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ALLIES REGAIN INITIATIVE IN ARDENNES.

Latest news arriving with these pictures is that the Allied counter offensive goes well. Spearhead of the attack is the American 1st Army. So far as can be estimated at this stage Rundstedt has failed in his major objectives. Bomber Command and the 2nd Tactical Air Force were to a large extent instrumental in blunting the German attack and enabling General Patton to menace the vulnerable southern flank of the German salient. R.A.F. Mitchells brought marshalling yards, road junctions and enemy concentrations under heavy bombardment.

The Belgian town Malmedy, which was devastated during the liberation of Belgium, suffered further bombardment in the German attack.

The recapture of Bastogne was the biggest blow Patton dealt the enemy. By air the Americans supplied Colonel Hogan's four hundred men whom the enemy surrounded. The big Dakotas transports kept them going for seven days. To all German surrender demands Colonel Hogan replied with an emphatic "NO!" The parachuted supplies kept his men well fed and munitioned. On Christmas night the Colonel decided to try to break through the German lines. That bold enterprise succeeded. With blackened faces and helped by the dark night Hogan's four hundred lived to tell the tale. Soon after their return Patton relieved Bastogne with armored forces. He struck by an unexpected route and in the late afternoon dusk, taking the Germans by All enemy attempts to capture the town have failed. The allies have the initiative again on the Western Front.