



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Lineage and Honors

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
49th MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE

Organized and Federally recognized 1 July 1924 in the California National Guard as Headquarters, 2d Battalion, 159th Infantry, an element of the 40th Division, at San Jose

Location changed 19 September 1940 to Oakland

Inducted into Federal service 3 March 1941 at Oakland

(159th Infantry relieved 29 October 1941 from assignment to the 40th Division and assigned to the 7th Division [later redesignated as the 7th Motorized Division and the 7th Infantry Division]; relieved 23 August 1943 from assignment to the 7th Infantry Division)

Inactivated 6 November 1945 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey

Consolidated with Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 159th Infantry (see ANNEX) and consolidated unit reorganized and Federally recognized 15 October 1948 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 159th Infantry, an element of the 49th Infantry Division, at San Jose

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1959 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battle Group, 159th Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated 1 March 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade, 49th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 4 December 1965 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 49th Infantry Brigade

Consolidated 29 January 1968 with the 49th Administration Company (organized and Federally recognized 4 December 1965 at Alameda) and consolidated unit designated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 49th Infantry Brigade; location concurrently changed to Alameda

Consolidated 1 November 1971 with the 149th Aviation Company (organized and Federally recognized 8 August 1971 at Alameda) and consolidated unit designated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 49th Infantry Brigade

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
49th MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE

Converted and redesignated 1 February 1976 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 49th Military Police Brigade

ANNEX

Organized and Federally recognized 20 February 1937 in the California National Guard as Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 159th Infantry at San Jose

Redesignated 1 May 1940 as Headquarters Detachment, 2d Battalion, 159th Infantry

Inducted into Federal service 3 March 1941 at San Jose

(159th Infantry relieved 29 October 1941 from assignment to the 40th Division and assigned to the 7th Division [later redesignated as the 7th Motorized Division and the 7th Infantry Division]; relieved 23 August 1943 from assignment to the 7th Infantry Division)

Reorganized and redesignated 25 July 1942 as Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 159th Infantry

Inactivated 6 November 1945 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey

HOME STATION: Alameda

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT


World War II

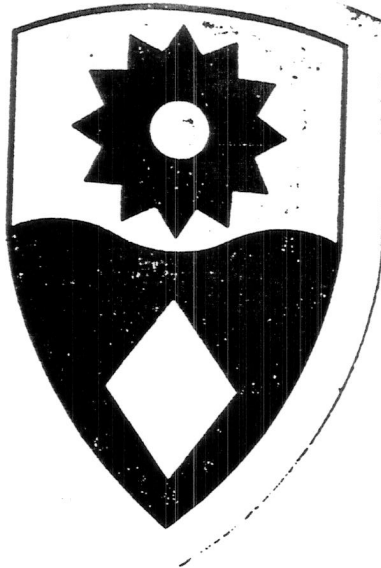
Aleutian Islands
European-African-Middle Eastern
Theater, Streamer without
inscription

DECORATIONS

None

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:


PAUL T. SMITH
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General



CALIFORNIA'S 49TH MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE

The 49th Military Police Brigade was federally recognized in the California National Guard on 1 July 1924 as Headquarters, 2nd Battalion, 159th Infantry, an element of the 40th Infantry Division, AT.

On 3 March 1941, the 159th was inducted into federal service. The 159th was relieved from assignment to the 40th Division on 29 October 1941 and reassigned to the 7th Infantry Division.

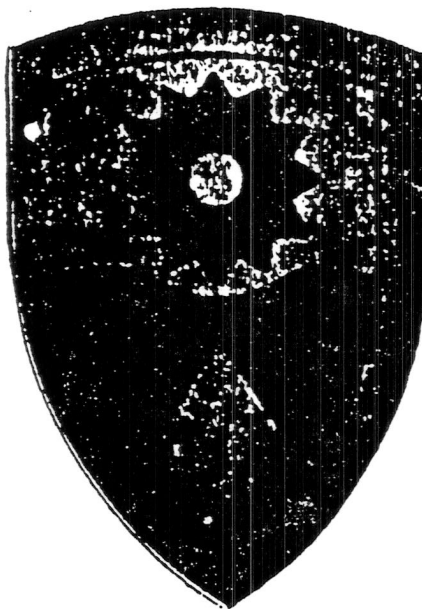
During its federal service in World War II, the unit's campaign credits included the Aleutian Islands and the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater of Operations. The unit was inactivated at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey on 6 November 1945.

