



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

59th ARMY BAND

Organized in the California National Guard and Federally recognized 16 November 1921 at Oakland as the Band Section, Service Company, 159th Infantry, an element of the 40th Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1940 as the Band, 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 Motorized Division and the 7th Infantry Division]; relieved 23 August 1943 from assignment to the 7th Infantry Division)

Reorganized and redesignated 18 May 1944 as the 59th Army Ground Forces Band

Inactivated 1 October 1945 in Alaska

Redesignated 17 May 1947 as the 59th Army Band

Consolidated with the 286th Army Ground Forces Band (see ANNEX), and consolidated unit reorganized and Federally recognized 19 October 1949 at Sacramento as the 59th Army Band

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ANNEX

Organized in the California National Guard and Federally recognized 20 March 1925 at Sacramento as the Band Section, Service Company, 184th Infantry, an element of the 40th Division (later redesignated as the 40th Infantry Division)

59th ARMY BAND

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1940 as the Band, 184th Infantry
Inducted into Federal service 3 March 1941 at Sacramento
Relieved in June 1942 from assignment to the 40th Infantry Division
Reorganized and redesignated 10 January 1944 as the 286th Army Band
Reorganized and redesignated 12 May 1944 as the 286th Army Ground
Forces Band
Inactivated 25 January 1946 in Hawaii

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HOME STATION: Sacramento

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

(Band has no flag, color, or guidon to display honors)

World War II
Aleutian Islands

DECORATIONS

None

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

Kenneth G. Wickham
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Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

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