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HEADQUARTERS FORTIETH DIVISION  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

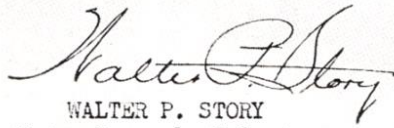
To the Officers and men of the 40th Division:

Again the 40th Division has entered Federal service, and moves forward on the mission of intensive preparation to take its stand, shoulder to shoulder, with our comrades in arms, for the defense of our nation, our ideals, and our chosen way of life and liberty.

This responsibility is a challenge to each and every officer and man of the Division which can only be met by sincere, willing and diligent effort and application to duty. The Division can be no better than the officers and men who comprise it; therefore, each individual contributes to the Division just what he makes of himself, his squad, and his company or battery.

By our concerted effort, we will attain the objective which has long inspired the loyal group of citizen-soldiers who, throughout the years of waning general interest in the military, steadfastly gave of their time and effort that the 40th Division might be ready to answer the challenge of the day which is now upon us.

I am proud of the officers and men of the 40th Division, and am confident that this Division will be one of the finest in the service.

  
WALTER P. STORY  
Major General, U.S. Army



*MG Walter P Story*

The 40th Infantry Division was re-activated for World War II on 3 March 1941 [it had been de-activated after service in WWI]. It was a National Guard division comprised of the California, Nevada, & Utah Army National Guards. In February 1942, the 40th Infantry Division was reorganized from a 'square', two-brigade, four-regiment division into a three-regiment division without any intermediate brigade headquarters. Thus the 79th and 80th Infantry Brigades were deactivated.

The division departed for overseas to serve in the Pacific Theater of Operations service on 23 August 1942.

*THE 80<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY BRIGADE ...*



*THE CRESTS REPRESENT CALIFORNIA (TOP), NEVADA (LOWER LEFT), AND UTAH (LOWER RIGHT)*

*AND 79<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY BRIGADE ...*



*THIS IS THE PATCH CREATED FOR THE 79<sup>TH</sup> WHEN IT WAS REACTIVATED IN LATE 2008*

*BECAME THE 40<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION*



*THE 40<sup>TH</sup> WAS COMPOSED OF CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, & UTAH NATIONAL GUARD UNITS*

[ED: My Pappy, Glade S Wittwer, joined the Utah National Guard (UNG) as a Private on Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, 1939. He was 17 yrs old. By May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1940 he was a CPL & participated in a two-week exercise in Chehalis, WA with the 40th Division. On Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1941 the guard unit was called into Federal service with the 40<sup>th</sup> Division & Pappy was in the 115<sup>th</sup> Engineer Rgt.]

GLADE WITWHER-PAPPY



115TH ENGINEER REG COAT OF ARMS



CHEHALIS, WA

