

HEADQUARTERS
227TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
A.P.O. #29, NEW YORK

14 April 1943

SUBJECT: Historical Record, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, for the Calendar Year 1942

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D.C. (Thru Channels)

1. In compliance with the provisions of Par. 11b, AR 345-105, dated 18 Nov 1929, the following history of the 227th Field Artillery Battalion is submitted:

a. Original Unit

- (1) Designation: 2nd Battalion, 111th Field Artillery
- (2) Date of Organization: 25 October 1922
- (3) Place of Organization: Hq. & Hq. Btry. –Portsmouth, Va., Battery “D” –Hampton, Va.; Battery “E” –Richmond, Va.; Battery “F” – Fredricksburg, Va.
- (4) Authority for Organization: Information not available at present in as much as historical records of this battalion are stored at Camp Blanding, Florida.
- (5) Sources from which Personnel Obtained: Primarily by Voluntary Enlistment, and later by replacements from the various reception centers.

b. Changes in Organization: The Second Battalion, 111th Field Artillery was redesignated the 227th Field Artillery Battalion under the provisions of General Orders No. 13, Headquarters, 29th Infantry Division, dated 11 March 1942 (Auth; WD Ltr AG 320.2, 25 February 1942, Subject: Reorganization of the 29th Infantry Division, 28 February 1942). Personnel and equipment of the 176th Field Artillery Battalion (originally First Battalion, 176th Field Artillery and redesignated the 176th Field Artillery Battalion per the aforementioned authority) were transferred to the 227th Field Artillery Battalion, effective 12 March 1942.

Upon reorganization Lt. Colonel Harry R. Warfield assumed command of the newly organized battalion. Lt. Colonel Warfield continued in command of said organization until 21 August 1942, at which time he was replaced by Lt. Colonel Matthew C. Fenton, Jr., who is still in command of this battalion.

(1) During this calendar year the following changes in grades allotted by Tables of Organization were made:

- (a) First Sergeants were rerated from Grade II (equivalent to Technical Sergeant) to Grade I (equivalent to Master Sergeant).
- (b) Supply Sergeants were rerated from Grade IV (Sergeant) to Grade III (Staff Sergeant). Both changes in (a) and (b) were under the provisions of War Department Circular 287, dated 1 September 1942.
- (c) Battery Mail Orderlies were authorized a rating Technician V Grade under the provisions of War Department Circular 331 (1942).

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted

- (1) At the beginning of Period: 21 Off. 776 E.M.
- (2) Net increase or decrease each month:

Month	Total Strength			Net Strength			Net Decrease		
	Off.	W.O.	E.M.	Off.	W.O.	E.M.	Off.	W.O.	E. M.
January	21	0	773	0	0	0	0	0	3
February	21	0	760	0	0	0	0	0	13
March	20	0	640	0	0	0	1	0	120
April	18	0	580	1	0	0	0	0	60
May	17	0	561	0	0	0	3	0	19
June	16	0	527	0	0	0	1	0	34

July	19	0	508	0	0	0	1	0	19
August	28	0	496	3	0	0	0	0	12
September	28	0	456	9	0	0	0	0	40
October	28	0	444	0	0	0	0	0	12
November	28	1	442	0	1	0	0	0	2
December	31	1	438	3	0	0	0	0	4

d. Stations of unit or parts thereof:

- (1) This battalion was stationed at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland from the date of induction, 3 February 1941, until 30 April 1942. This unit departed from Fort George G. Meade, Md. By truck at 0915, 30 April 1942. Arrived at A. P. Hill Military Reservation, Virginia 1430 same dated. Roads –good; Weather –Warm. Distance traveled – 91 miles. This was a permanent change of station.
- (2) Permanent change of station from A.P, Hill Military Reservation, Virginia to Camp Blanding Florida (via Carolina Maneuver Area). Departed A.P. Hill Mil. Res. By truck at 0830, 7 July 1942. Arrived Stanton State Park, Va. 1652 same date. Distance traveled – 187 miles. Roads – Good; Weather – Warm.
 Departed Stanton State Park, Va. by truck 0730, 8 July 1942. Arrived at Carolina Manuever Area in vicinity of Polkton, N.C. at 1658 same date. Distance traveled – 196 miles. Roads – Fair; Weather – Very Warm.
 From 9 July to 16 August 1942 this organization was engaged in the various maneuver exercises held by VI Corps.

