

HEADQUARTERS
227TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
A.P.O. 29, U.S. ARMY

Subject: After Action Report for Month of October 1944

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C.

THRU: Commanding General, 29th Infantry Division Artillery,
A.P.O. 29, U.S. Army

I. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

October 1, 1944 found the 227th F.A. Battalion in position at (773621) Leige, Belgium, Sheet #9, Scale 1/100,000 with the mission of general support for the 29th Infantry Division.

At 1355 hours on 1 October 1944 the Battalion fired its first rounds into German soil.

The 27th F.A. Battalion remained in this position until 6 October 1944.

At 1215 hours, 6 October 1944, close station march order was given to Hq., "A" and "B" Batteries. Battery "C" remained in position in general support. Hq., "A" and "B" Batteries closed into position at (802645) Koln, Germany, Sheet R-1, Scale 1/100,000 at 1600 hours. Battery "C" was given close station march order and closed in the Battalion position at 1730 hours.

On 13 October 1944 Battery "C" had approximately fifteen (15) rounds of artillery land in their battery position.

The 227th F.A. Battalion remained in this position in general support of the 29th Infantry Division thru 31 October 1944.

It is interesting to note that the 227th F.A. Battalion crossed the border and occupied positions in Germany on the first day of the beginning of the third year of overseas service.

II. FORCES ENGAGED

During the month of October 1944 the 227th F.A. Battalion came in contact with elements of the 176th Z.B.V. Division, 163rd Infantry Division, 49th Training Division, 275th Training Division, 22nd G.A.F., 343rd Grenadier Regiment, 351st Grenadier Regiment, and the Kampfgruppe Mueller.

III. LOSSES IN ACTION.

During the month of October 1944 the 227th F.A. Battalion had one (1) officer and three (3) enlisted men seriously wounded in action.

A resume of the losses of the Battalion since entering combat to the end of October 1944 is as follows.

	KIA	DOW	SWA	LWA	LIA	MIA
Officers	3	0	2	0	0	0
Enlisted Men	1	1	5	3	1	0

IV. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

During the month of December 1944 the following awards were made to members of the 227th Field Artillery Battalion:

Bronze Star Medals	1
Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal	1
Purple Heart	2
Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal	5

V. COMMANDING OFFICERS.

The Commanding Officers for the month of November 1944 were as follows:

Battalion Commander	Lt. Col. Neal W. Harper
Headquarters Battery	1 st Lt. Robert M. Godber
Battery "A"	Capt. George F. Weidl
Battery "B"	Capt. Walter J. Rakow
Battery "C"	Capt. Charles G. Ward
Service Battery	Capt. Eugene D. Jones
Medical Detachment	Capt. Harold L. Bacon
The Battalion Commander's Staff consisted of:	
Executive Officer	Major Norman D. Aboosh
S-3	Major Frederick B. Johnson
Ass't S-3	Capt. John C. Vallor
S-2	Capt. Cecil L. Harvey
Ass't S-2	1 st Lt. David D. Honick
Liaison Officer	1 st Lt. Bruce Bliven, Jr.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS.

The 227th Artillery Battalion completed a total of (562) missions and expended a total of 3711 rounds of ammunition for the month of October 1944. A breakdown of these is as follows:

TYPES OF MISSIONS	NUMBER
Registration	10
Counter Battery	96
Personnel	30
Vehicles	7
Mortars	8
Preparations	17
Harassing and Interdiction	386
Other types	8
TOTAL	562

During the month of October 1944 several movies were shown to the members of the Battalion and the Red Cross Clubmobile made a visit to the Battalion. This entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by all members of the Battalion.

The combat efficiency of the 227th F.A. Battalion has been excellent during this period. Morale has been excellent throughout the month of October 1944.

29 LET'S GO.

(signed-Neal W. Harper)
 NEAL W. HARPER
 Lt. Colonel, F.A.
 Commanding