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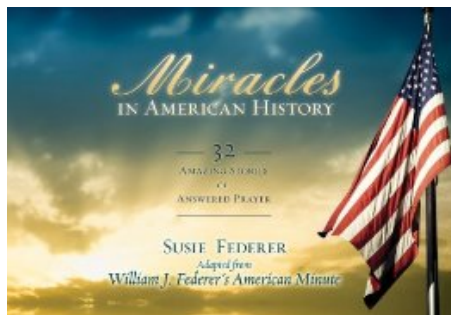
Battle of the Bulge 1944-45 freezing winter "I call upon every man ... to rise now to new heights of courage ... We will, with God's help, go forward to our greatest victory"-Eisenhower

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World War II was the **deadliest military conflict in history**, with an estimated **85 million deaths**, mostly in the **Pacific**, and **Europe's Western Front** and **Eastern Front** ... [continue reading ...](#)



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On the **Eastern Front**, one major clashes with **National Socialist Workers Party (Nazi)** was the **Battle of Sevastopol**, 1941-42, which had 200,000 casualties. **Roosevelt** stated March 1, 1945:

"I saw Sevastopol and Yalta! And I know that there is not room enough on earth for both German militarism and **Christian decency.**"

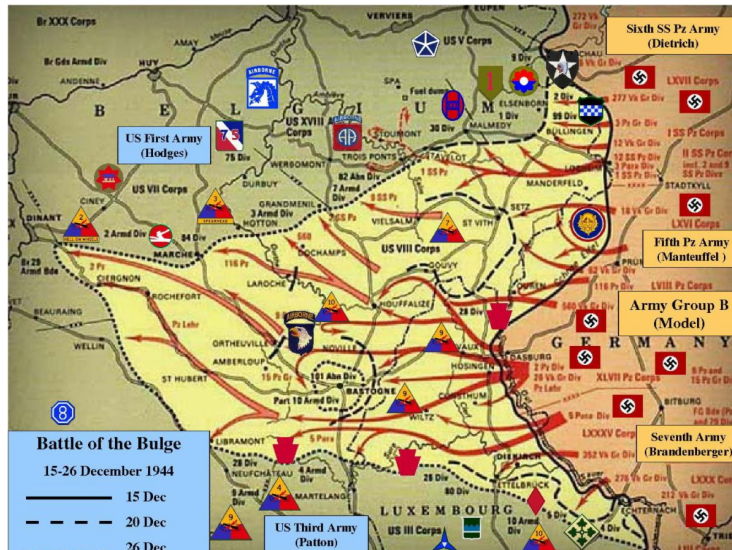
On the **Western Front**, **Nazi forces** commenced their

last major offensive of the war in the bitter cold winter of 1944 - the Battle of the Bulge.

It is considered **one of the largest and bloodiest battles** the **United States** fought in during the war.

The **Battle of the Bulge** involved 610,000 Americans, 55,000 British, and 72,000 Free French.

There were 89,500 American casualties and over 100,000 German casualties.



Beginning with a **Nazi surprise attack** on December 16, 1944, it **lasted nearly 40 days**, until January 25, 1945.

Leading up to it was **D-DAY, JUNE 6, 1944**, and the **advance of the Allies** into Europe, pushing back **Nazi forces**.

Six months after D-Day, **Nazis** were running short on fuel for their tanks and trucks.

Adolf Hitler personally devised the plan to send his remaining forces in a last-ditch effort to break through the Allies' line.

His intention was to **recapture the sea port of Antwerp**, Belgium, to have **access to its shipping and oil**.

On December 16, 1944, **three Nazi armies** were amassed, consisting of **13 Panzer and Infantry divisions**, made up of an estimated **300,000 men**.

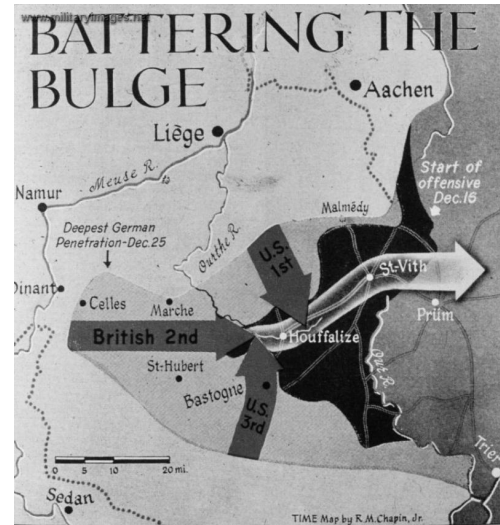
They executed

their enormous surprise
"Blitzkrieg"
lightning attack
against the Allies
in the Ardennes
Forest of Belgium,
France, and
Luxembourg.



