

40th Infantry Division

The 40th "Sunshine" Division was inducted into federal service on 3 March 1941 at Los Angeles, California. At the time the division was organized as a World War I-era "square" division consisting of two infantry brigades, the 79th Infantry Brigade and the 80th Infantry Brigade, and the 65th Field Artillery Brigade. Each infantry brigade consisted of two infantry regiments, the 159th and 184th Infantry Regiments, and the 160th and 185th Infantry Regiments, respectively.

On 29 September 1941, the 159th Infantry Regiment was relieved from assignment to the division. Likewise, the 184th Infantry Regiment was relieved from assignment to the division on 16 June 1942, while the 108th Infantry Regiment was assigned to the division on 1 September 1942. That same date, the 160th Infantry Regiment was released from assignment to the division. However, it was reassigned to the division on 25 December 1943. While not part of the division the 105th Infantry Regiment was replaced by the 165th Infantry Regiment.

Meanwhile, on 18 February 1942 the division was designated the 40th Infantry Division and reorganized as a "triangular" division built around just three infantry regiments, the 108th, the 160th and the 185th Infantry Regiments.

In 1942 a typical infantry regiment consisted of a headquarters and band, a headquarters company, a service company, an anti-tank company, a cannon company, and three infantry battalions.

In March 1943 the basic infantry regiment was reorganized to include a headquarters, a headquarters company, a service company, an anti-tank company, and three infantry battalions.

Each of the three infantry battalions consisted of a headquarters and headquarters company, three rifle companies and a heavy weapons company. Within each regiment, the 1st Battalion consisted of Companies A through D, the 2d Battalion consisted of Companies E through H, and the 3d Battalion consisted of Companies I through M (there was no Company J).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Contents</u>
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Headquarters and Headquarters Company

Arnheim, Andres W. F.	Box 1	PFC		Newspaper clippings [See also: Occupation – Europe/Far East]
Hilliard, Albert L.	Box 1	COL		Survey
Mumford, Elmer S.	Box 1	COL		Survey

108th Infantry Regiment

Day, James	Box 1		3d Battalion, Company M	Newspaper clipping, "Day Will Head Company M"
Dewey, George W.	Box 1	T/2	Headquarters Company	Survey

160th Infantry Regiment

Eskowitz, Maurice	Box 1	T/5	Headquarters Company	Survey
Geery, Woodrow	Box 1	T/2	2d Battalion, Company E	Survey, a copy of 40th Infantry Division Special Orders 129 dated 24 June 1945, five issues of the 160th Infantry Regiment's unit newspaper, <i>The Imperial</i> , and five issues of the 2d Battalion, 160th Infantry Regiment's unit newspaper, <i>Jungle Rot</i> [Unit newspapers transferred to the Periodical holdings]
Hines, Richard S.	Box 1	SGT	1st Battalion, Company D	Collection of 15 original letters written during the period 19 August 1944 through 3 September 1946
Riches, Sidney A.	Box 1	LTC	3d Battalion, Company M; Company L;	Survey completed as a typed memoir to include photocopies of official documents and photographs, <i>News Digest</i> No. 614, "Invasion," dated 7 June 1944, newspaper clippings, and miscellaneous materials
Winsor, Ralph E.	Box 1	T/5	2d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey and collection of five photocopied newspaper articles written by Woodrow Geery

185th Infantry Regiment

Flory, John W.	Box 1	LTC	2d Battalion, Headquarters	Survey
Sallee, Eugene M.	Box 1	CPT	Unidentified unit	Survey, 40th Infantry Division pamphlet, "Korea," prepared to facilitate occupation, other occupation-related documents, and a 1946 unit history, <i>History</i> , <i>185 Regiment</i> [Unit history transferred to Library holdings]
Snow, Virgil C.	Box 1	CPT	Unidentified unit	Survey

40th Reconnaissance Troop (Mechanized)

Gerrish, Paul M.	Box 1	SSG		Survey and typed memoir, "My Army Days, March 11, 1941 to November 16, 1945"
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Klavand, George G.	Box 1	T/3	Medic	Survey, a typed, short unit history of the 40th Reconnaissance Troop, "Ride Everything with Hair, Wheels, or Tracks," a booklet, <i>A Pocket Reference Guide: Army Navy Marine Corps Insignia</i> , published in 1943, a badly damaged book, <i>Combat Divisions of World War II</i> , extensive collection of official documents to include identification cards, passes, driver's licenses, and club cards, and assorted miscellaneous materials [<i>A Pocket Reference Guide</i> and <i>Combat Divisions of World War II</i> transferred to the Library holdings]
Reinking, William	Box 1	T/4		Survey and copy of an extract of General Orders 66 dated 10 August 1945

40th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment**115th Engineer Combat Battalion****115th Medical Battalion****40th Division Artillery****Headquarters and Headquarters Battery****143d Field Artillery Battalion****164th Field Artillery Battalion****213th Field Artillery Battalion****222d Field Artillery Battalion**

Gorman, John J.	Box 1	T/5	Headquarters Battery	Survey and photocopy of a newspaper clipping
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Special Troops**740th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company**

Mumford, Elmer S.	Box 1	COL		[See: 40th Infantry Division; Headquarters Company]
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40th Quartermaster Company

40th Signal Company**Military Police Platoon**

Ott, John	Box 1	SGT		Roster of the platoon
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Attached / Unidentified Units

Attached units supported the 40th Infantry Division at some point during the war, but were not organic to the division. Unidentified unit means that the veteran's survey indicated service with the 40th Infantry Division, but did not provide sufficient information regarding the specific subordinate unit.

Aka, Raymond Y.	Box 1	WOJG	Unidentified Unit	Survey, newspaper clippings
Day, Earl W.	Box 1	PFC	Unidentified Unit	Survey
Poertner, Clifford	Box 1	T/5	Unidentified unit, 3d Battalion, Company M	Survey

115th Ordnance Company [Redesignated 740th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company]

Mumford, Elmer S.	Box 1	COL		[See: 40th Infantry Division; Headquarters Company]
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40th Infantry Division Official Records / Documents**Headquarters**

Monthly After Action Reports for July through December 1944

Monthly After Action Reports for January through May 1945

134th Infantry Regiment

Monthly After Action Reports for July through December 1944

Monthly After Action Reports for January through May 1945

137th Infantry Regiment

Monthly After Action Reports for July through December 1944

Monthly After Action Reports for January through May 1945

320th Infantry Regiment

Monthly After Action Reports for July through December 1944

Monthly After Action Reports for January through May 1945

161st Field Artillery Battalion

History of the 161st Field Artillery Battalion

Monthly After Action Reports for July through December 1944

Monthly After Action Reports for January through June 1945

216th Field Artillery Battalion

Monthly After Action Reports for July through December 1944

Monthly After Action Reports for January through May 1945