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The 187th Field Artillery Group, Colonel W.C. Green, FA, Commanding, was formed in 1943 from the 187th Field Artillery Regiment with A National Guard going back beyond the Civil War as the New York 14th Infantry Regiment. It consisted of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 187th FA Group, the 186th FA Battalion, the 187th FA Battalion, the 953rd FA Battalion and the 955th FA Battalion. The 186th FA Bn and the 953rd FA Bn had a previous honorable New York National Guard history as 1st and 2nd Bns of the 186th FA Regiment, the 187th FA Bn and 955th FA Bn were the 1st and 2nd of the 187th FA Regiment.

The group sailed for overseas on 21 October 1943, after three years of intensive training since induction. The next six months prior to D-day were spent in rigorous and varied training and firing on the moors of England, principally Dartmoor and Exmoor, plus some extensive training with the British Royal Artillery at Larkhill. D-Day saw the following dispositions. The 186th FA Bn was attached to the 1st Infantry Division, the 187th FA Bn to the 29th Infantry Division for the landings. Group and the 953rd FA Bn and 955th FA Bn were scheduled to land shortly thereafter. The 186th and 187th Bns landed and were completely ashore by D plus 2, Group by D plus 5 and the 953rd and 955th Bns shortly thereafter.

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The American map of the Western front shows the route of the 187th Field Artillery Group from June 8, 1944 to May 8, 1945. Locations specified on this map are mostly accompanied by the dates the 187th was there. Also included on this map is a history of the 187th Field Artillery Group, printed graphics relating to the A National Guard and the New York 14th Infantry Regiment, the location of the Siegfried Line, rivers, international boundaries, and the handwritten signature of Colonel Winfred C. Green. Handwriting on the back identifies this map as being part of the Official File. The handwriting reads in part: "Removed from the O.F. 273."

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