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1944

227 FIELD ARTILLERY
BATTALION

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

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During the year 1944 the following changes in grades allotted by Tables of Organization were made in the 227th Field Artillery Battalion.

1. Reduction of Basic Privates

War Department letter subject "Reduction of Basic Privates in Tables of Organization Units" dated 7 June 1944, reduced the enlisted strength of the 227th Field Artillery Battalion a total of twenty-three (23) men. Losses in the various Batteries were as follows:

Headquarters Battery	Five (5) enlisted men
Battery "A"	Five (5) enlisted men
Battery "B"	Five (5) enlisted men
Battery "C"	Five (5) enlisted men
Service Battery	Three (3) enlisted men

2. Forward Observer Section

European Theater of Operations letter, dated 7 June 1944, Subject "Forward Observer Sections in Light and Medium Artillery Battalions" authorized the increase of one (1) officer and two (2) enlisted men in the Headquarters Battery, 227th Field Artillery Battalion. Following are the designations:

- One (1) First Lieutenant, Forward Observer
- One (1) Sargeant, Reconnaissance (744)
- One (1) Technician 5th Grade, Radio Operator (776)

III. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted

1. On 1 January 1944

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>WARRANT OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>
37	1	509

2. Net Increase or Decrease Each Month

MONTH	TOTAL STRENGTH			NET DECREASE			NET INCREASE		
	OFF	WO	EM	OFF	WO	EM	OFF	WO	EM
January	37	1	609	4	0	38	0	0	0
February	36	1	601	0	0	0	1	0	8
March	37	2	600	1	1	0	0	0	1
April	38	2	595	1	0	0	0	0	5
May	35	2	583	0	0	0	3	0	12
June	31	2	584	0	0	1	4	0	0
July	28	2	582	0	0	0	3	0	2
August	26	2	596	0	0	14	2	0	0
September	26	2	590	0	0	0	0	0	6
October	26	2	577	0	0	0	0	0	13
November	29	2	530	3	0	0	0	0	47
December	29	2	505	0	0	0	0	0	25

3. On 31 December 1944

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>WARRANT OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>
29	2	505

IV. Stations of Units or Parts Thereof:

1. The 227th Field Artillery Battalion, on 1 January 1944, was permanently stationed at the Showground Camp, Okehampton, Devon, England. The Battalion had occupied this camp since 30 May 1943.

2. On the 19 March 1944 the Battalion was ordered on a temporary change of station to Buckfastleigh, Devon, England to participate in the V Corps Artillery Firing Exercises.

3. The V Corps Artillery Firing Exercises were concluded on 24 March 1944 and the Battalion was ordered back to its permanent station at Okehampton, Devon, England.

4. The 227th Field Artillery Battalion was ordered to Marshalling areas and to participate in the invasion of the Continent of Europe. The following are the stations occupied by the Battalion until the landing on the beach in France.

a. On the 15th of May 1944 the battalion was ordered to the Marshalling area in the vicinity of Truro, Cornwall, England to prepare for the invasion of the Continent of Europe.

b. On the 2d of June 1944 the 227th Field Artillery Battalion was ordered to the Port of Embarkation at Falmouth, Cornwall, England. Upon arrival at the Port of Embarkation the Battalion was loaded on to LST's 292 and 497. One half of the Headquarters, and Headquarters Battery, Battery "A" and the ammunition section of Service Battery servicing Battery "A" were loaded on to LST 497. The other half of the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Battery "B", Battery "C", and the ammunition sections of Service Battery servicing Battery "B" and "C" were loaded on to LST 292.

5. The 227th Field Artillery Battalion remained on board LST 292 and LST 497 from 2 June 1944 until 8 June 1944 when all elements had debarked from the LST's. The Headquarters and elements of Headquarters Battery, Battery "B", and Battery "C" and Service Battery landed on Omaha Beach near St. Laurient, Normandy, France on 7 June 1944. The elements that had been left on board the LST's joined the Headquarters of the Battalion on 8 June 1944. The following positions were occupied by the 227th Field Artillery Battalion during "The Battle of the Beaches."

a. From 7 June 1944 to 8 June 1944 Vierville-sur-mere, Normandy, France (6391) sheet 6E/5 Isigny, France, scale 1/50000.

b. From 8 June 1944 to 9 June 1944 Deux Jumeaux, Normandy, France (8090) sheet 6E/6 Isigny, France, scale 1/50000.

c. From 9 June 1944 to 10 June 1944 St. Germain , Normandy, France (545880) sheet 6E/6 Isigny, France, scale 1/50000.

d. From 10 June 1944 to 15 June 1944 La Hatainniere, Normandy, France (538817) sheet 6E/6 Isigny, France, scale 1/50000.

e. From 15 June 1944 to 19 June 1944 L'Epiny Tesson, Normandy, France (577757) sheet 6F/2 St. Lo, France, scale 1/50000.

f. From 19 June 1944 to 14 July 1944 Moon-sur-Elle, Normandy, France (538722) sheet 6F/2 St. Lo, France, scale 1/50000.

6. "The Battle of the Beaches" had been won. The 227th Field Artillery Battalion occupied the following positions for "The Battle of St. Lo" France.

a. From 14 July 1944 to 29 July 1944 Couvains Normandy, France (538722) sheet 6F/2 St. Lo, France, scale 1/50000.

7. "The Battle of St. Lo" having been won, "The Battle of Vire" was on. The 227th Field Artillery Battalion occupied the following positions during "The Battle of Vire."

a. From 29 July 1944 to 1 August 1944 St. Samson-de-bon-Fosse, Normandy, France (555638) sheet 6F/2 St. Lo, France scale 1/50000.

b. From 1 August 1944 to 3 August 1944 Moyon, Normandy, France (457555) sheet 6F/4 Torigni-sur-Vire, France scale 1/50000.

c. From 3 August 1944 to 4 August 1944 Couvets, Normandy, France (483503) sheet 6F/4 Torigni-sur-Vire, France scale 1/50000.

d. From 4 August 1944 to 7 August 1944 Beaumaenil, Normandy, France (493430) sheet 6F/4 Torigni-sur-Vire, France scale 1/50000.

e. From 7 August 1944 to 12 August 1944 LaPilliere, Normandy, France (554385) sheet 6F/6 Vire, France scale 1/50000.

f. From 12 August 1944 to 14 August 1944 St. Germain de Tallevande, Normandy, France (632291) sheet 6F/6 Vire, France scale 1/50000.

g. From 14 August 1944 to 15 August 1944 LaLande Vaumont, Normandy, France (699244) sheet 6F/2 Vire, France scale 1/50000.

h. From 15 August 1944 to 23 August 1944 St. Jean de Bois, Normandy, France (684184) sheet 6G/2 Mortain, France scale 1/50000.