Departed from bivouac area in Carolina Manuever Area by truck at 0900, 17 August 1942. Arrived at bivouac area just outside St. George, S.C., 1600 same date. Distance traveled -146 miles. Roads – Fair; Weather-Very Warm.

Departed St. George, S.C. 0745, 18 August. Arrived bivouac area at Camp Stewart, Ga. 1630 same date. Distance traveled -126 miles. Roads – Good; Weather – Rainy and warm.

Departed Camp Stewart, Ga. By truck 1000, 19 August. Arrived Camp Blanding, Florida at 1830 same date. Distance traveled – 190 miles. Roads – Good; Weather – Very Warm.

- (3) Temporary change of station from Camp Blanding, Florida to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey (Overseas Staging Area) prior to departure for overseas duty.
 Departed Camp Blanding, Florida by rail at 2300, 20 September 1942. Arrived Camp Kilmer, N. J. 0400, 21 September 1942. Distance traveled – 985 miles. Weather – Rainy and warm. Morale – High.
- (4) Permanent change of station from Camp Kilmer, New Jersey to European Theater of Operations.

Departed Camp Kilmer, N.J. by rail at 1930 for New York Port of Embarkation. Arrived NYPE 2345, at which time boarded ship. Sailed on Queen Elizabeth at 1500, 5 October 1942.

Arrived at Gourock, Scotland 1400, 11 October 1942. Left boat via ferry to dock, at which point we boarded train. Traveled all night, arriving at Banbury, Eng. 0730. Traveled by truck from Banbury to Wyckham Park, Eng., at which point our headquarters was established.

After arrival of this unit in the ETO, the 227th Field Artillery Battalion plus Batteries “A” and “B” of the 224th Field Artillery Battalion were placed on detached service with Western Base Section, Services of Supply, ETOUSA. The units of this battalion were attached to an Engineer Labor Pool. Stations of the various batteries are listed below:

Headquarters Battery

Departed Banbury, Eng by train at 0730, 24 October 1942. Arrived Rhyl, North Wales 1230. Traveled by truck from Rhyl, R.R. Station to Kinmel Park Camp. Weather –Fair.

Departed Kenmel Park Camp 0800, 11 November 1942 by truck. Arrived at Arrowe Park, Birks, Eng. At 1015 same date. Distances traveled -42 miles. Roads –Fair; Weather – Rainy and cold.

Departed from Arrowe Park by truck to Birkenhead R.R. Station at 1015, 9 December 1942. Departed from Birkenhead by train at 1145. Arrived at Tidworth Barracks, Eng. 2355 and joined the Division for the first time since departure from NYPE.

Battery "A"

Departed from Banbury, Eng. By train at 0945, 24 October 1942. Arrived at Pilling, Eng. 1700, same dated. Distance traveled 150 miles. Weather – Cold.

Departed from Pilling at 0800, 11 November, traveled by bus 5 miles to R.R. Station; boarded train at 0830. Arrived Tredegar, South Wales 2000 same date. At this point boarded trucks and traveled 20 miles to Newport, Eng. Arrived at Newport 2200 same dated. Distance traveled in all 240 miles. Weather –Cold and damp.

Departed Newport, Eng. By truck, 30 November 1942 and traveled 3 miles to R.R. Station; boarded train at that point. Arrived Tidworth Barracks 1930 same date. Distance traveled – 60 miles. Weather – Fair.

Battery "B"

Departed Banbury, Eng. 1000, 24 October 1942. Arrived Aintree, Eng. 1730. Weather – Fair.

Departed Aintree by truck 0800, 30 October 1942. Arrived Maghull, Eng. 1015 same date. Distance traveled – 4 miles. Roads – Fair. Weather – Cloudy and Cold.

Departed Maghull, Eng. By truck 0945, 11 November 1942. Arrived Preston, Eng. 1205. Roads – Good; Weather-Fair and Cold.