Being caught off-guard, the Allies were hard-pressed to keep their lines from breaking under the intense assault.

Allies' lines "bulged," but did not break.



General Eisenhower
integrated the
military.

Over 2,000 black
American soldiers
volunteered to be
sent to the front
lines, over 700 of
whom were killed
in combat.



Eisenhower stated in his order, **DECEMBER 22, 1944:**

"By **rushing out** from his fixed defenses the enemy may give us the chance to turn his great gamble into his worst defeat.

St. Hubert by passing through Hompre-Sibret-Tillet.
Libramont is in German hands.

... There is only one possibility to save the **encircled U.S.A. troops** from total annihilation: that is the honorable **surrender of the encircled town.**



In order to think it over a term of two hours will be granted beginning with the presentation of this note.

... If this proposal should be rejected one German Artillery Corps and six heavy A.A. Battalions are ready to **annihilate the U.S.A. troops** in and near Bastogne.

The **order for firing** will be given immediately after this **two hours term.**

All the serious civilian losses caused by this artillery fire would not correspond with the well-known American humanity.

-The German Commander."

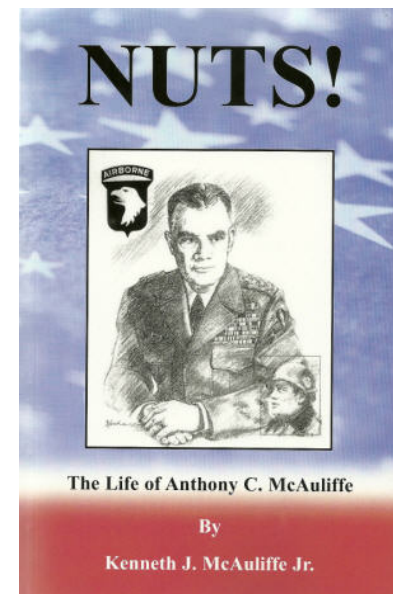
On December 22, 1944, **U.S. Brigadier General Anthony McAuliffe** answered:

"To the German Commander.
NUTS!

-The American Commander."

This unusual response caused the **Nazi commander** to hesitate.

Then the **Nazis** attacked -- over 50,000 Nazis assaulted the 15,000 Americans.



General McAuliffe wrote to his troops, December 24, 1944:

"What's Merry about all this, you ask? We're fighting — it's cold, we aren't home.

All true but what has the proud Eagle Division accomplished with its worthy comrades the 10th Armored Division, the 705th Tank Destroyer Battalion and all the rest?

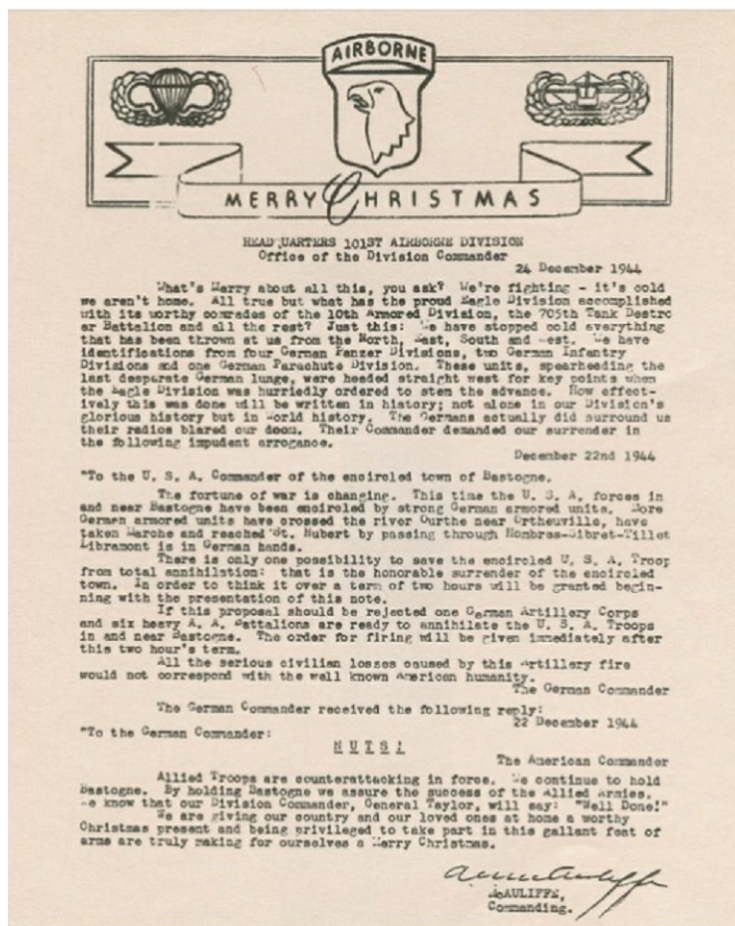
Just this: We have stopped cold everything that has been thrown at us from the North, East, South and West.

