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GENE BARTHELME

FIRST LIEUTENANT

STE. MARIE BOY PROMOTED ON
WESTERN FRONT

April 19, '45

With The 30th Infantry Division In Germany — 2nd Lt. Gene A. Barthelme of Ste Marie, Illinois, a member of Battery "C", 230th Field Artillery Battalion, 30th Infantry Division, has been promoted to the rank of 1st Lieutenant. Lt. Barthelme joined the battery on October 29, 1944 in Germany, after landing in France August 22, 1944.

The 230th Field Artillery Battalion landing in Normandy on December 4 has given close support to the infantry during such famous campaigns as the crossing of the Vire Et Taute Canal; the capture and break-through of St. Lo; the heroic stand at Mortain where for the first time in artillery warfare the Battalion fired shells filled with medical supplies to "The Lost Battalion"; the march through Belgium and Holland; the 30th Infantry Division closing the Aachen gap from the north; appearing in the "Mysterious" Ninth Army's drive through Germany to the Roer River; fighting on the Northern Bulge of the German Salient in Belgium; and the successful crossing of the Roer River.

Lt. Barthelme's job in the Battery is Motor Officer and Artillery Observer.