8. "The Battle of Vire" having been fought and won, "The Battle of Brest" became the next battle. The Battalion had to move from Normandy to Brittany to engage in this battle. It was in this position that the Battalion had its first rest period from 17 August 1944 to 21 August 1944. During this period all equipment was thoroughly checked and cleaned. The tubes on all Howitzers were retracted, vehicles were overhauled and cleaned, small arms thoroughly checked. All repairs and adjustments, where necessary, were made. On 22 August 1944 the 227th Field Artillery Battalion began a road march to the Brittany Peninsula which was completed on 23 August 1944 after travelling a distance of two hundred and thirty (230) miles. Following are the positions occupied by the Battalion during "The Battle of Brest."

a. From 23 August 1944 to 24 August 1944 Ploudalmezeau, Brittany, France (850150) sheet 2F/5 and 2G/1 St. Renan, France, scale 1/50000.

b. From 24 August 1944 to 28 August 1944 Kergaourant, Brittany, France (932093) sheet 2G/2 Landerneau, France, scale 1/50000.

c. From 28 August 1944 to 18 September 1944 St. Renan, Brittany, France (630042) sheet 2F/5 and 2G/1 St. Renan, France, scale 1/50000.

(1) Battery "C", 227th Field Artillery Battalion was ordered into position at (823016) St. Renan, France sheet 2F/5 and 2G/1, scale 1/50000 on 31 August 1944. They were part of a task force organized for the reduction of the Le Conquet Peninsula.

(2) On 10 September 1944 Battery "C", 227th Field Artillery Battalion rejoined the Battalion and occupied position at (938042) sheet 2F/5 and 2G/1, St. Renan, France, scale 1/50000.

9. "The Battle of Brest" was over on 18 September 1944. The Battalion went into a rehabilitation period from 18 September 1944 to 25 September 1944. During this period all materiel was again checked and any necessary repairs made. The following position was occupied during this period.

a. From 18 September 1944 to 25 September 1944 Kervan, Brittany, France (773988) sheet 2G/3 Le Conquet, France, scale 1/50000.

10. The 227th Field Artillery Battalion was ordered to march to Maastricht, Holland, a distance of six-hundred and ninety (690) miles. Following are the bivouac positions occupied on the march to Maastricht, Holland.

- a. 25 September 1944 in vicinity of Rennes, France
- b. 26 September 1944 in vicinity of Chartres, France
- c. 27 September 1944 in vicinity of St. Quentin, France
- d. 28 September 1944 in vicinity of Maastricht, Holland (638497) sheet K9 Leige, Belgium, scale 1/100000.

11. The 29th Infantry Division was given the task of cracking the Siegfried Line in Germany and the 227th Field Artillery Battalion was assigned the mission of general support of the Division. Following are the positions occupied during the assault on the Siegfried Line.

- a. From 29 September 1944 to 6 October 1944 Brunssum, Holland (773621) sheet K9 Leige, Belgium, scale 1/100000.
- b. From 6 October 1944 to 6 November 1944 Neiderbusch, Germany, sheet R1 Koln, Germany, scale 1/100000.
- c. From 6 November 1944 to 8 November 1944 Eigelshoven, Holland, sheet R1 Koln, Germany, scale 1/100000.

12. "The Battle of Julich" was the next challenge to the 29th Infantry Division and the 227th Field Artillery battalion was again in general support. The following positions were occupied by the Battalion in "The Battle of Julich."

- a. From 8 November 1944 to 19 November 1944 Floes, Germany (864588) sheet R1, Koln, Germany, scale 1/100000.
- b. From 19 November 1944 to 22 November 1944 Oidtweiler, Germany (912562) sheet R1, Koln, Germany, scale 1/100000.
- c. From 22 November 1944 to 22 December 1944 Durboslar, Germany (960573) sheet 5003 Linnich, Germany, scale 1/25000.
- d. From 22 December 1944 thru 31 December 1944 Obermerz, Germany (956540) sheet 5103, Eschweiler, Germany, scale 1/25000.

The following changes of station pertain only to Service Battery, 227th Field Artillery Battalion. The Service Battery, less the Train, did not form a part of the assault force. Since landing on the continent the Service Battery has always been in position behind a barrier line established by the Division.

13. The following changes of station were made by Service Battery, 227th Field Artillery Battalion in preparation for their landing on the Continent of Europe.

- a. From 17 May 1944 to 22 May 1944 Walker Lines Camp, Bodmin, Cornwall, England.
- b. From 22 May 1944 to 31 May 1944 Mudeford, Mants, England.
- c. From 31 May 1944 to 12 June 1944 Christchurch Barracks, Mants, England
- d. From 12 June 1944 to 14 June 1944 Marshalling area, vicinity of Romney, Mants, England.

14. On the 14 June 1944 the Service Battery, 227th Field Artillery Battalion left the Marshalling area for Southampton Docks, England where they boarded MT-72 (SS Pearl Harbor.) They crossed the English Channel in MT-72 (SS Pearl Harbor) and arrived at Omaha Beach near Vierville-sur-Mere, Normandy, France, on 17 June 1944. The following changes of station were made by Service Battery after their landing on the Continent of Europe during "The Battle of the Beaches."

- a. From 17 June 1944 to 19 June 1944 L'Epinau Tesson, Normandy, France (5775) sheet 6F/2 St. Lo, France, scale 1/50000.

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18. "The Battle of the Beaches" having been won, "The Battle of St. Lo" was ahead. The following changes of station were made during "The Battle of St. Lo."

- a. From 19 June 1944 to 27 July 1944 Moon-sur-Elle, Normandy, France (5371) sheet 6F/2 St. Lo, France, scale 1/50000.
- b. From 27 July 1944 to 29 July 1944 Couvains, Normandy, France, (5368) sheet 6F/2 St. Lo, France, scale 1/50000.

19. "The Battle of St. Lo" being won, "The Battle of Vire" was next on the list. The following changes of Station were made by Service Battery, 227th Field Artillery Battalion during "The Battle of Vire."

- a. From 29 July 1944 to 3 August 1944 St. Samson-de-Bon-Fosse, Normandy, France (4555) sheet 6F/4 Torigni-sur-Vire, France, scale 1/50000.
- b. From 3 August 1944 to 5 August 1944 La Provosti, Normandy, France (5046) sheet 6F/4 Torigni-sur-Vire, France, scale 1/50000.
- c. From 5 August 1944 to 8 August 1944 Pont Foray, Normandy, France (5242) sheet 6F/4 Torigni-sur-Vire, France, scale 1/50000.
- d. From 8 August 1944 to 12 August 1944 La Coniere, Normandy, France (5539) sheet 6F/6 Vire, France, scale 1/50000.
- e. From 12 August 1944 to 15 August 1944 Meanil-Robert, Normandy, France, (5936) sheet 6F/6 Vire, France, scale 1/50000.
- f. From 15 August 1944 to 17 August 1944 La Lande-Vaumont, Normandy, France (6424) sheet 6F/6 Vire, France, scale 1/50000.
- g. From 17 August 1944 to 22 August 1944 St. Jean des-Bois, Normandy, France (6918) sheet 6G/2 Mortain, France scale 1/50000.

20. "The Battle of Vire" was won. Next was "The Battle of Brest." The following changes of station were made by Service Battery, 227th Field Artillery Battalion during "The Battle of Brest."

- a. From 22 August 1944 to 23 August 1944 en-route to Brittany Peninsula from Normandy.
- b. From 23 August 1944 to 4 September 1944 Ploudalmazeau, Brittany, France (850158) sheet 2F/5 and 2G/1 St. Renan, France, scale 1/50000.
- c. From 9 September 1944 to 19 September 1944 Lannivane, Brittany, France (6409) sheet 2F/5 and 2G/1 St. Renan, France, scale 1/50000.
- d. 19 September 1944 to 25 September 1944 LeConquet, Brittany, France (7608) sheet 2G/3 Le Conquet, France, scale 1/50000.

