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## **Annual Unit History**

*Due NLT 01 February each year for the previous calendar year.  
Refer to 28ID Military History Program SOP, dtd. 15 August 2008, for specific guidance.*

**For Calendar Year:** 2008

**Unit:** Company G, 228th Support Battalion (FSC-FA)

**Unit Address:** 280 Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18704

**Unit POC:** SFC Christopher W. Keller, Readiness NCO

**Unit POC Phone Number:** (570) 288-4350

### **I. Introduction or Forward** *(A brief account on the unit's origin and its accomplishments over the years and a statement about the current period covered)*

On 1 September, 2006, Co G was founded as a result of modular reorganization within 55 HBCT, 28 ID. Formerly Service Battery (SVC BTRY), 1-109th Field Artillery, Co G (FSC-FA) is still dedicated to sustaining the 109th FA with all classes of supply and services (minus Class VIII and medical). The first commander of Company G (and final commander of SVC BTRY) was CPT Dahlan Mahyudin, Jr.

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\* In November, 2007, 2 soldiers mobilized in support of Operation Enduring Freedom 8 (OEF) along with hundreds of other soldiers within 55HBCT in order to ensure political and social stabilization within the country of Afghanistan.

\* In July, 2008, Company G attended annual training (AT) at Ft. Pickett, VA with the 1-109 FA and successfully sustained the battalion with a significantly degraded number of personnel due to deployments. At AT, Co G performed 752 mechanics man hours, LOGPAC training, Refuels on the Move (ROM), a nighttime Refuel, Rearm, Refit lane (R3P), served 3750 meals with only 5 cooks, distributed 1875 MREs, and transported over 400 155mm rounds.

\* In Training Year 2008, Company G further defined its role as a Forward Support Company by convoy operations training at Ft Picket, VA. This training showed how different actions inflicted by the enemy can hinder and change the course initially planned out. Quick thinking and the ability to take charge of the current situation can be the difference between mission success and mission failure.

### **II. Organization and Administration**

#### **A. Organization** *(Select the type of organization from the pull-down menu)*

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## **B. Mission** *(A brief mission statement and the Mission Essential Task List)*

O/O Company G, 228 BSB (FSC-FA) deploys to a theater of operations to provide logistical support to 1st Battalion, 109th Field Artillery; O/O conducts Civil Support Operations providing military assistance to civil authorities (MACA) in support of Homeland Defense.

Mission Essential Task List (METL):

- Provide sustainment support to 1-109FA
- Deploy Unit
- Relocate Unit
- Establish Unit Area
- Defend Assigned Area
- Redeploy Unit
- Conduct Stability Operations
- Conduct Support Operations

## **C. Personnel**

### **1. Commander and Staff** *(Brief biographical sketches)*

Commander: CPT Robert L. Perino. CPT Perino, the second commander of Co G, enlisted as a 13C (Automated Fire Support Systems Specialist) in 1st Battalion, 109th Field Artillery, Pennsylvania Army National Guard in November 1999. In February 2002, he was hired in the Active Guard Reserve (AGR) program as a full-time Officer Strength Manager in Philadelphia. In August 2002, Perino was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant from the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. From December 2002 he served with Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 108th Field Artillery in Philadelphia as the Fire Direction Officer until December 2004. He subsequently served as the Charlie Battery Executive Officer through December 2005. His unit was activated in September-October 2005 in support of Operation Katrina Relief in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. He took command of Company G, 228th BSB on 20 June 2008. His military education includes the Automated Fire Support Systems Specialist Course, the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, the Field Artillery Captains Career Course, and the Ordnance Captains Career Course. Captain Perino's awards include the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Pennsylvania Service Ribbon (2nd Award), the Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal, and the Pennsylvania Commendation Medal.

First Sergeant: 1SG Daniel W. Mellor. First Sergeant Mellor is a graduate of Mount Carmel Jr. Sr. High School, Mount Carmel, PA. First Sergeant Mellor enlisted as a 19K (Armor Crewman) in the delayed entry program in November 1983. He was Active Duty from September 1984 to June 1988. In that time frame he served in Kirchons, Germany and Ft. Hood Texas. He again enlisted in the Army Reserves in February 1990 to December 1991. In December of 1992 he enlisted in Co D 2-103rd Armor. While serving as a Tank Platoon Sergeant First Sergeant Mellor was mobilized in December 2003. He was sent to Iraq in January 2004 where he served as an MP until April 2005. He was a part of operation Vigilant Resolve in Fallujah and in the Handover of Sovereignty while in