Departed from Preston, Eng. By train at 0900, 29 November 1942. Arrived Tidworth Barracks, Eng. At 2300. Weather-Cool.

Battery "C"

Departed from Banbury, Eng. At 1000, 24 October 1942. Arrived at Maghull, Eng. 1730 P.M. Weather – Fair.

Departed Maghull, Eng. By truck at 1451, 10 November 1942. Arrived Aschurch, Eng. 2300, same date. Weather – Fair

Departed Aschurch 1330, 8 December 1942 by train. Arrived Tidworth Barracks 1900, same date. Distance traveled -65 miles. Weather – Fair.

"Service Battery"

Departed from Banbury, Eng. By train at 0730, 24 October 1942. Arrived Rhyl, North Wales at 1230. Traveled by truck from Rhyl R.R. Station to Kinnel Park Camp. Weather – Fair.

Departed from Kinnel Park Camp by truck at 0830, 31 October 1942. Arrived at Maghull, Eng. At 1045 same date. Roads – Good. Weather – Cold.

Departed from Maghull, Eng. 0930, 9 December 1942. Arrived Birkenhead R.R. Station 1030. Boarded train, along with Headquarters Battery; traveled to Tidworth Barracks, arriving at that station at 2355 same date. Weather – Rainy and cold.

The Medical Detachment of this Battalion was split up among the several batteries during this entire tour of duty.

e. Marches

- (1) Fort George G. Meade, Maryland to Camp Edwards, Massachusetts to participate in General Headquarters Artillery Exercises.

Departed Fort Geo. Meade, Md. By truck at 0800, 28 March 1942. Arrived Fort Dix, N. J. 1615 same date. Distance traveled -163 miles. Roads = Very Good; Weather – Cold and Blustery.

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Departed Fort Dix, N.J. by truck at 0300, 29 March 1942. Arrived at Orange Street Armory, New Haven, Connecticut at 1120 same date. Distance traveled – 159 miles. Roads – Slippery; Weather –Cold.

Departed Orange Street Armory, New Haven, Conn. By truck 0600, 30 March 1942. Arrived Camp Edwards, Mass. 1349 same date. Distance traveled – 164 miles. Roads – Slippery; Weather –Cold and Rainy.

- (2) Camp Edwards, Massachusetts to Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. Return to Home Station.

Departed Camp Edwards, Mass by truck at 0800, 20 April 1942. Arrived Goffe Street Armory, New Haven, Conn 1549. Distance traveled – 161 miles. Roads – Good; Weather – Cold.

Departed Goffe Street Armory, New Haven, Conn by truck at 0700, 21 April 1942. Arrived Fort Dix, N.J. 1450 same date. Distance traveled – 157 miles. Roads – Very Good; Weather – Cold.

Departed Fort Dix, N.J. by truck at 0600, 22 April 1942. Arrived Fort George G. Meade, Md. At 1410 same date. Roads –Good; Weather – Warm.

- (3) A.P. Hill Military Reservation, Virginia to Fort George G. Meade, Maryland to participate in small arms practice.

Departed A.P. Hill Mil. Res., Va. by truck at 0800, 12 May 1942. Arrived bivouac area, Fort Meade Rifle Range at 1235. Distance traveled – 94.2 miles. Roads –Good; Weather – Warm.

- (4) Fort George G. Meade, Maryland to A. P. Hill Military Reservation, Virginia. Return to home station.

Departed Fort Geo. G. Meade, Md. By truck at 0800, 22 May 1942. Arrived A.P. Hill Military Reservation, Va. 1220. Distance traveled – 94.5 miles. Roads –Good; Weather – Warm.

- (5) Tidworth Barracks, England to Okehampton, England for purpose of engaging in V Corps (Reinf) Artillery Firing Exercises.

Departed Tidworth Barracks by truck at 0800, 27 December 1942. Arrived Okehampton Artillery Range at 1550 same date. Distance traveled -128 miles. Roads –Good; Weather –Fair.

- f. Campaigns: NONE
- g. Battles: NONE
- h. Commanding Officers in important engagements: NONE
- i. Losses in action: NONE
- j. Former or present member who have distinguished themselves in action” NONE
- k. Photographs of personnel, important scened or events: None available.