21. "The Battle of Brest" was over. A rehabilitation period from 19 September 1944 to 25 September 1944 was in order. During this period all vehicles and small arms were thoroughly checked and repairs made where necessary. A march of six-hundred and ninety miles (690) was ordered to Maastricht, Holland, preparations for the march were made. The following bivouac positions were occupied by Service Battery, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, on the march from Le Conquet, Brittany, France to Maastricht, Holland.

- a. 25 September 1944 in vicinity of Rennes, France.
- b. 26 September 1944 in vicinity of Chartres, France.
- c. 27 September 1944 in vicinity of St. Quentin, France.
- d. 28 September 1944 in vicinity of Maastricht, Holland (638497) sheet K9 Liege, Belgium, scale 1/100000.

22. The 29th Infantry Division was given the mission of cracking the Siegfried Line into Germany. The following changes of station were made by Service Battery, 227th Field Artillery Battalion on this mission.

- a. From 23 September 1944 to 30 September 1944 Margate, Holland (638497) sheet K9 Liege, Belgium, scale 1/100000.
- b. From 30 September 1944 to 10 November 1944 Heerlen, Holland (7457) sheet K9 Liege, Belgium, scale 1/100000.

23. "The Battle of Julich" resulted. Following are the positions occupied by Service Battery, 227th Field Artillery Battalion in "The Battle of Julich."

- a. From 10 November 1944 to 22 November 1944 Shaesberg, Holland (8055) sheet R1 Koln, Germany, scale 1/100000.
- b. From 22 November 1944 to 24 November 1944 Oidtweiler, Germany (9156) sheet R1, Koln, Germany, scale 1/100000.
- c. From 24 November 1944 thru 31 December 1944 Alsdorf, Germany (8854) sheet 5102, Herzogenrath, Germany scale 1/25000.

The following changes of station pertain only to the Personnel Section, 227th Field Artillery Battalion. The Personnel Section was placed on Detached Service to the Adjutant General, 29th Infantry Division on 15 May 1944. Since that date the Personnel Section has remained with the Adjutant General, in the 29th Infantry Division Administration Center.

24. The following changes of station were made by the Personnel Section, 227th Field Artillery Battalion in preparation for their landing on the Continent of Europe.

- a. From 17 May 1944 to 22 May 1944 Walker Lines Camp, Bodmin, Cornwall, England.
- b. From 22 May 1944 to 10 June 1944 Broughty Ferry, Boscombe, Hants, England.
- c. From 10 June 1944 to 12 June 1944 Christchurch Barracks, Hants, England.
- d. From 12 June 1944 to 14 June 1944 Marshalling area, Romsey, Hants, England.

25. The Personnel Section, 227th Field Artillery Battalion left the Marshalling area on 14 June 1944 and arrived at Southampton Docks, Nants, England and boarded MT-75 (SS David Starr Jordan) until 17 June 1944 when they landed on Omaha Beach at Vierville-surMere, France.

The following changes of station were made by the Personnel Section during “The Battle of the Beaches.”

- a. From 17 June 1944 to 18 June 1944 Vierville-sur-Mere, Normandy, France.
- b. From 18 June 1944 to 17 July 1944 Voilly, Normandy, France (5391) sheet 6F/6 Isigny, France, scale 1/50000.

26. The following changes of station were made by the Personnel Section, 227th Field Artillery Battalion during “The Battle of St. Lo” and “The Battle of Vire.”

- a. From 17 July 1944 to 4 August 1944 L’Epinay Tesson, Normandy, France (5775) sheet 6F/2 St. Lo, France, scale 1/50000.
- b. From 4 August 1944 to 10 August 1944 St. Samson-de-Bon-Fosse, Normandy, France (4755) sheet 6F/4 Torigni-sur-Vire, France scale 1/50000.
- c. From 10 August 1944 to 17 August 1944 La Fosse, Normandy, France (5142) sheet 6F/4 Torigni-sur-Vire, France, scale 1/50000.
- d. From 17 August 1944 to 25 August 1944 La Freane Poret, Normandy, France (6517) sheet 6G/2 Mortain, France, scale 1/50000.

27. The following changes of station were made by the Personnel Section, 227th Field Artillery Battalion during “The Battle of Brest.”

- a. From 25 August 1944 to 26 August 1944 Huslgoat, Brittany, France.
- b. From 26 August 1944 to 28 August 1944 Ploudalmezeau, Brittany, France (8816) sheet 2F/5 and 2G/1 St. Renan, France, scale 1/50000.
- c. From 28 August 1944 to 3 September 1944 Ploguise, Brittany, France, (8915) sheet 2G/2 Landerneau, France, scale 1/50000.
- d. From 3 September 1944 to 23 September 1944 Brescanvel, Brittany, France (8009) sheet 2F/5 and 2G/1 St. Renan, France, scale 1/50000.
- e. From 23 September 1944 to 25 September 1944 Landernau, Brittany, France.

28. The Personnel Section left Landernau, France on 25 September 1944 and travelled to Maastricht, Holland by rail. The following changes of station were made by the Personnel Section during the assault on the Siegfried Line and “The Battle of Julich.”

- a. From 25 September 1944 to 29 September 1944 enroute to Maastricht, Holland by rail.
- b. From 29 September 1944 to 13 October 1944 Maastricht, Holland (5551) sheet K9 Liege, Belgium, scale 1/10000.
- c. From 13 October 1944 to 2 December 1944 Treebek, Holland (7461) sheet K9 Liege, Belgium, scale 1/100000.
- d. From 2 December 1944 thru December 31 1944 Herzogenrath, Germany (8854) sheet K1, Koln, Germany, scale 1/10000.

V. MARCHES (LONG MARCHES ONLY)

The 227th Field Artillery Battalion made two (2) long marches during the year 1944.

1. The first long march of the 227th Field Artillery Battalion was made on 22-23 August 1944. "The Battle of Vire" had been won and the 29th Infantry Division was assigned the mission of the reduction of Fortress Brest, Brittany, France. When these orders were received the 227th Field Artillery Battalion was in position at St. Jean de Bois, Normandy, France. The Battalion was divided into five (5) march units for the march. The march was begun about 1600 hours 22 August 1944 and completed about 1700 hours 23 August 1944. The night of 22-23 August 1944 was one of the blackest nights that the Battalion has ever had to march in. It began raining about 1800 hours 22 August 1944 and continued to rain until about 0700 hours 23 August 1944. The march had to be made in complete blackout. The march was successfully completed. A distance of about two-hundred and thirty (230) miles had been travelled. At this time this was the longest march the Battalion had ever made with the M-5 tractor.

