

## **Battle of the Bulge**

1. Hitler's last offensive attack
  - a. Ardennes Forest (France/Belgium)
  - b. Goal to break of allies
  - c. Winter attack was planned
2. Lasted 6 brutal weeks, aka Battle of the Ardennes
3. Germans pushed allied line (formed bulge).
4. Christmas Day -> weather cleared -> allied air strike
  - a. 101st Airborne brought in
5. Patton led defense
  - a. Bastogne was surrounded
    - i. "Nuts" was response given to Germany, by Brig. Gen McAuliffe
  - b. Patton finally arrived
    - i. Fighting continued until January -> Americans won
6. Bloodiest battle of WWII (for Americans)
  - a. 500,000 fought (1M total)
    - i. 19k killed, 23k missing, 47,500 wounded

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December 16th, 1944-January 25th, 1945: Battle of the Bulge