We have identifications from four German Panzer Divisions, two German Infantry Divisions and one German Parachute Division.

These units, spearheading the last desperate German lunge, were headed straight west for key points when the Eagle Division was hurriedly ordered to stem the advance.

How effectively this was done will be written in history; not alone in our Division's **glorious history but in World history ...**"

McAuliffe added:



"The Germans actually did surround us, their radios blared our doom.

Their Commander demanded our surrender in the following impudent arrogance ..."

In conclusion, **McAuliffe:**

"Allied Troops are counterattacking in force.

We continue to hold Bastogne.

By holding Bastogne we assure the success of the Allied Armies. We know that our Division Commander, General Taylor, will say: 'Well Done!'

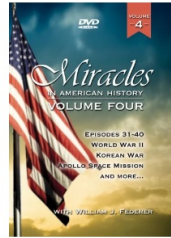
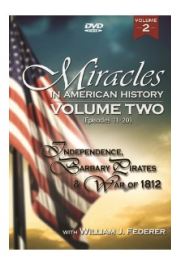
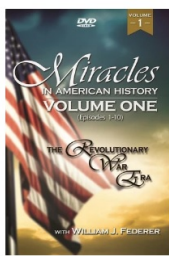
We are giving our country and our loved ones at home a worthy Christmas present and being privileged to take part in this gallant feat of arms are truly making for ourselves a Merry Christmas."

After eight days, the **Americans were nearly out of ammunition.**

Marching to their rescue was General George Patton and the U.S. Third Army.



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Unfortunately, the **Third Army** was pinned down due to **foul weather** which **prevented planes from flying** to give air cover.

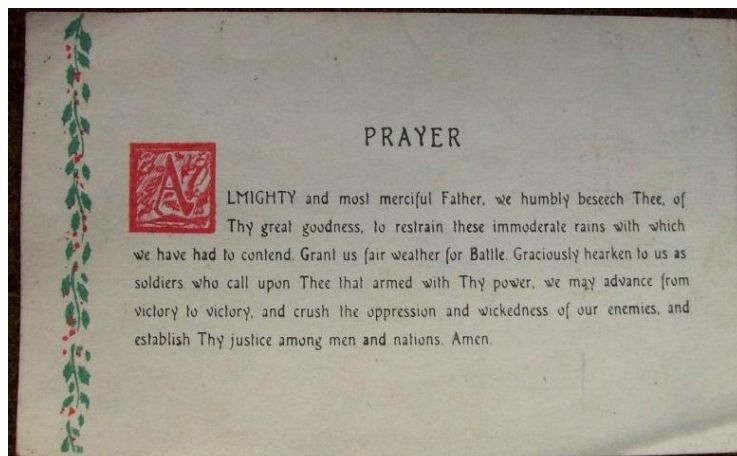


General Patton directed **Chaplain Fr. James O'Neill** to **compose a prayer**, which was **printed on cards** and **distributed to the 250,000 troops** to pray:



"Almighty and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee, of Thy great goodness, to restrain these immoderate rains with which

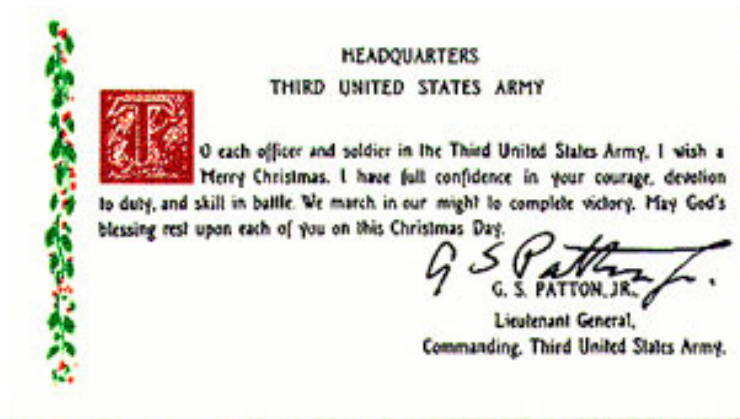
we have had to contend. Grant us fair weather for Battle.



