



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

*Lineage and Honors*

**1st BATTALION, 46th INFANTRY REGIMENT  
(THE PROFESSIONALS)**

Constituted 15 May 1917 in the Regular Army as Company A, 46th Infantry

Organized 4 June 1917 at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana

(46th Infantry assigned 5 July 1918 to the 9th Division; relieved 15 February 1919 from assignment to the 9th Division)

Inactivated 16 November 1921 at Camp Travis, Texas

Demobilized 31 July 1922

Reconstituted 28 August 1941 in the Regular Army as Company A, 46th Infantry (Armored), an element of the 5th Armored Division

Activated 1 October 1941 at Fort Knox, Kentucky

Redesignated 1 January 1942 as Company A, 46th Armored Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated 20 September 1943 as Company A, 47th Armored Infantry Battalion, an element of the 5th Armored Division

Inactivated 8 October 1945 at Camp Myles Standish, Massachusetts

## **1st BATTALION, 46th INFANTRY REGIMENT (THE PROFESSIONALS)**

Activated 6 July 1948 at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas

Inactivated 1 February 1950 at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas

Activated 1 September 1950 at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas

Inactivated 16 March 1956 at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas

Redesignated 15 February 1957 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Rifle Battalion, 46th Infantry, relieved from assignment to the 5th Armored Division, assigned to the 1st Armored Division, and activated at Fort Polk, Louisiana (organic elements concurrently constituted and activated)

Battalion inactivated 23 December 1957 at Fort Polk, Louisiana

Relieved 25 February 1958 from assignment to the 1st Armored Division

Activated 1 April 1958 in Germany

Reorganized and redesignated 3 February 1962 as the 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry, and assigned to the 1st Armored Division

Relieved 12 May 1967 from assignment to the 1st Armored Division and assigned to the 198th Infantry Brigade

Relieved 15 February 1969 from assignment to the 198th Infantry Brigade and assigned to the 23d Infantry Division

Relieved 1 November 1971 from assignment to the 23d Infantry Division and assigned to the 196th Infantry Brigade

Relieved 13 September 1972 from assignment to the 196th Infantry Brigade and assigned to the 1st Armored Division

Inactivated 1 August 1984 in Germany and relieved from assignment to the 1st Armored Division

Headquarters transferred 30 January 1987 to the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command and activated at Fort Knox, Kentucky

# **1st BATTALION, 46th INFANTRY REGIMENT (THE PROFESSIONALS)**

Battalion redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry Regiment

Inactivated 8 December 2010 at Fort Benning, Georgia

Activated 1 March 2012 at Fort Benning, Georgia

## **CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT**

### World War II

- \*Normandy
- \*Northern France
- \*Rhineland
- \*Ardennes-Alsace
- \*Central Europe

### Vietnam

- \*Counteroffensive, Phase III
- \*Tet Counteroffensive
- \*Counteroffensive, Phase IV
- \*Counteroffensive, Phase V
- \*Counteroffensive, Phase VI
- \*Tet 69/Counteroffensive
- \*Summer-Fall 1969
- \*Winter-Spring 1970
- \*Sanctuary Counteroffensive
- \*Counteroffensive, Phase VII
- \*Consolidation I
- \*Consolidation II
- \*Cease-Fire

## **DECORATIONS**

- \*Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered HURTGEN FOREST
- \*Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered QUANG TIN PROVINCE
- \*Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 1999-2000

**1st BATTALION, 46th INFANTRY REGIMENT  
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\*French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star, World War II, Streamer embroidered  
WALLENDORF

\*Luxembourg Croix de Guerre, Streamer embroidered LUXEMBOURG

\*Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in the Ardennes

\*Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM  
1969

\*Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM  
1969-1970

\*Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM  
1971

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