm howitzer battalions with 5 batteries (36 guns), one composite (general support) battalion of two towed 155mm howitzer batteries (12 guns), one towed 8-inch battery (4 guns) and a self-propelled M31 Honest John battery (2 launchers) of 762 mm artillery rockets.

In 1959, the 47<sup>th</sup> Division underwent a major reorganization to the pentomic structure. The artillery elements were re-designated, being expanded into multiple battalions bearing the same numerical designation, as in the three battalions of the 151<sup>st</sup> Artillery. The 47<sup>th</sup> Signal Company became the 147<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion, drawing its new companies from the 151<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery and the 47<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Company. The Honest John rockets were added to the 47<sup>th</sup> Division’s armaments giving it atomic capability.

Early in the 1960’s, the Army developed the Reorganization Objective Army Divisions (ROAD). The reorganization gave the divisions 12 more conventional field pieces than the Pentomic Divisions and improved the field artillery’s ability to fight on the conventional battlefield. Infantry divisions had three 105mm howitzer battalions (54 howitzers) with three batteries each and a composite battalion of three 155mm howitzer batteries (18 guns) and an 8-inch howitzer battery (4 guns) and one rocket battalion of two Honest John batteries with two launchers. In 1963, the 47<sup>th</sup> Division was again reorganized, this time according to the ROAD concept. The 175<sup>th</sup> Artillery was returned to the Division.

47<sup>th</sup> Division Artillery Headquarters, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Direct Support – 105mm M101A1 towed howitzers

- 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 151<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery, headquartered in Duluth, Minnesota, was in Direct Support of 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, headquartered in Stillwater, Minnesota
- 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 194<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, headquartered in Fort Dodge, Iowa was in Direct Support of 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, headquartered in Boone, Iowa
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 123<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery, headquartered in Rock Island, Illinois was in Direct Support of 66<sup>th</sup> Brigade, headquartered in Decatur, Illinois
- 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 175<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery (155mm-M114 towed) headquartered in Montevideo, Minnesota was the Division's General Support
- 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 125<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery (155mm-M114 towed) headquartered in New Ulm, Minnesota was a "Select Reserve Force," a non-divisional organization with a General Support-Reinforcing role. The Headquarters moved to Brooklyn Park, Minnesota.

On February 10, 1991, the 47<sup>th</sup> Division was re-designated the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (medium). The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 125<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery role became the Direct Support Battalion for the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade. The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 175<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery was re-designated 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 151<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery in General Support of the Division.

In 1996, F Battery, 151<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery (Roseville) was formed to give the Division its General Support artillery unit. The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 151<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery (M198, 155mm towed) became part of the 135<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade (Missouri).

In 1997, the 66<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade (Illinois) reorganized to support the 35<sup>th</sup> Division (Kansas). The 32<sup>nd</sup> Mechanized Infantry Brigade (Wisconsin) joined the 34<sup>th</sup> Division with its' 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 120<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, nicknamed the "Red Fox Battalion" from Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, M109A5, 155mm self-propelled howitzers in direct support.

## DIVARTY Commanders



Brig. Gen. Fritz Q Peterson  
SEP 1946 - APR 1957



Brig. Gen. Edwin R. Bodey  
April 1957 - 16 APR 1962



Brig. Gen. Donald C. Grant  
17 APR 1962 - 30 MAR 1963



Col. Clarence D. Nesgoda

1 APR 1963 - 31 JAN 1968



Col. James S. O'Brien  
1 FEB 1968 - 30 AUG 1968



Col. Robert G. Walker  
1 SEP 1968 - 15 DEC 1971



Col. Peter J. Sajevic  
16 DEC 1971 - 17 DEC 1976



Col. Gordon E. Johnson  
18 DEC 1976 - 28 MAY 1980



Col. Harold E. Bruns  
29 MAY 1980 - 30 MAY 1982



Col. Phillip L. Potter  
31 MAY 1982 - 31 AUG 1984



Col. Kenneth B. Digre  
1 SEP 1984 - 30 SEP 1985



Col. Roger D. Delgehausen  
10 OCT - 18 OCT 1987



Col. Clayton A. Hovda  
19 OCT 1987 - 31 OCT 1988



Col. Louis O. Bode  
1 NOV 1988 - 31 DEC 1993



Col. Tracy T. Warnock  
1 JAN 1994 - 31 DEC 1996



Col. John Trost  
JAN 1997 - OCT 2000



Col. Zieska



Col. John Kreye



Col. Wayne Hayes