2. The second long march of the 227th Field Artillery Battalion was made on 25 September 1944 to 28 September 1944. "The Battle of Brest" had been fought and won. The 29th Infantry Division was ordered to Maastricht, Holland to continue the defeat of Germany. The Battalion was in position at La Conquet, Brittany, France when this order was received. It was a distance of about six hundred and ninety (690) miles to Maastricht, Holland. Preparations were made for the march. The Battalion was divided into five (5) march units for the march. Bivouac areas were established near the following cities: Rennes, Chartres and St. Quentin, France. The roads that the Battalion travelled over were all in good shape. The weather purposely remained good for the march. During this march mechanical trouble developed with the M-5 tractor. The tractors were all equipped with steel treads, and the heat generated from the steel on hard surfaces caused the rubber on the boogie wheels to come off and caused the pivot shaft to freeze, throwing all the weight onto the shaft bearing. Through the efforts of the officers and men of the Battalion every tractor was brought through the march. It is well to note that not a single vehicle fell out on this march of six-hundred and ninety (690) miles because of lack of first echelon maintenance.

VI. CAMPAIGNS

The 227th Field Artillery Battalion has participated in three (3) campaigns during the year 1944. These campaigns are as follows:

1. Campaign of Normandy – 8 June 1944 to 24 July 1944.
 - a. This campaign was for the purpose of securing the beach-head and to provide a base for future operations against the German Army.
 - b. Authority for this campaign is contained in Letter Headquarters European Theater of Operations, AG 200.6 GA Subject "Battle Participation Awards –Normandy (Number 1)" dated 16 November 1944.
2. Campaign of "Northern France – 25 July 1944 to 14 September 1944.
 - a. This campaign was fought for the purpose of destroying the German Army and to drive the German Army out of France.
 - b. Authority for this campaign is contained in Letter Headquarters European Theater of Operations AG 200.6 Op GA Subject "Battle Participation Awards – Northern France Campaign (Number 1)" dated 1 December 1944.
3. Campaign of Germany – 15 September 1944 to ----
 - a. This campaign is being fought to force the unconditional surrender of Germany.
 - b. The authority for this campaign is provisional pending War Department authority.

VII. BATTLES

The 227th Field Artillery Battalion has participated in five (5) battles during the year 1944. They are listed as follows:

1. The Battle of the Beaches
 - a. This battle took place from the beach at Vierville-sur-Mere, Normandy, France to north of St. Lo, Normandy, France.
 - b. The Battle of the Beaches began on 6 June 1944 and ended on 8 July 1944.
 - c. The Battle of the Beaches was fought as a part of the Campaign of Normandy.
 - d. Elements of the following forces were engaged during the Battle of the Beaches.
 - (1) 352nd Infantry Division
 - (2) 343rd Infantry Division
 - e. A total of seventy-two (72) prisoners were taken by the Battalion during "The Battle of the Beaches." The Battalion had been assigned the mission of general support of the Division for this Battle. The mission was successfully completed.

2. The Battle of St. Lo.
 - a. The Battle of St. Lo took place in the vicinity of and in St. Lo, France.
 - b. The Battle of St. Lo began on 9 July 1944 and ended on 20 July 1944.
 - c. The Battle of St. Lo was fought as a part of the Campaign of Normandy.
 - d. Elements of the following forces were engaged by the Battalion during the Battle of St. Lo:
 - (1) 352nd Infantry Division
 - (2) 343rd Infantry Division
 - (3) 17th SS Panzer Division
 - (4) 30th Schnelle Brigade
 - (5) 8th Paratroop Regiment
 - (6) 9th Paratroop Regiment
 - e. The mission of the 227th Field Artillery Battalion during the Battle of St. Lo was general support of the 29th Infantry Division. This mission was successfully completed.

3. The Battle of Vire
 - a. The Battle of Vire took place south of St. Lo, France and in the vicinity of Vire, France.
 - b. The Battle of Vire began on 28 July 1944 and ended 6 August 1944.
 - c. The Battle of Vire was fought as a part of the Campaign of Northern France.
 - d. Elements of the following forces were engaged in the Battle of Vire.
 - (1) 84th Infantry Division
 - (2) 275th Infantry Division
 - (3) 331st Infantry Division
 - (4) 352nd Infantry Division
 - (5) 353rd Infantry Division
 - (6) 363rd Infantry Division
 - (7) 17th SS Panzer Division
 - (8) 116th Panzer Division
 - (9) 3rd Paratroop Division
 - (10) 2nd SS Panzer Division
 - (11) 130th Panzer Lehr Division
 - (12) 30th Schnelle Brigade
 - e. The mission of the 227th Field Artillery Battalion during the Battle of Vire was general support of the 29th Infantry Division. This mission was successfully completed.

4. The Battle of Brest
 - a. The Battle of Brest took place in Brittany, at Brest, France.
 - b. The Battle of Brest began on 25 August 1944 and ended on 18 September 1944.
 - c. The Battle of Brest was fought as part of the Campaign of Northern France.
 - d. Elements of the following forces were engaged by the Battalion during the Battle of Brest.
 - (1) 2nd Paratroop Division
 - (2) 266th Infantry Division
 - (3) 343rd Infantry Division

- (4) 207 Barrage Balloon Battalion
- (5) 1161st GHQ Artillery Battalion
- (6) 1162nd GHQ Artillery Battalion
- (7) 1163rd GHQ Artillery Battalion
- (8) 6th Mine Sweeper Flotilla
- (9) 40th Mine Sweeper Flotilla
- (10) 1st U-Boat Flotilla
- (11) 7th U-Boat Flotilla
- (12) 9th U-Boat Flotilla
- (13) 3rd Naval AA Brigade
- (14) XXV Fortress Base Battalion

e. The mission of the 227th Field Artillery Battalion was general support of the 29th Infantry Division, during the Battle of Brest. This mission was successfully accomplished.

8. The Battle of Julich

- a. The Battle of Julich is being fought through the Siegfried Line, to the city of Julich, Germany.
- b. The Battle of Julich began on 16 November and is still in progress.
- c. The Battle of Julich is being fought as part of the campaign of Germany.
- d. Elements of the following forces have been engaged up to the present date in the Battle of

Julich:

- (1) 363rd Volksgrenadier Division
- (2) 246th Volksgrenadier Division
- (3) 12th Infantry Division
- (4) 183rd Infantry Division
- (5) 246th Infantry Division
- (6) 304th Infantry Division
- (7) 340th Infantry Division
- (8) 3rd Panzer Grenadier Division
- (9) 116th Panzer Grenadier Division

e. The mission of the 227th Field Artillery Battalion is general support of the 29th Infantry Division during the Battle of Julich. The mission is successfully being completed.

VIII. COMMANDING OFFICERS

The 227th Field Artillery Battalion was commanded by Lt. Colonel Neal W. Harper in all engagements. Following are the Commanding Officers of the Batteries of the Battalion:

1. Headquarters Battery –commanded by Captain Martin Kulesa, during all engagements from the landing on the Beach at Vierville-sur-Mere, France on 8 June 1944 until he was killed in action during the Battle of Brest on 31 August 1944. First Lieutenant Robert M. Godber took command of Headquarters Battery on 1 September 1944 and has commanded thru all battles from that date.

2. Battery “A” – Commanded by Captain Doyle E. Conrad during all engagements from the landing on the Beach at Vierville-sur-Mere, France on 8 June 1944 until he was killed in action during the Battle of Brest on 31 August 1944. Captain George F. Weidl took command of Battery “A” on 1 September 1944 and has commanded thru all battles from that date.