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Baghdad. Upon his return he was transferred to HHC 2-103 AR. There he served as a 63A Support Platoon Sergeant. He became the First Sergeant of CO G 228th in July 2008. First Sergeant Mellor is an Abrams Full-Crew Interactive Simulator Trainer (AFIST); Unit Conduct of Fire Trainer (UCOFT) and is Total Army Instructor Training Course qualified. He is a graduate of numerous military education, leadership and qualification courses, to include: Primary Leadership Development Course; Basic Non Commissioned Officer Course; Advance Non Commissioned Officer Course. 1SG Mellor's awards and decorations include: Bronze Star; Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal (w/2 OLC); Army Achievement Medal(w/8 OLC); Good Conduct Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Component Achievement Medal (w/2 OLC); National Defense Service Medal (w/1 OLC); Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Hourglass and M Device; NCO Professional Development Ribbon (3); Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; Thomas White Medal; Thomas J. Stewart Medal and the Combat Action Badge. He also was awarded the 28th ID Distinguished Gunnery Certificate. 1SG Mellor currently lives in Mount Carmel, Pa.

**2. Medal of Honor Winners** *(Brief biographical sketches, if available, and a brief account of the action or a copy of the citation) ( If none, enter "NONE")*

None.

**3. Others** *(Winners of Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star, and other) ( If none, enter "NONE")*

None.

### **III. Major Accomplishments during the Year**

#### **A. Operations**

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#### **B. Training and Exercises**

CO G has prepared and trained thirteen soldiers for deployment to Iraq. Ten soldiers will deploy with the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team to Iraq in January 2009, and three soldiers will deploy with the 28th Division Combat Aviation Brigade to Iraq. These soldiers have attended training at Fort Indiantown Gap, Camp Shelby Mississippi, and Ft Polk, Louisiana. Finally, they will ship from Ft Dix, NJ, and serve overseas in Iraq for one year.

CO G has also mustered-up 28 soldiers to provide training support to the 56th BCT at Ft Polk, Louisiana. Our troops rotated-out over two month period

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providing OP4 and Admin/Log support to the 56th BCT as they prepared to start the Mission Overseas.

## **C. Special Events**

### **1. Unit Day Ceremonies**

Unit conducted annual "Train Wreck Ceremony" with 1st BN 109th Field Artillery on 7 Sep 2008.

Conducted "Send-Off Ceremony" for MFO and OEF soldiers on, 21 Sep 2008.

### **2. Civil Actions (State active duty)**

None.

### **3. Permanent Changes of Station**

None.

### **4. Recruiting Initiatives**

Participated in support of the Recruiting Command "GX Night". Soldiers were on-hand to talk to prospective enlistees, and provided detailed information on equipment that was on display. We provided support on 29 Apr 2008 and 16 Dec 2008.

### **5. Other (Include community activities, morale support activities, Christmas party, etc.)**

Provided honor guard detail on 11 Oct 2008 for a fallen G Company soldier, SPC Ryan McCleary. SPC McCleary passed away due to a motorcycle accident. Funeral services were conducted at Community Baptist Church in Montoursville, PA.

Provided color guard detail for local High School sponsored UNICO football Game, at Myers High School on 26 Nov 2008.

G Co conducted its annual Christmas Party at the Wilkes-Barre Armory on 20 Dec 2008.

## **IV. Special Equipment Fielding**

Throughout the year G Co 228th FSC-FA has been receiving new equipment to replace its current stock of outdated/obsolete equipment. In 2008, the company received:

- 8 Ea. = M1075 (PLS)
- 1 Ea. = M557A2
- 4 Ea. = M1152A1 (Maint. C/T HMMWV)
- 2 Ea. = M1037 (HMMWV w/ Shelter)
- 1 Ea. = M1088A1 (Tractor)
- 1 Ea. = M129A3 (Semi-Trailer)
- 1 Ea. = M984A1 (HEMMET Wrecker)
- 1 Ea. = M978A2 (Tanker)
- 8 Ea. = M1076 (PLS Trailer)
- 2 Ea. = M1082 (LMTV Trailer)
- 1 Ea. = Welding Shop, Trailer Mounted

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1 Ea. = OL-713 VSAT Terminal

## V. Appendices

### A. Lineage and Honors Certificate

Traditional Designation:

Historical Outline:

1775 May 17 Under an Act of the Connecticut Assembly, dated the second Thursday of May 1775, the 24 Regiment Connecticut Militia was created. Both Pennsylvania and Connecticut had claims on this act.

