

The Allies Gain Control

After D-Day

- Within a week the Allies controlled an 80-mile strip of France
- Within a month
 - over a million troops landed
 - 600,000 tons of supplies
 - 170,000 vehicles

August 25, 1944

- General George Patton led American troops to liberate Paris (4 years of Nazi control)
- By September, all of France, Belgium, and Luxembourg were liberated

November 1944

- FDR re-elected for a fourth term
- Vice President – Harry S. Truman



Advancement into Germany

- The US began its invasion of Germany in October 1944
- Hitler and the Nazis used their main army to protect their land
- Captured and massacred 120 American GI's

The Battle of the Bulge

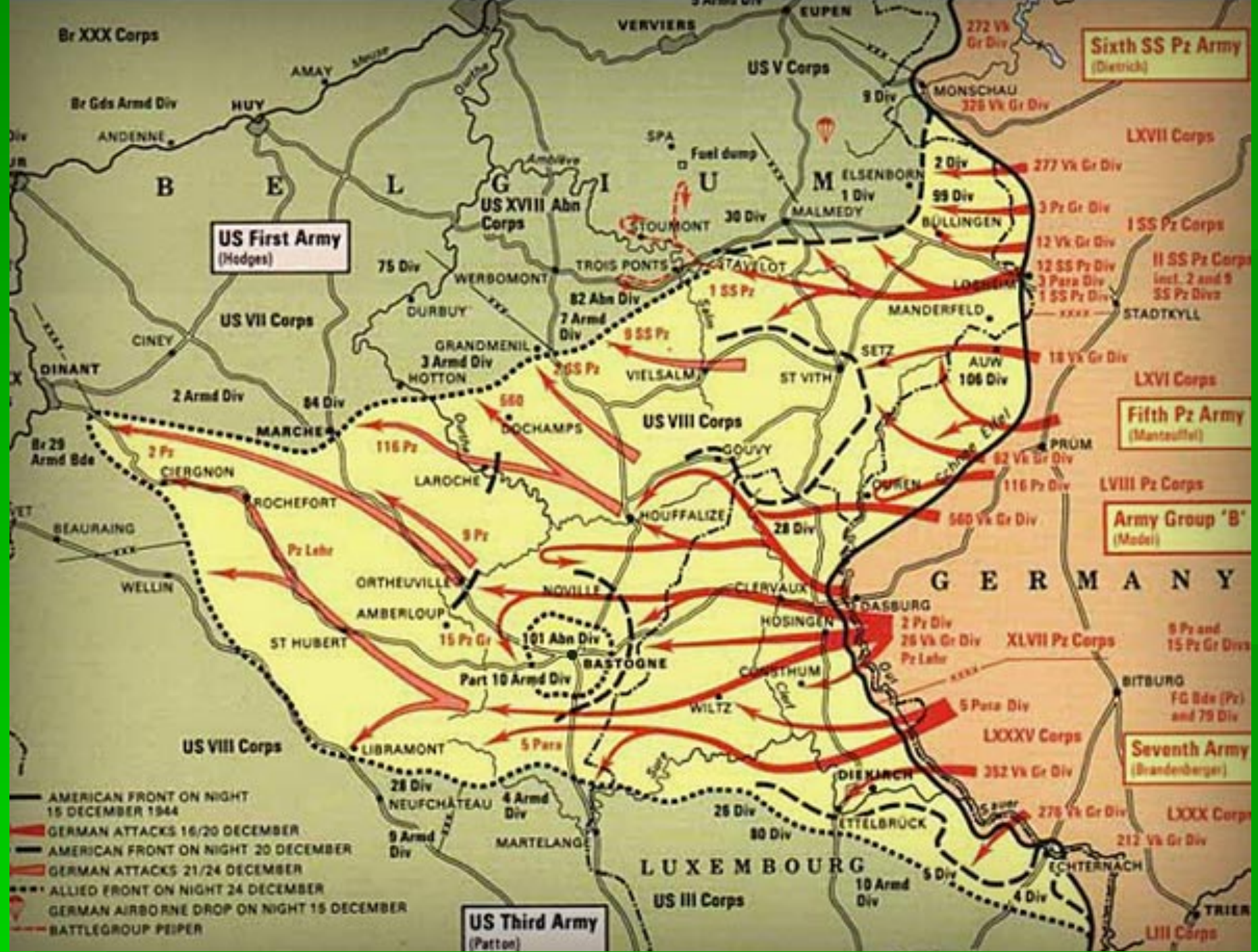
(12/16/1944 – 1/8/1945)

- The German wanted to cut off the Allies' supply lines coming from Belgium
- Capture town of Bastogne (key roads)
- Nazis surrounded the town
- Eisenhower ordered Patton to rescue the town
- Three days later, Patton arrived





- Battle lasted another 3 weeks
- Germans ran out of fuel and suffered heavy losses
- Forced to retreat



US First Army
(Hodges)

US Third Army
(Patton)

Sixth SS Pz Army
(Dietrich)

Fifth Pz Army
(Maneufer)

Army Group 'B'
(Model)

Seventh Army
(Brandenberger)

- AMERICAN FRONT ON NIGHT 15 DECEMBER 1944
- GERMAN ATTACKS 16/20 DECEMBER
- AMERICAN FRONT ON NIGHT 20 DECEMBER
- GERMAN ATTACKS 21/24 DECEMBER
- - - ALLIED FRONT ON NIGHT 24 DECEMBER
- 📍 GERMAN AIRBORNE DROP ON NIGHT 15 DECEMBER
- BATTLEGROUP PEIPER

LUXEMBOURG

GERMANY

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Results of the Battle

- The last German offensive
- Germans lost 120,000 soldiers
- 600 tanks
- 1,600 planes
- Could not replace these men or weapons

Results of the War in Europe

The U.S. and U.S.S.R.