3. Battery “B” – Commanded by George F. Weidl during all engagements from the landing on the Beach at Vierville-sur-Mere, France on June 7 1944 until he was relieved on 17 July 1944 and assigned to the Battalion Staff. Captain Walter J. Rakow took command on 17 July 1944 of Battery “B”, and has commanded thru all engagements from that date.

4. Battery “C” - Commanded by Captain Charles G. Ward during all engagements from the landing on the Beach at Vierville-sur-Mere, France on 7 June 1944 until he was evacuated as a casualty

during the Battle of Julich on 1 December 1944. First Lieutenant David D. Honick took command of Battery "C" on 3 December 1944 and has commanded thru all engagements from that date.

5. Service Battery – Commanded by Captain Eugene D. Jones during all engagements from the landing on the Beach at Vierville-sur-Mere, France on 17 June 1944.

6. Medical Detachment – Commanded by Captain Harold L. Bacon during all engagements from the landing on the Beach at Vierville-sur-Mere, France on 8 June 1944.

IX. LOSSES IN ACTION, OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN

1. The following losses in action were sustained by the 227th Field Artillery Battalion during the "Battle of the Beaches:"

a. Killed in Action

Officers – None

Enlisted Men –

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| 1. Private Allen Anderson, 34164807, | 16 June 1944 |
| 2. Corporal Louis W. Corcoran, 33036337, | 26 June 1944 |

b. Wounded in Action

Officers

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| 1. First Lieutenant John A. McAllister, 01169235, | 26 June 1944 |
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Enlisted Men

- | | |
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| 1. Corporal Bernard F. Carroll, 330 36380, | 7 June 1944 |
| 2. Tec 5 Robert C. Vieth, 37077797, | 7 June 1944 |
| 3. Private Arthur W. Hunsley, 37311201, | 7 June 1944 |
| 4. Hurschel J. Ross, 34304507, | 8 June 1944 |
| 5. Private Stanley E. Kyslinger, 33036830, | 12 June 1944 |
| 6. Private Matthew J. Lopinto, 20321227, | 26 June 1944 |

c. Missing in Action

Officers – None

Enlisted Men – None

2. The following losses in action were sustained by the 227th Field Artillery Battalion during "The Battle of St. Lo."

a. Killed in Action

Officers – None

Enlisted Men – None

b. Wounded in Action

Officers – None

Enlisted Men – None

c. Missing in Action

Officers – None

Enlisted Men – None

2. The following losses in action were sustained by the 227th Field Artillery Battalion during "The Battle of Vire."

a. Killed in Action

Officers

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|---|--------------|
| 1. First Lieutenant Charles S. Merrill, 01168820, | 30 July 1944 |
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Enlisted Men – None

b. Wounded in Action
Officers – None
Enlisted Men – None

c. Missing in Action
Officers – None
Enlisted Men – None

2. The following losses in action were sustained by the 227th Field Artillery Battalion during “The Battle of Brest.”

a. Killed in Action

Officers

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|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Captain Doyle E. Conrad, 0366601, | 31 August 1944 |
| 2. Martin Kulesa,, 01169206, | 31 August 1944 |

Enlisted Men – None

b. Wounded in Action
Officers – None
Enlisted Men – None

c. Missing in Action
Officers – None
Enlisted Men

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| 1. Private Frank D. Olds, 16051156, | 31 August 1944 to
18 September 1944 |
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2. The following losses in action were sustained by the 227th Field Artillery Battalion during “The Battle of Julich.”

a. Killed in Action

Officers

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| 1. First Lieutenant Stephen Plateck, 01180298, | 11 November 1944 |
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Enlisted Men

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|---|------------------|
| 2. Private George E. Humphreys, 14167447, | 25 November 1944 |
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b. Wounded in Action

Officers

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| 1. Second Lieutenant James R[?N]. Pantier, 0531451 | 17 October 1944 |
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Enlisted Men – None

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| 1. Sergeant Pete P. Patricka, 20321173, | 13 October 1944 |
| 2. Private Henry Noelzel, 326808, | 13 October 1944 |
| 3. Private Frank D. Olds, 16051156, | 19 October 1944 |
| 4. Private Preston Purvis, 34570804, | 24 November 1944 |
| 5. Private William A. Rhodes Jr., 33650502, | 25 November 194 |
| 6. Tec 5 John P. Teresavage, 33023546, | 25 November 1944 |
| 7. Corporal Thomas J. Parkinson, 13044571, | 25 November 1944 |
| 8. Sergeant Robert M. Knox, 33035808, | 25 November 1944 |

c. Missing in Action

Officers – None

Enlisted Men – None

X. FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ACTION.

During the year 1944 former and present members of the 227th Field Artillery Battalion have been presented with the following awards in action:

Silver Star Medal	6
Soldiers Medal	1
Bronze Star Medal	55
Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal	3
Air Medal	7
Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal	16
Purple Heart	23
Certificate of Merit	19

1. The following members of the 227th Field Artillery Battalion distinguished themselves in action during the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France and Germany:

(1) LT COLONEL NEAL W. HARPER 0277619

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Commanding Officer 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 6 June 1944 to 8 July 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO #47, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 11 July 1944.

b. For meritorious achievement in combat as Artillery Officer of a task force organized for the reduction of the Le Conquet Peninsula, France, 2 September 1944 to 10 September 1944. Awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal per GO #111, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 19 September 1944.

(2) MAJOR NORMAN D ABOOSH 032949425

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Executive Officer, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 7 June 1944 to 6 August 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#82 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 15 August 1944.

(3) MAJOR FREDERICK B. JOHNSON 0239725

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as S-3, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 7 June 1944 to 6 August 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#82, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 15 August 1944.

(4) CAPTAIN DOYLE E CONRAD 0386601

a. For heroism in combat on 19 July 1944. Captain Conrad acting as forward observer for his organization, pushed forward with the Infantry in their attack on St. Lo, France. He was the first observer to enter the town and establish wire communication with the artillery. The troops in St. Lo were subjected to heavy artillery fire. Fire from our artillery conducted by Captain Conrad materially relieved the pressure on our troops. At one time Captain Conrad selected as an observation post a church steeple, but before it could be occupied, it was knocked down by enemy fire. Knowing that the enemy was shelling all such high points to prevent their being used for observation, Captain Conrad occupied another nearby church steeple and conducted artillery fire from there. In accomplishing his mission, Captain Conrad was subjected to almost continuous enemy artillery and mortar fire. Awarded the Silver Star Medal per GO#75, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 8 August 1944.

(5) CAPTAIN MARTIN KULESA 01169206

a. For meritorious achievement in combat supervising communications for the 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 8 June 1944 to 30 June 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#43, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 6 July 1944.

(6) CAPTAIN EUGENE D JONES 0359252

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Battery Commander, Service Battery and Battalion S-4, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 14 June 1944 to 20 September 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#118 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 4 October 1944.

(7) CAPTAIN JOHN C VALLOR 0373460

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as S-2 and Assistant S-3, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 9 June 1944 to 20 September 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#118, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 4 October 1944.

