



The "Golden Acorn" Division was a brand new unit and had only just arrived on the continent on December 5. The 87th was part of Patton's Third Army and was fighting in the Saar region to the south of the bulge when the German offensive began. Pulled out of the line, it was shipped north and went into action again on December 30 near Bastogne. In less than two weeks, the 87th had advanced to the River Ourthe and established contact with British forces.