The unit again was federally recognized as a National Guard unit in October 1948, as Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), 2nd Battalion, 159th Infantry, an element of the 49th Infantry Division. Through several reorganizations from 1959 to 1967, the unit grew in size and importance. In January 1968, it was redesignated HHC, 49th Infantry Brigade and moved to Alameda, California, where it has remained.

The unit was reorganized 1 February 1967 and redesignated Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment (HHD), 49th Military Police Brigade, with three Military Police Battalions, an Infantry Battalion, a Personnel Services Company and an Army Band assigned to it. In January 1978, the Infantry Battalion was replaced by the 579th Engineer Battalion.

After realignment of nonorganic units on 1 February 1985, the 49th Personnel Services Company, the 159th Army Band, and the 579th Engineer Battalion were transferred from the Brigade. The Military Police Brigade was restructured into three subordinate battalions: The 49th Military Police Battalion in Walnut Creek; the 143rd Military Police Battalion in San Mateo; and the 185th Military Police Battalion in Pittsburg. These battalions include units spread from the San Francisco Bay Area (Western California) to Placerville (Northern California) to Camp Roberts (Southern California)

49TH MP BRIGADE SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA



DESCRIPTION AND SYMBOLISM

The elements of the design of the 49th Military Police Brigade insignia are displayed on a shield three inches high and two inches wide with one-eighth inch yellow border. The numerical designation and the elements of design symbolize the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill on the American River in 1849. The red disc alludes to Sutter's Mill and denotes the state's sunny climate. The yellow background relates to California's nickname "The Golden State". The yellow diamond represents the gold nuggets discovered and the wavy blue background represents the American River.

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
49th MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE

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Location changed 19 September 1940 to Oakland

Inducted into Federal service 3 March 1941 at Oakland

(159th Infantry relieved 29 October 1941 from assignment to the 40th Division and assigned to the 7th Division [later redesignated as the 7th Infantry Division]; relieved 23 August 1943 from assignment to the 7th Infantry Division)

Inactivated 6 November 1945 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey

(159th Infantry assigned 5 August 1946 to the 49th Infantry Division)

Consolidated 15 October 1948 with Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 2d Battalion, 159th Infantry (see ANNEX), and consolidated unit reorganized and Federally recognized at San Jose as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 159th Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1959 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battle Group, 159th Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated 1 March 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade, 49th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 4 December 1965 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 49th Infantry Brigade, and relieved from assignment to the 49th Infantry Division

Consolidated 29 January 1968 with the 49th Administration Company (organized and Federally recognized 4 December 1965 at Alameda) and consolidated unit designated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 49th Infantry Brigade, at Alameda

Consolidated 1 November 1971 with the 149th Aviation Company (organized and Federally recognized 8 August 1971 at Alameda) and consolidated unit designated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 49th Infantry Brigade

Converted and redesignated 1 February 1976 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 49th Military Police Brigade

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1976 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 49th Military Police Brigade

Ordered into active Federal service 2 May 1992 at Alameda;
released 9 May 1992 from active Federal service and reverted to
state control

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ANNEX

Organized and Federally recognized 20 February 1937 in the
California National Guard at San Jose as Headquarters Company, 2d
Battalion, 149th Infantry, an element of the 40th Division

Redesignated 1 May 1940 as Headquarters Detachment, 2d
Battalion, 159th Infantry

Inducted into Federal service 3 March 1941 at San Jose

(159th Infantry relieved 29 October 1941 from assignment to
the 40th Division and assigned to the 7th Division [later
redesignated as the 7th Infantry Division]

Reorganized and redesignated 25 July 1942 as Headquarters
Company, 2d Battalion, 159th Infantry

Relieved 23 August 1943 from assignment to the 7th Infantry
Division)

Inactivated 6 November 1945 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey

(159th Infantry assigned 5 August 1946 to the 49th Infantry
Division)

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HOME STATION: Alameda

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II
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DECORATIONS

None