

*Allies*

~~MONTY~~ STOPS THE ROT

Acting on his own initiative in an hour of peril ~~to the~~  
~~American~~ Marshal Montgomery covered the river Meuse  
with strong forces and at the same time ~~switched~~  
reinforcements to the northern tip of the German salient.  
The intense cold snap on the western front hardened the  
roads and facilitated the swift dispositions of the  
commander whose touch of genius saved the situation.

Cool as his chief, Gen. Dempsey moved <sup>elements of</sup> the 2nd army  
into ~~new~~ positions on the ~~main~~ right flank of Gen.  
Hodges, and while the German flanks yielded to increasing  
pressure from north and south, the head of the salient  
was pushed back. Meanwhile artillery made use of 88mm  
guns the enemy ~~had~~ left behind. *of first surprise as well as H.E.*

Prisoners were found to be wearing American fatigue-blouses  
and goloshes captured in their advance - additional  
evidence that the enemy is none too well clad for the  
winter fighting. Outside Bastogne the troops came upon  
the gliders, used in airborne operations to stem the  
German advance. On the same spot were crashed Dakotas,  
the planes used for towing the gliders.

(cu plane) Confidence is ~~restored~~ <sup>strengthened</sup> by Montgomery's extended  
command. Four army commanders now ~~come~~ under his leadership,  
two Americans, the Canadian c.-in-c., Gen. Crerar, and  
the chief of the 2nd Army. North, <sup>and south</sup> of the salient the ~~front~~ <sup>fronts</sup>

~~9th Army and the~~ <sup>newly grouped allied armies</sup> led ~~by~~  
~~the Army, the Canadian and the First Army of Gen. Hodges~~  
have the situation well in hand.