(8) CAPTAIN CECIL L HARVEY 0385502

a. For heroism in combat as a part of a task force that entered St. Lo, France on 18 July 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#62, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 25 July 1944.

b. For meritorious service as Liaison Officer of a task force organized for the reduction of the Le Conquet Peninsula, 2 September 1944 to 10 September 1944. Awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal per GO#118, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 4 October 1944.

(9) CAPTAIN GEORGE F WEIDL 0409084

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Commanding Officer Battery "B" and Liaison Officer, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 7 June 1944 to 30 September 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#118, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 4 October 1944.

(10) CAPTAIN CHARLES G WARD 01168509

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Commanding Officer Battery "C" 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 7 June 1944 to 30 September 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#118, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 4 October 1944.

(11) CAPTAIN HAROLD L BACON 01693063

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Medical Officer, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 8 June 1944 to 1 October 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#124, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 10 October 1944.

(12) CAPTAIN (then 1st Lt) WALTER J RAKOW 01169295

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Executive Officer, Battery "C", 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 7 June 1944 to 20 September 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#118, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 4 October 1944.

(13) 1ST LT ROBERT M GODBER 01169129

a. For meritorious achievement in combat in supervising communications as Assistant Communications Officer, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 8 June 1944 to 22 July 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#65, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 23 July 1944.

(14) 1ST LT DAVID D HONICK 01169159

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Assistant S-2, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 8 June 1944 to 27 August 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#98, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 5 September 1944.

(15) 1ST LT GEORGE L STEWART 01170211

a. For meritorious achievement in operations against the enemy as Liaison Pilot, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 9 June 1944 to 3 July 1944. Awarded the Air Medal per GO#82, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 15 August 1944.

(16) 1ST LT WILLIAM R KENNEY 0445359

a. For gallantry in action against the enemy in Normandy, France as Liaison Pilot, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 10 August 1944. On 10 August 1944 information was received that an advanced Infantry Battalion in the St. Germain sector was isolated and in desperate need of ammunition. Fully aware of the hazards of the undertaking, 1st Lt Kenney volunteered to pilot a liaison plane to drop the ammunition to the beleaguered battalion. Despite intense enemy small arms fire which was directed at his slow, unarmed, light and extremely vulnerable aircraft, 1st Lt Kenney successfully reached his destination where urgently needed ammunition was dropped. Awarded the Silver Star Medal per GO#8, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 9 January 1945.

b. For meritorious achievement in operations against the enemy as Liaison Pilot, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 13 June 1944 to 18 July 1944. Awarded the Air Medal per GO#75 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 8 August 1944. 18 July 1944 to 8 September 1944, awarded the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal per GO#124, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 10 October 1944 8 September 1944 to 25 September 1944 awarded the second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal per GO#191 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 31 December 1944. 25 September 1944 to 10 October 1944 awarded the third Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal per GO#199 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 31 December 1944. 18 October 1944 to 3 December 1944 awarded the fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal per GO#199 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 31 December 1944.

(17) 1ST LT FRANK W GRUNEWALD 01176356

a. For gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany, as Aerial Observer, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 26 November 1944. On 26 November 1944 when word was received that two (2) rifle companies were isolated and in desperate need of ammunition, 1st Lt Grunewald volunteered to fly as an observer on a liaison plane and physically drop the supplies to the beleaguered companies. Despite intense enemy fire which was directed at his slow, unarmed, light and extremely vulnerable aircraft, 1st Lt Grunewald successfully reached his destination and dropped urgently needed blood plasma. Fully aware of the hazardous mission, 1st Lt Grunewald then flew a return trip, to successfully and accurately drop ammunition to the hard pressed infantrymen. Awarded the Silver Star Medal per GO#192 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 23 December 1944.

b. For meritorious achievement in operations against the enemy as Aerial Observer, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 9 June 1944 to 3 July 1944. Awarded the Air Medal per GO#50 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 13 July 1944. 3 July 1944 to 17 July 1944 awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal per GO#82 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 15 August 1944. 17 July 1944 to 13 August 1944 awarded the second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal per GO#93 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 31 August 1944. 13 August 1944 to 8 September 1944 awarded the third Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal per GO#134 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 21 October 1944. 8 September 1944 to 11 October 1944 awarded the fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal per GO#134 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 21 October 1944. 11 October 1944 to 23 November 1944 awarded the fifth Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal per GO#198 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 30 December 1944.

(18) 1st Lt CHARLES S. MERRILL 01168820

a. For meritorious service in combat as Executive Officer, Battery "B", 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 7 June 1944 to 30 July 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#12 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 13 January 1945.

(19) 1st LT STEPHEN PLATECK 01180298

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Forward Observer, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 11 July 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#58 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 21 July 1944.

b. For heroism in combat as Forward Observer, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 11 November 1944. Awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal per GO#157 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 17 November 1944.

(20) CAPTAIN (then 2nd Lt) EDWARD H KINGSLEY 01174913

a. For heroism in combat as Forward Observer when his party was surrounded and succeeded in extricating his party successfully, 7 June 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#43 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 8 July 1944.

(21) 1ST LT HARRY E SIMMONS JR 01182459

a. For gallantry in action against the enemy in Normandy, France, 10 August 1944. On 10 August 1944, information was received that an advanced Infantry Battalion in the St. Germain sector was isolated and in desperate need of ammunition. Fully aware of the hazards of the undertaking, 1st Lt Simmons volunteered to pilot a liaison plane to drop the ammunition to the beleaguered battalion. Despite intense enemy small arms fire which was directed at his slow, unarmed, light and extremely vulnerable

aircraft, 1st Lt Simmons successfully reached his destination where urgently needed ammunition was dropped. Awarded the Silver Star Medal, per GO#8 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 9 January 1945.

b. For meritorious achievement in operations against the enemy as Liaison Pilot, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 12 June 1944 to 17 July 1944, awarded the Air Medal per GO#60 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 23 July 1944. 17 July 1944 to 15 August 1944 awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal per GO#93 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 31 August 1944. 15 August 1944 to 11 September 1944, awarded the second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal per GO#122 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 8 October 1944. 11 September 1944 to 29 October 1944, awarded the third Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal per GO#191 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 22 December 1944.

(22) 1ST LT (then 2nd Lt) LEE A FRIAR 01168670

a. For meritorious achievement in operations against the enemy as Aerial Observer, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 15 June 1944 to 15 July 1944 awarded the Air Medal per GO#60 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 23 July 1944. 15 July 1944 to 25 August 1944 awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal per GO#93 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 31 August 1944. (Then 1st Lt) 25 August 1944 to 7 September 1944 awarded the second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal per GO#112 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 20 September 1944.

(23) 1ST LT (then 2nd & 1st Lt) PAUL M FINKELSTEIN 01169105

a. For Meritorious achievement in combat as Train Commander, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 8 June 1944 to 20 September 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#118 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 4 October 1944.

(24) 1ST LT (then 2nd & 1st Lt) BILL H HOPKINS 01183703

a. For meritorious achievement in operations against the enemy as Aerial Observer, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 5 September 1944 to 12 October 1944. Awarded the Air Medal per GO#147 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 4 November 1944. 12 October 1944 to 27 November 1944 awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal per GO#191 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 22 December 1944.