1775 October 17 Organized as the 24th Connecticut Regiment in the Wyoming Valley region. The 1st and 2nd Independent Westmoreland Companies (also known as the Wyoming Companies): constituted 23 Aug 1776 in the Continental army. Organized 21 Sep 1776 in the Wyoming Valley; consolidated 23 Jun 1778 as Captain Simon

Spaulding's Wyoming Independent Company; disbanded 1 Jan 1781 at Fort Wyoming, Wilkes-Barre and personnel are reverted to the militia.

1780 April 3 Remaining men of the 24th Connecticut Regiment not in Federal service fighting the Indians are reorganized as 1st Company, 5th Connecticut Regiment.

1782 Dec 30 The Wyoming Valley region is awarded to Pennsylvania.

1787 November 13 Reorganized as Lt. Col. Hollenback's Battalion, Luzerne County Pennsylvania Militia.

1793 April 11 Redesignated 3rd Regiment Luzerne County Pennsylvania Militia.

1799 April 9 Redesignated 35th Regiment Pennsylvania Militia.

1813 May 5 Artillery Company, 35th Regiment in Federal Service. Manned shore batteries and supplied gunners for the fleet for naval battle of Lake Erie, September 10 for Commodore Perry's squadron of ships. This company was under the command of Captain Samuel Thomas. Because we had only one company in this war the regiment does not receive any battle credits. However, the unit did receive a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Honor for their duty to the country and state.

1816 March 19 Redesignated 2nd Regiment Pennsylvania Militia.

1821 August 9/29 Reorganized as Wyoming Volunteer Battalion, Pennsylvania Militia, from volunteer companies of the 2nd Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia.

1834 February 22 Redesignated Wyoming Volunteer Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia.

1846 December 6 Members of the Wyoming Artillerists combined with Wyoming Yagers leave for the Mexican War. Mustered into Federal service at Pittsburgh on December 15, as Company I, 1st Pennsylvania Volunteers Regiment, December 31. Mustered out in Pittsburgh 20 July 1848.

1861 April 22-24 The Wyoming Volunteer Regiment becomes 8th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment (PVI). The Wyoming Dragoons, Jackson Rifles, Luzerne Guard,

Wyoming Artillerists and Wyoming Yagers become Companies C, D, E, F, and G respectively of the new Regiment, which is transferred to Chambersburg and then Harrisburg for Federal service for 90 day service.

1861 July 29 Mustered out at Harrisburg.

1862 October 18 The 8th Regiment is reorganizes as 143rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment (PVI), for 3 years of service. Left Camp Luzerne to

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Washington D.C., and is attached to the 1st Brigade, Defenses of Washington, north of Potomac.

1863 February 17 Left Washington. Attached to 2nd Brigade, 3rd Division, 1st Army Corps until December 1863. Fought in the battle of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg.

1863 July 1-3 At Gettysburg, the 143rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment was under the command of Col. Edmund Lovell Dana and assisted by Lt. Col. John Dunn Musser. There were 465 troops present for duty, companies A thru K. The 143rd was part of the Bucktail Brigade under the command of Col. Roy Stone. This Brigade

and regiments in it became known as the "Bogus Bucktails" Because Col. Stone who helped started the original Bucktail Regiment earlier in the war started this brigade which consisted of the 143rd, 149th, and 150th

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Volunteer Regiments. At Gettysburg, the regiment has two monuments honoring the men that fought under the regiment. Also at Gettysburg, Sergeant James M. Rutter of Company C would receive this unit's first Medal of Honor for his actions on July 1.

1864 March Served in the First Brigade, 3rd Division, 1st Corps. In June serve in the 3rd Brigade, 4th Division, 5th Corps. Fought in the Battle of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, and Petersburg. Transferred to the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 5th Corp to September 1864.

1864 May 6 First Sergeant Patrick De Lacy of Company A would receive the Medal of Honor for his actions at the Battle of the Wilderness on May 6. It would be the 2nd Medal of Honor that the 143rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry would

Receive.

1865 Served in various skirmishes, raids, and guarding of Confederate prisoners.

1865 June 12 Mustered out at Hart Island, New York Harbor.

1870 September It was in this year that the name of militia was dropped and we became by law the "National Guard of Pennsylvania."

1871 January 11 Reorganized and redesignated as the 15th Infantry Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard (PNG).

1873 November 28 Consolidated with the 17th Regiment and redesignated 9th Regiment.

1873-1898 Various strikes, presidential inaugural events, parades, and reunion events for the next few decades.

1876 January 26 Organized as Company K, 12th Infantry stationed at Towanda. Later would become Battery A, 109th Field Artillery Battalion in 1947.

1898 May 11 Mustered into Federal service at Mount Gretna, Pennsylvania as the 9th PVI. It did not serve outside the continental United States. Mustered out of Federal service 29 Oct 1898.

