

The Battle of the Bulge

The Battle of the Bulge, which took place during World War II, was Germany's last attempt to force the Allied forces off of the European continent. Most of the Allied troops in this major battle were American. The Battle of the Bulge is widely regarded as one of the greatest battles ever fought by the United States military.



This battle took place following the German defeat by the Allies at Normandy, when the Allies had driven the Germans out of France. Many believed the end of the war would quickly follow, but the Germans launched a surprise attack on American troops in the Ardennes Forest of Belgium on December 16, 1944. The battle got its name because as the Germans attacked, they pushed into the center of the Allied forces' line. If you had an aerial view of the battle, you would see a bulge at the point of attack. The Americans ultimately won this battle because of the many small pockets of American troops who stood their ground and held back the Germans as they tried to advance.

1. Who started the Battle of the Bulge? _____

2. The Allied troops were mainly _____

3. The battle got its name because _____

4. The _____ ultimately won this battle because
