



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

**HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
185th MILITARY POLICE BATTALION**

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

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, 159th Infantry (see ANNEX 1), 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

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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

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, reorganized, and redesignated 1 February 1976 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 49th Military Police Brigade

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

Location changed 1 June 1996 to San Rafael

Consolidated 1 September 1997 with Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 185th Military Police Battalion (see ANNEX 2), and consolidated unit reorganized and redesignated at Pittsburg as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 49th Military Police Battalion

Ordered into Federal service 9 October 2001 at Pittsburg; released from active Federal service 28 July 2002 and reverted to state control

Ordered into active Federal service 18 July 2005 at Pittsburg; released from active Federal service 13 January 2007 and reverted to state control

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 2008 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 185th Military Police Battalion

ANNEX 1

Organized and Federally recognized 20 October 1937 in the California National Guard at San Jose as Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 159th Infantry, an element of the 40th Division

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Reorganized and 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

(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)

ANNEX 2

Organized and Federally recognized 27 December 1927 in the California National Guard at Alameda as Company D, 159th Infantry, an element of the 40th Division

Location changed 1 March 1934 to 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 5 August 1943 from assignment to the 7th Infantry Division)

Inactivated 4 November 1945 at Camp Shanks, New York

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

Reorganized and Federally recognized 13 January 1948 in the California Army National Guard at Pittsburg as Company D, 159th Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1959 as Company D, 1st Battle Group, 159th Infantry

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Consolidated 1 March 1963 with Company E, 1st Battle Group, 159th Infantry (see ANNEX 3), and consolidated unit reorganized and redesignated as Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 184th Infantry, an element of the 49th Infantry Division

Relieved 29 January 1968 from assignment to the 49th Infantry Division; concurrently consolidated with Company D, 2d Battalion, 184th Infantry (see ANNEX 4), and Company C, 2d Battalion, 184th Infantry (organized and Federally recognized 4 December 1965 at Pittsburg), and consolidated unit reorganized and redesignated as Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 159th Infantry

Converted, reorganized, and redesignated 13 January 1974 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 185th Military Police Battalion

Ordered into active Federal service 17 January 1991 at Pittsburg; released from active Federal service 6 June 1991 and reverted to state control

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

ANNEX 3

Organized and Federally recognized 31 August 1931 in the California National Guard at Oakland as Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 159th Infantry, an element of the 40th Division

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

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])

Reorganized and redesignated 25 July 1942 as Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 159th Infantry

(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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Reorganized and Federally recognized 10 December 1947 in the California Army National Guard at Pittsburg as Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 159th Infantry

Consolidated 1 May 1959 with the Medical Detachment, 1st Battalion, 159th Infantry (organized and Federally recognized 30 November 1956 at Pittsburg), and consolidated unit reorganized and redesignated as Company E, 1st Battle Group, 159th Infantry

ANNEX 4

Organized and Federally recognized 21 February 1955 in the California Army National Guard at Walnut Creek as Company B, 159th Infantry, an element of the 49th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1959 as Company B, 1st Battle Group, 159th Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated 1 March 1963 as Company B, 2d Battalion, 184th Infantry, an element of the 49th Infantry Division

HOME STATION: Pittsburg.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

Aleutian Islands

European-African-Middle Eastern Theater,
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Southwest Asia

Liberation and Defense of Kuwait
Cease-Fire

War on Terrorism

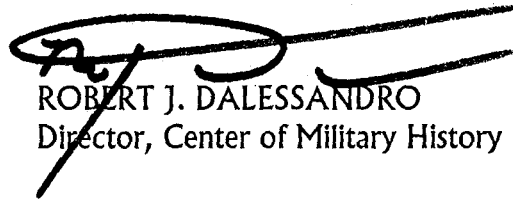
Campaigns to be determined

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DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2005-2006

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