Graciously hearken to us as soldiers who call Thee that, armed with Thy power, we may advance from victory to victory, and crush the oppression and wickedness of our enemies, and **establish Thy justice among men and nations.**

Amen."

The reverse of the card had **General Patton's Christmas Greeting:**



"To each officer and soldier in the **Third United**

States Army, I wish a Merry Christmas. I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty, and skill in battle. We march in our might to complete victory. May **God's blessings** rest upon each of you on this **Christmas Day.**

--**G.S. Patton, Jr.**, Lieutenant General Commanding, Third United States Army."

Miraculously, the next day the **weather cleared** and the planes gave air support.

General Patton's troops punched through the **Nazi lines** to **rescue the exhausted 101st Airborne** and thwart the Nazi advance.

Running out of fuel, Nazi tanks ground to a halt.

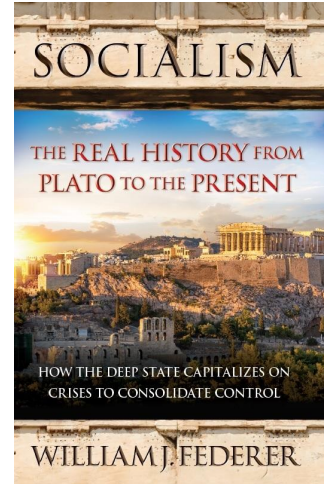
The Battle of the Bulge ended January 16, 1945.

Less than four months later, **Hitler** was reported to have committed suicide, the **Nazis**



surrendered, and the world was saved from the iron-fisted totalitarian rule of national **socialism**.

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A popular **Christmas carol** during World War II was "**I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas**," written in 1942 by **Irving Berlin**.

Irving Berlin, a **Russian Jewish immigrant** to America, had served in the **U.S. infantry during World War I**.



He wrote some of the country's most popular songs, including "**God Bless America**."

Irving Berlin's "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" was featured in the 1954 movie **White Christmas**, starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Vera-Ellen, and Rosemary Clooney--aunt of actor George Clooney.

"I'm dreaming of a white **Christmas**
Just like the ones I used to know
Where the treetops glisten,
and children listen
To hear sleigh bells in the



snow ...

I'm dreaming of a white **Christmas**
With every **Christmas card** I write
May your days be merry and bright
And may all your **Christmases** be white."

On **CHRISTMAS EVE**,
December 24, 1944,
President Franklin Roosevelt had told the
American people:



"It is not easy to say
'Merry Christmas' to
you, my fellow

Americans, in this time of destructive war ... We will
celebrate this **Christmas Day** in our traditional American
way ... because **the teachings of Christ are**
fundamental in our lives ... the story of the coming of
the immortal Prince of Peace."

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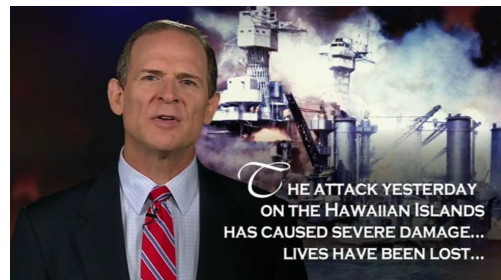
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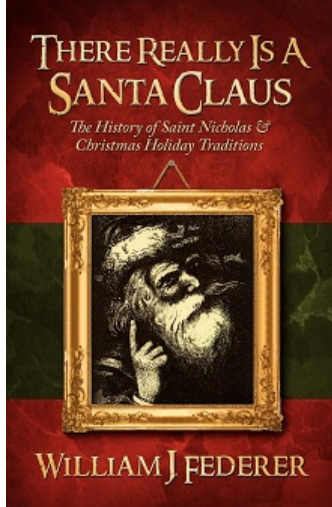
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