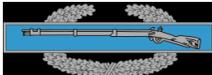




Ezra STEIN "Ez"
1925 – 1945

Medals:

			
American Campaign	WWII Victory	Purple Heart	Combat Infantryman Badge

Ezra was born in 1925 in New York County. His Father Samuel R. Stein got married with Bertha Landres. Ezra had a sister Ruth Stein and a brother Elihu Stein. His Hometown was New York County, New York.

He attended high school for 4 years before he enlisted as Pvt, service number 32982442, in New York City, New York on the 12th of July 1943.

Ezra Stein served in the 8th Infantry Division, 121st Infantry Regiment and was KIA on the 17th of December 1944 near Roetgen village, Germany during the battle of the Hurtgen forest at the beginning of the German offensive in the Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge).

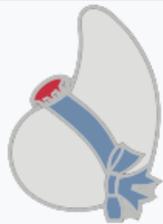
Ezra Stein was buried at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial, Belgium, Plot D, Row 10, Grave 56.



 **8th Infantry Division**
'Pathfinder'

Insignia

121st Infantry
distinctive unit
insignia



 **8TH INFANTRY DIVISION**

13TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

28TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

121ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

DIVISIONAL SUPPORT

43RD FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION (105MM)

45TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION (105MM)

56TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION (105MM)

28TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION (155MM)

8TH RECONNAISSANCE TROOP (MECHANIZED)

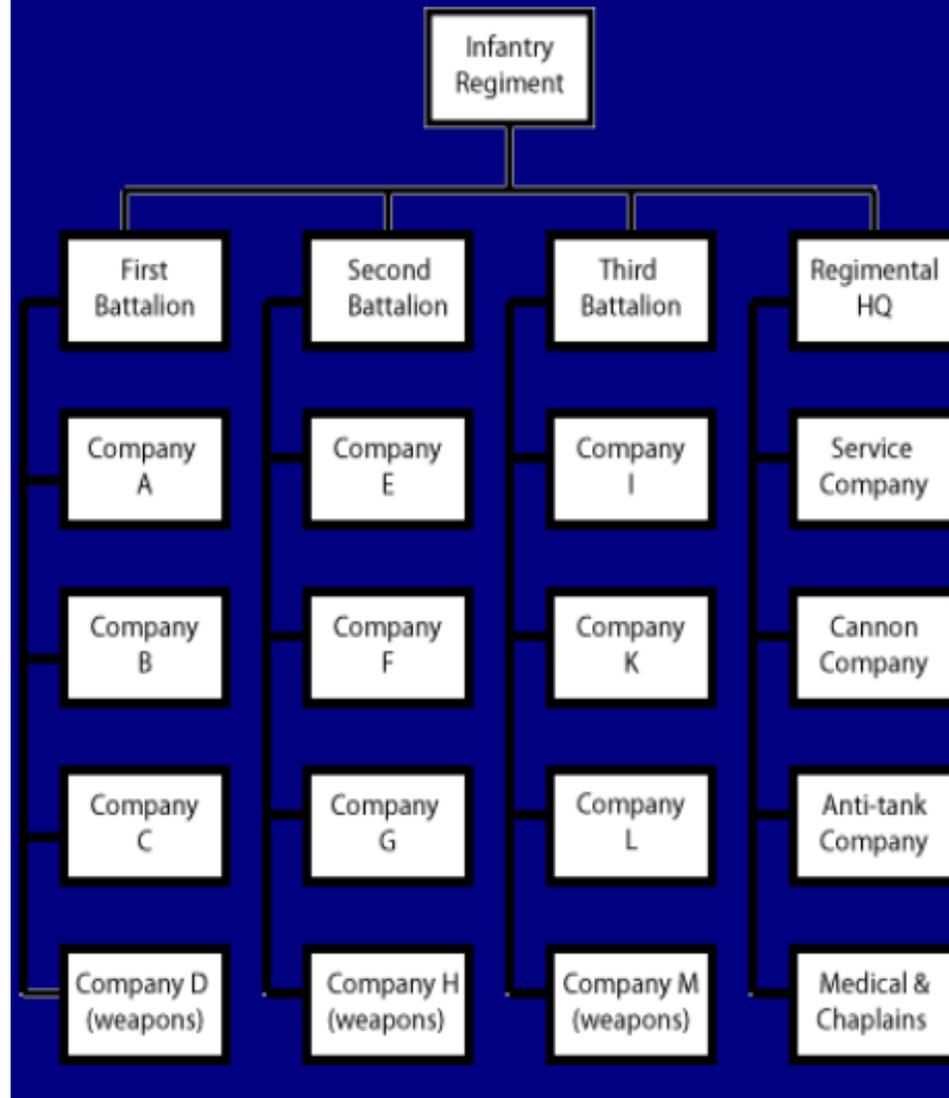
12TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

ATTACHMENTS

709TH TANK BATTALION

644TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION (SP)

Organization



AFTER ACTION REPORT 121st INFANTRY REGIMENT

<http://home.scarlet.be/~sh446368/aar-121st-inf-regt-dec-2.html>

17 December 1944

Further defense measures were invoked following a report from G-2 at 170410 that enemy paratroopers had been dropped between Eupen and Malmedy. Hurtgen's defenses were strengthened by one company of riflemen and one platoon of MG's from the 3rd Bn. The nearest paratroop landing centered in the vicinity of Roetgen. At 170603 a report from division located 500 paratroopers in the vicinity of Aachen. The 3rd Bn was now called upon to assemble in Huertgen ready to coordinate with the 311th Inf to police rear areas for the paratroopers. A shortlived scare followed the recovery of a parachute in the vicinity 029348 (road south of Huertgen) the following morning. The parachute proved to be too small for use of a paratrooper. Later discovery of cannister convinced investigators that the object in question was nothing more than a flare parachute. Later defensive plans issued by Corps attached the 3rd Bn to CCR, 5th Armd Div with the mission to man out posts from Lammersdorf to the west. During the following day the unit was to remain in mobile reserve in the vicinity of Roetgen. G-2 reported 12 paratroopers captured vicinity of Eupen at 171411 and 5 paratroopers (2 dead) vicinity of Roetgen 171516. After dusk enemy aircraft was again active NW of Huertgen dropping bombs and flares. Hq 121 in view of the imminent paratroop threat issued a memorandum 17 Dec 44 concerning conduct by units of CT 121 in the event of a paratroop landing. Areas of defense were assigned to separate units. Particular attention was paid to the protection of key town areas viz. Kleinbau and Huertgen. Houses in both towns were thoroughly searched for



CP 121-IR Shell-torn farmhouse on the main street (Höhenstrasse 89) through Hürtgen



Thomas W. Gilgore, 121st Inf Rgt, shows the strain of his time in the Hürtgen.