



At the start of the offensive, the "Old Hickory" division was in reserve just to the north of the "bulge". It was quickly moved south to help contain the 1st SS Panzer Korps. The division played a crucial role as it cut Kampfgruppe Peiper's supply line by recapturing Stavelot and helped to destroy the isolated remnants of that group. In January it nearly recaptured St. Vith but was recalled and sent back north just 2 miles short of the town.