(25) 2nd LT (then S/Sgt) DOUGLASS F BARTOO 01996571

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as a member of a Forward Observer Party of the 227th Field Artillery Battalion, entering St. Lo, France under extremely hazardous circumstances 19 July 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#70 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 2 August 1944.

(26) 2ND LT (then S/Sgt) JOHN T SUTER 01996576

a. For meritorious achievement in combat Wire Sergeant, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 7 June 1944 to 10 June 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#39, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 2 July 1944.

(27) 2ND LT (then Tec 4) HERMAN G DEMOSS 01996574

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as a member of a task force organized for the reduction of the Le Conquet Peninsula, France, 31 August 1944 to 10 September 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#118 dated 4 October 1944.

(28) M/SGT ALFRED W BUCK 20321189

a. For meritorious achievement as Battalion Sergeant Major, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 8 June 1944 to 1 October 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#124 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 10 October 1944.

(29) M/SGT JOHN N MARTIN 33008790

a. For meritorious achievement as Battalion Master Sergeant, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 19 June 1944 to 30 November 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#194 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 26 December 1944.

(30) 1ST SGT WILLIAM A MALCOMSON 20321303

a. For meritorious service in combat as 1st Sergeant Service Battery, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 14 June 1944 to 30 November 1944. Awarded the Certificate of Merit per GO#11 Hq 29th Inf Div Arty dated 24 December 1944.

(31) 1ST SGT WESTLEY H DODSON 33036198

a. For meritorious service in combat as 1st Sergeant, Battery "A", 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 8 June 1944 to 8 December 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#177 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 8 December 1944.

(32) 1ST SGT JAMES J KERNAN 33050674

a. For meritorious service in combat as 1st Sergeant, Battery "C", 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 7 June 1944 to 15 December 1944. Awarded Certificate of Merit per GO#11 Hq 29th Div Arty dated 24 December 1944.

(33) T/SGT FRANK W. JONES 20321305

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Battalion Supply Sergeant, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 16 May 1944 to 18 June 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#35 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 28 June 1944.

(34) T/SGT EUGENE F RUSSELL 33008989

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Operations Sergeant, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 8 June 1944 to 28 August 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#98 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 5 September 1944.

(35) S/SGT IRVIN B BLUM 20347200

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Section Leader, Medical Detachment, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 6 June 1944 to 25 December 1944. Awarded Certificate of Merit per GO#1 Hq 29th Inf Div Arty dated 8 January 1945.

(36) S/SGT JOSEPH P CATROPPA 20321043

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Assistant Executive Officer, Battery "B", 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 7 June 1944 to 1 October 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#124, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 10 October 1944.

(37) S/SGT ANTHONY DI LEONARDI 33130884

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Mess Sergeant, Assistant Executive Officer, Chief of Section, and First Sergeant of Battery "B", 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 14 June 1944 to 6 August 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO# 82 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 15 August 1944.

(38) S/SGT MELVIN R MERRMAN 33035497

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Senior Computer, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 8 June 1944 to 28 August 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#98 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 5 September 1944.

(39) S/SGT ROBERT H KERSTETTER 33050914

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Motor Sergeant, Battery "A", 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 6 June 1944 to 15 December 1944. Awarded Certificate of Merit per GO# 11 Hq 29th Div Arty dated 24 December 1944.

(40) S/SGT GEORGE KURUTZ 33035984

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Assistant Executive Officer, Battery "A", 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 7 June 1944 to 30 November 1944. Awarded Certificate of Merit per GO# 192 Hq 29th Div Arty dated 23 December 1944.

(41) S/SGT FREDERICK J LEVERS 33036181

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Mess Sergeant, Battery "C", 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 7 June 1944 to 16 December 1944. Awarded Certificate of Merit per GO# 11 Hq 29th Div Arty dated 24 December 1944.

(42) S/SGT VICTOR A LEEPER 33034354

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Battalion Survey Sergeant, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 8 June 1944 to 27 August 1944. Awarded Bronze Star Medal per GO# 98 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 5 September 1944.

(43) TEC 3 WILLIAM E VAUGHN 35400720

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Section Chief Air OP, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 8 June 1944 to 30 November 1944. Awarded Certificate of Merit per GO#10 Hq 29th Div Arty dated 17 December 1944.

(44) SGT THEODORE W ABEL 33035801

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Chief of Section, 5th Section, Battery "A", 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 6 June 1944 to 15 December 1944. Awarded Certificate of Merit per GO#11 Hq 29th Div Arty dated 24 December 1944.

(45) SGT JOHN J FLYNN 33050554

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Wire Chief, Battery "B", 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 11 July 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#58 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 21 July 1944.

(46) SGT JAMES H GREENE 33036355

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Wire Chief, Battery "A", 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 19 July 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#70 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 2 August 1944.

(47) SGT FRED S MANCINI 33034833

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Chief of Section, Battery "A", 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 6 June 1944 to 15 December 1944. Awarded Certificate of Merit per GO#11 Hq 29th Div Arty dated 24 December 1944.

(48) SGT MARIO O NOVALES 33036409

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Chief Of Section, Ammunition Section, Service Battery, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 8 June 1944 to 30 November 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#194 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 26 December 1944.

(49) SGT LOUIS SEITA 33038011

a. For meritorious achievement in combat in bringing in a crippled tractor and howitzer on his own a distance of about five-hundred (500) miles, 25 September 1944 to 4 October 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#124 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 10 October 1944.

(50) SGT JACK T RILEY 33036402

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Chief Of Section, Battery "A", 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 6 June 1944 to 31 December 1944. Awarded the Certificate of Merit per GO#1 Hq 29th Div Arty dated 8 January 1944.

(51) TEC 4 JACKSON M BRADLEY 37012381

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as First Cook, Battery "A", 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 6 June 1944 to 31 December 1944. Awarded the Certificate of Merit per GO#1 Hq 29th Div Arty dated 8 January 1944.

(52) TEC 4 JOSEPH A CUMMINGS 33050488

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as First Cook, Battery "B, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 14 June 1944 to 15 December 1944. Awarded the Certificate of Merit per GO#11 Hq 29th Div Arty dated 24 December 1944.

(53) TEC 4 CHARLES H HARRISON 33050669

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Horizontal Control Operator, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 8 June 1944 to 15 December 1944. Awarded the Certificate of Merit per GO#11 Hq 29th Div Arty dated 24 December 1944.

(54) TEC 4 JOHN A MARKLE 32165832

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as radio operator Headquarters Battery, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 7 June 1944 to 3 November 1944. Awarded the Certificate of Merit per GO#10 Hq 29th Div Arty dated 17 December 1944.

(55) TEC 4 ALEX RESNAK 20320934

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Vertical Control Operator, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 8 June 1944 to 15 December 1944. Awarded the Certificate of Merit per GO#11 Hq 29th Div Arty dated 24 December 1944.

(56) TEC 4 PAUL C SHEBEST 33153024

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as Radio Operator and Repairman, Battery "A", 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 6 June 1944 to 31 December 1944. Awarded the Certificate of Merit per GO#1 Hq 29th Div Arty dated 8 January 1944.

(57) CPL LINWOOD C ANDERSON 331219999

a. For heroism in combat as a member of a Forward Observer Party, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 2 Sept 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#124 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 10 October 1944.