1899 Reorganized from January 24 to March 6. 3rd Battalion organized by transfer of four companies, 7th Regiment (organized in 1898) to our regiment on June 23.

1916 June 3 National Defense Act Passed. On June 19, the Pennsylvania National Guard is called into service, but this regiment is not included.

1916 June Most of the Pennsylvania National Guard was called into service to prevent further aggression as Mexican irregular forces cross into the United States. Before they left for home, the commander Colonel Miner announced that the unit would become a Field Artillery Regiment to stay on the Mexican Border.

1916 August 16 Reorganized as the 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, PNG.

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1916 September 8 Mustered into Federal service at Mt. Gretna for service on the Mexican Border. Served on Border patrol duty. Mustered out of Federal Service on 23-27 March 1917 at Wilkes-Barre, PA.

1917 July 16-19 Mustered into Federal service at West Pittston, PA.

1917 October 11 Redesignated the 109th Field Artillery Regiment. It was a horse drawn 75mm Artillery Unit that consisted of two battalions. The Regiment served in the 28th Division during World War I.

1918 August 17 World War I, in France. The Unit was in the Champagne defense sector. Was the first battalion in "Death Valley."

1918 September 19 was in the Lorraine defensive sector.

1918 September 26 was in the Meuse-Argonne offensive sector.

1918 October 30 was in the Ypres-Lys offensive sector.

1919 April 27 Left St. Nazaire, France

1919 May 15 Paraded with 28th Division in Philadelphia.

1919 May 17 Demobilized at Camp Dix, New Jersey.

1919 October 16 Reorganization as 3rd Pennsylvania Artillery.

1921 April 1 Redesignated 109th Field Artillery Regiment in June and Federally recognized on June 29. Headquarters is at Wilkes-Barre.

1941 February 17 Called to Federal Service as an element of the 28th Division, and members start training for possible war.

1942 February 17 Regiment was reorganized following the World War I and remained a regiment until 1942 when it was reorganized as the 109th Field Artillery Battalion at Camp Livingston, LA. Elements of regiment are broken up and reorganized as follows: 109TH FIELD ARTILLERY HISTORICAL MUSEUM ASSOCIATION Headquarters, disbanded;

Headquarters Battery is consolidates with Pioneer Company, 628th Tank Destroyer Battalion;

2nd Battalion is reorganized and redesignated 109th Field Artillery Battalion. The 1st Battalion is redesignated 2nd Battalion, 193rd Field Artillery Regiment and they then begin their own lineage.

1944 June Help liberate Paris and France after arriving in Normandy.

1944 December 16 During the Battle of the Bulge, the battalion played a highly significant role in upsetting the German High Command's time table. After losing most of our 105mm Howitzers in battle, the battalion continued to fight as Infantry and earned the Distinguished Unit Citation. 1945 August. The unit marched down the streets of Paris with other units of the 28th Infantry Division in a victory celebration.

1945 August 25 The Headquarters of the Regiment is reconstituted on the inactive list and is now back in the PNG. Pioneer Co., 628th Tank Destroyer BN redesignated 22 July 1942 as the Reconnaissance Company, 28th TD Battalion is inactivated 14 Nov 1945 at Camp Myles Standish, MA. 109th FA Battalion is inactivated 30 October 1945 at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

1946 December 17 The former 109th FA (less 1st Bn) is reorganized and redesignated in PNG as the 109th Field Artillery Battalion, an element of the 28th Infantry Division at Wilkes-Barre.

1950 September 5 The Battalion was called to active duty in September of 1950 during the Korean Crisis and served in Europe as a part of NATO forces.

1950 September 11 There was an early morning train wreck at Coshocton, Ohio, while enroute to the unit duty station at Camp Atterbury, Indiana when another train hit the troop transport train causing 33 of our soldiers to get killed. Every year we honor them in a short ceremony at the armory and at Boalsburg' Military History Museum.

1953 July 27 109th FA Battalion is reorganized in PNGUS.

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1954 June 15 Released from active Federal service and reverted to State control.

1959 June 1 Reorganized and redesignated as the 109th ART, a parent regiment of the CARS, to consist of the 1st and 2nd Howitzer Battalions, elements of the 28th Infantry Division.

1961 February 26-27 Susquehanna River Flood Control Duty.

1963 April 1 Brought a merger of the two battalions into a single unit once again. Minor reorganizations have taken place since. The one significant change was the motor vehicle towed 8" howitzer was now 8" self-propelled howitzers.

1968-1975 Various units were activated for the Vietnam Conflict. This unit was not activated. Though some saw service in other parts of the country such as guarding federal property.

