

**Nazis Abandon
Houffalize To
1st Army Yanks**

**Enemy Retreats from Key
Hub in Face of U. S. Drive;
Steady Advances Made As
Nazis Fall Back to Reich**

LONDON, England. — German oil refineries, tank plants and communication hubs were rocked with tons of explosives today when a force of 1,250 or more American heavy bombers and fighters sped over the Reich to deal another blow at Hitler's bomb-scarred cities.

More than 600 Fortresses and Liberators supported by 650 fighters carried out the missions.

PARIS, France — The heart of Nazi Field Marshal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt's salient into Belgium and Luxembourg was torn out of German hands today when the Second Division of the United States First Army recaptured Houffalize on the Arlon-Liege road.

Nazi forces, finding the once-threatening Belgian bulge now a shrinking liability, hurriedly abandoned Houffalize during the night after American patrols had speared into the town, formerly the chief supply and reinforcement center of the entire eastern end of the salient.

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