(58) CPL SAMUEL BAER 32191013

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as a member of a Forward Observer Party, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 6 June 1944 to 31 December 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#12 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 13 January 1945.

(59) CPL GEORGE H HEIDLE JR 36721217

a. For heroism in combat in de-fuzing fuzed 155 ammunition during an air raid 18 November 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#178 Hq 29th Inf Div dated December 1944.

(60) CPL WILLIAM B LUMPKINS 34180932

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as gunner corporal, Battery "A", 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 8 June 1944 to 30 November 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#192 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 23 December 1944.

(61) CPL (then Pvt) EDWARD S SOBON 33035887

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as a member of a Forward Observer Party, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 7 June 1944 to 11 June 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#35 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 28 June 1944.

(62) TEC 5 PHILLIP E FERRUTI 35104633

a. For heroism in combat in Germany, 25 November 1944. On 25 November 1944 from approximately 0735 hours to approximately 0815 hours, Battery "C", 227th Field Artillery Battalion was subjected to artillery fire. Several casualties and damage to materiel were sustained from this artillery fire. Tec 5 Phillip E Ferruti, 33104633, a tractor driver of Battery "C", with utter disregard to his own personal safety, went to the aid of one of his comrades who had been hit from this artillery fire. Tec 5 Ferruti left the safety of his foxhole while the artillery fire was still coming in. He had

to travel a distance of about fifty (50) yards through this artillery fire to reach his comrade. Although his injured comrade was a much heavier man, Tec 5 Ferruti hoisted him upon his back and carried him to his own foxhole. On arriving there he immediately began to dress the wounds of his injured comrade. Tec 5 Ferruti again left his foxhole when he discovered that he was out of water and couldn't give his injured comrade sulphanilimide. Awarded the Silver Star Medal per GO#195 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 27 December 1944.

(63) TEC 5 JAMES B HALL 36123593

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as a member of the Battalion Survey Detail, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 8 June 1944 to 27 August 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#98, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 5 September 1944.

(64) TEC 5 ELIJAH M JOHNSON 34180801

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as a member of a Forward Observer Party, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, entering St. Lo, France on 19 July 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#70, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 2 August 1944.

(65) TEC 5 STEPHEN S KLEPADLO 33175232

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as a wireman for a Forward Observer Party, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 26 June 1944 to 30 November 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#192, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 23 December 1944.

(66) TEC 5 CHARLES A MARCHISIO 33036054

a. For meritorious service in combat as wireman and telephone operator Battery "A", 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 6 June 1944 to 15 December 1944. Awarded the Certificate of Merit per GO#11, Hq 29th Div Arty dated 24 December 1944.

(67) TEC 5 FLOYD B MC CASLAND 12063751

a. For meritorious achievement as a member of a task force entering St. Lo, France, 19 July 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#62 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 25 July 1944.

(68) TEC 5 (then Pvt) WILLIAM J O'CONNELL 32304220

a. For heroism on the coast of France, 8 June 1944. Private William J. O'Connell, 32304220, saved the life of one of the Officers of the 227th Field Artillery Battalion, when he was knocked off a vehicle as it was coming on to the beach in France. Awarded the Soldier's Medal per GO#37 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 30 June 1944.

(69) TEC 5 FRANK K WIELK 31037339

a. For meritorious service in combat as Cook, Battery "C" 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 7 June 1944 to 16 December 1944. Awarded Certificate of Merit per GO#11 Hq 29th Div Arty dated 24 December 1944.

(70) PFC (then Pvt) JOHN A COBLE 14190168

a. For heroism in combat in Germany in treating casualties under artillery fire, 25 November 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#185 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 16 December 1944.

(71) PFC CHARLES E CRAWFORD 33062355

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as a member of a Forward Observer Party, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, entering St. Lo, France, 19 July 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#70 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 2 August 1944.

(72) PFC JOSEPH DE CURTIS 32902567

a. For meritorious achievement in combat as a member of a Forward Observer Party, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, entering St. Lo, France, 19 July 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#10 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 2 August 1944.

- (73) PFC (then Pvt) CORBETTE J DERRINGTON 34144709
a. For meritorious achievement in combat as a member of a Forward Observer Party, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 24 August 1944 to 17 September 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#124 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 10 October 1944.
- (74) PFC JOHN H ERICKSON 37268824
a. For meritorious achievement in combat as wireman for a Forward Observer Party, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 11 July 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#58 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 21 July 1944.
- (75) PFC WILLIAM N GUNTHER 32191009
a. For heroism in combat in Germany 18 November 1944. At approximately 1900 hours, 18 November 1944, Battery "C" was subjected to an air raid. Flares burned over the area. Incendiary bombs were dropped. One of these incendiaries, falling near a box of dynamite, set the box on fire. Although the enemy were still dropping anti-personnel bombs and incendiaries, Pfc Gunther with complete disregard for his personal safety, left his foxhole and went immediately to the fire and extinguished it. Thereby preventing possible loss of life and material. Awarded the Silver Star Medal per GO#184 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 15 December 1944.
- (76) PFC ALBERT C HARAZMUS 36724806
a. For meritorious achievement as a member of a task force entering St. Lo, France, 19 July 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#62 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 25 July 1944.
- (77) PFC (then Pvt) MATTHEW J LOPINTO 20321227
a. For meritorious achievement in combat as a member of a Forward Observer Party, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 7 June 1944 to 20 November 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#192, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 23 December 1944.
- (78) PFC (then Pvt) JOHN H ROBISON 34164649
a. For meritorious achievement in combat a Computer, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 8 June 1944 to 15 December 1944. Awarded Certificate of Merit per GO#11 Hq 29th Div Arty dated 24 December 1944.
- (79) PFC (then Pvt) PETER R STEFANICH 36750549
a. For meritorious achievement in combat as a member of a Forward Observer Party, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, entering St. Lo, France 19 July 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#70, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 2 August 1944.
- (80) PFC CLAUDE E TATE 341`21916
a. For meritorious service in combat as a Cannoneer, Battery "A" 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 6 June 1944 to 31 December 1944. Awarded Certificated of Merit per GO#1 Hq 29th Div Arty dated 8 January 1945.
- (81) PFC (then Pvt) WILLIAM WALDIER 33414713
a. For heroism in combat against the enemy in France by engaging the enemy that had his Forward Observer Party surrounded and extricating them safely, 18 June 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#39 Hq 29th Inv Div dated 2 July 1944.
- (82) PRIVATE HENRY GOODSEIT 33577102
a. For meritorious achievement in combat as a member of a Forward Observer Party, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, entering in St. Lo, France 19 July 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#70, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 2 August 1944.
- (83) PRIVATE WILLIAM P PAMPLIN 34526261

a. For meritorious achievement in combat a member of a Forward Observer Party, 227th Field Artillery Battalion, entering St. Lo, France 19 July 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#70, Hq 29th Inf Div dated 2 August 1944.

(84) PRIVATE JAMES W WALMSLEY 1304462

a. For heroism in combat against the enemy in France by engaging the enemy to permit the passing of a motorized column, 7 June 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO#39 Hq 29th Inf Div dated 2 July 1944.

(signed Neal W. Harper)
NEAL W. HARPER
Lt. Colonel, FA
Commanding