1972 May 1 Redesignated as the 109th Field Artillery.

1972 June-1 July The Agnes Flood hits the Wyoming Valley and members are called to state duty. More than 13,000 National Guard soldiers help in the effort during the flood.

1974 February 3-5 Unit is on State Active Duty due to a trucker's strike.

1975 September 26-28 Unit is on State Active Duty due to Tropical Storm "Eloise."

1977 July-August 1 Members of the unit rush to help out the citizens of the 1977 Johnstown Flood, earning them a Governor's Unit Citation.

1979 March 6-7 Unit is on state active duty for OPERATION HIGH WATER.

1980s Members guarded Cuban prisoners at Ft. Indiantown Gap.

1983 December 14-15 Unit is on State Active Duty for OPERATION HIGH WATER II.

1987 March 24 Unit is on State Active Duty for a Toxic Cloud in Nanticoke, PA.

1996 January Members of this unit deployed to Bosnia for a nine month rotation for duty.

1996 Pennsylvania. The governor of the state called a state of emergency and close down all major highways for several days. After the blizzard, the unit remained on duty do to a severe meltdown and flooding in the area.

1999 March 4 The Unit announced future participation in joint WARFIGHTER exercise in the U.S. Army's Grafenwoehr Training Area near Nuremberg, Germany for 3 weeks. For the first time ever, the Guard soldiers will team up with their 109TH FIELD ARTILLERY HISTORICAL MUSEUM ASSOCIATION counterparts from two active-duty divisions, as well as a higher level headquarters from the Fifth U.S. Corps.

2000 Feb 1-16 Around 658 Guard soldiers from the state attend the WARFIGHTER in Germany representing the 28th Infantry Division.

2000 September Members of this unit fly out to Coshocton for the 50th anniversary of the Train Wreck ceremony where 33 of the unit's soldiers were killed.

2001 November 21 Gov. Mark Schweiker directed Pennsylvania National Guard soldiers to join State Police in a joint security mission at Pennsylvania's five nuclear facilities. Members of this unit volunteered for the duty.

2001 December Soldiers attend a WARFIGHTER at Ft. Stewart, GA with the 82nd Airborne and 3rd Infantry divisions under the control of the 18th Airborne Corps.

2002 January Soldiers from this unit attend another WARFIGHTER exercise at Ft. Stewart under the 18th Airborne Corps

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2002 May 28-29 Unit is on State Active Duty for OPERATION ANGRY BEAR. During this emergency members guard houses and roadway that was washed away or damaged when a dam in the area of Bear Creek Township broke.

2002 July About 850 soldiers from the division, are mobilized to take over the Multinational Division-North (MND-North) head-quartered on "Eagle Base" in the Bosnian city of Tuzla for 270 days, under the SFOR 12 in October. The unit is mobilized for the for service in Europe under the 55th Brigade

"Keystone Task Force," 28th Infantry Division. Charlie Battery, 109th Field Artillery located in Plymouth leaves in July of 2002 for Germany, Italy, Belgium, and the

Netherlands as other European units are sent to the Persian Gulf area. Charlie Battery was in the third increment to be deployed for Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

2003 January The battalion receives brand new M109A6 Paladins, which are 155mm self-propelled howitzers which can shoot while on the move.

2003 109th FA receives orders to mobilize for Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

2004 January 81 soldiers from SVC Btry 109th FA mobilized to Iraq and Kuwait in support of OIF II.

2005 January SVC Btry 109th FA soldiers return from OIF II.

2006 September 1 SVC Btry 109th FA reorganized and redesignated as G Company (FA-FSC, 228th Brigade Support Battalion.

2007 26 November 2007 39 soldiers deployed to Egypt in support of Multinational Force and Observers Mission number 51.

2007 18 November 2007 2 soldiers from G Co 228th mobilized with 103th CAV to support Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

2008 G Co 228th receives warning order to send troop to support the 56th BCT and 28th Div CAB missions to Iraq.

## **B. Unit Citations**

Campaign Participation Credit:

World War I  
Oise-Aisne  
Meuse-Argonne  
Champagne 1918  
Lorraine 1918  
World War II  
Central Europe  
Northern France

Decorations: None

## **C. Selected Orders (Include alert orders, mobilization orders, etc)**

Unit received order #001-08 on 1 January 2008 alerting for possible deployment in support of OIF.

## **D. Other.**

None.

## **VI. Glossary (A list of words not commonly used, acronyms and their explanations)**

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AT - Annual Training  
IOC - Initial Operational Capability  
SFOR - Stabilization Force

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