- Met in Berlin
- May 8, 1945 V-E Day
- Mussolini Executed
- Hitler committed suicide in underground bunker



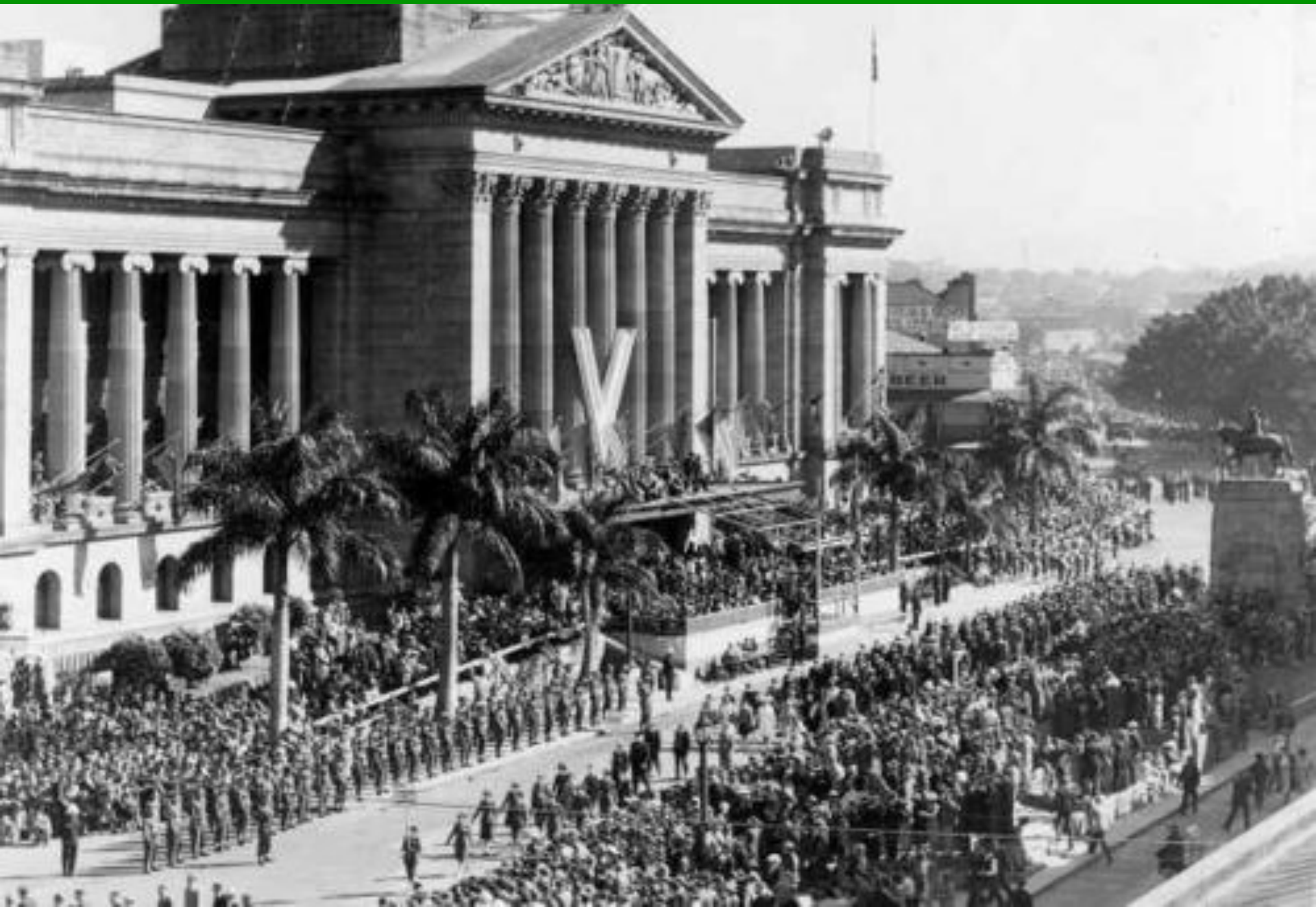
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Pictures of Hitler's Bunker

- <http://www.thirdreichruins.com/bunkers.htm>

Liberation of Camps Article

- Handout
- Also at www.romanohistory.pbworks.com

The Big Three

- FDR, Stalin, and Churchill met in Yalta-USSR
- Created the United Nations
- Divided Germany and Berlin
- Stalin received eastern part of Poland
- Stalin received Pacific islands in return for declaring war on Japan



Allies meet in Potsdam- Germany – 6 months later

- Truman, Stalin, Churchill/Attlee
- Occupation of Germany
- Dealing with Japan
- Post war issues
- New tensions began to pull the alliances apart



The last objective of World War II

- Defeat Japan in the Pacific