

1914 Guns of August

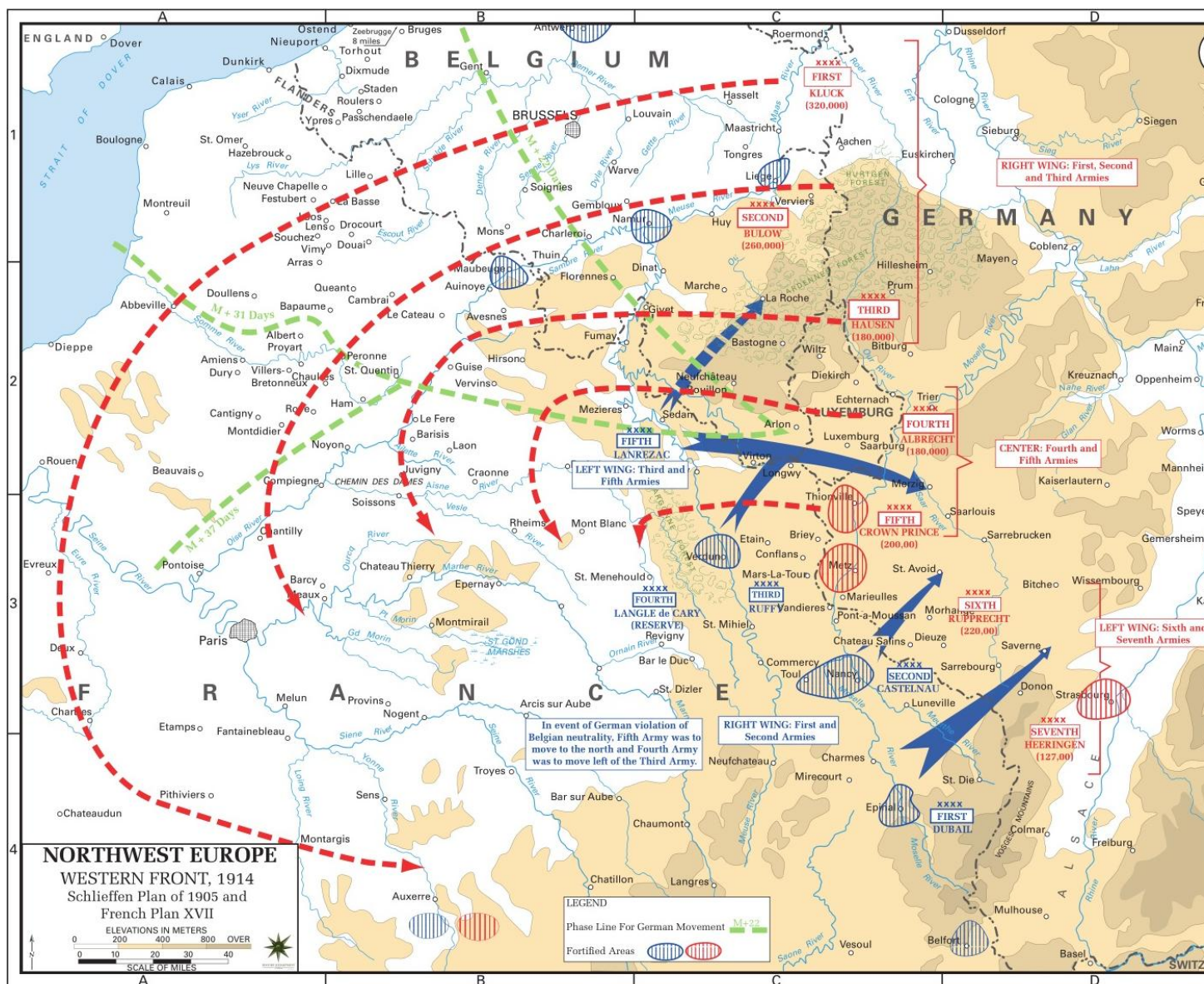
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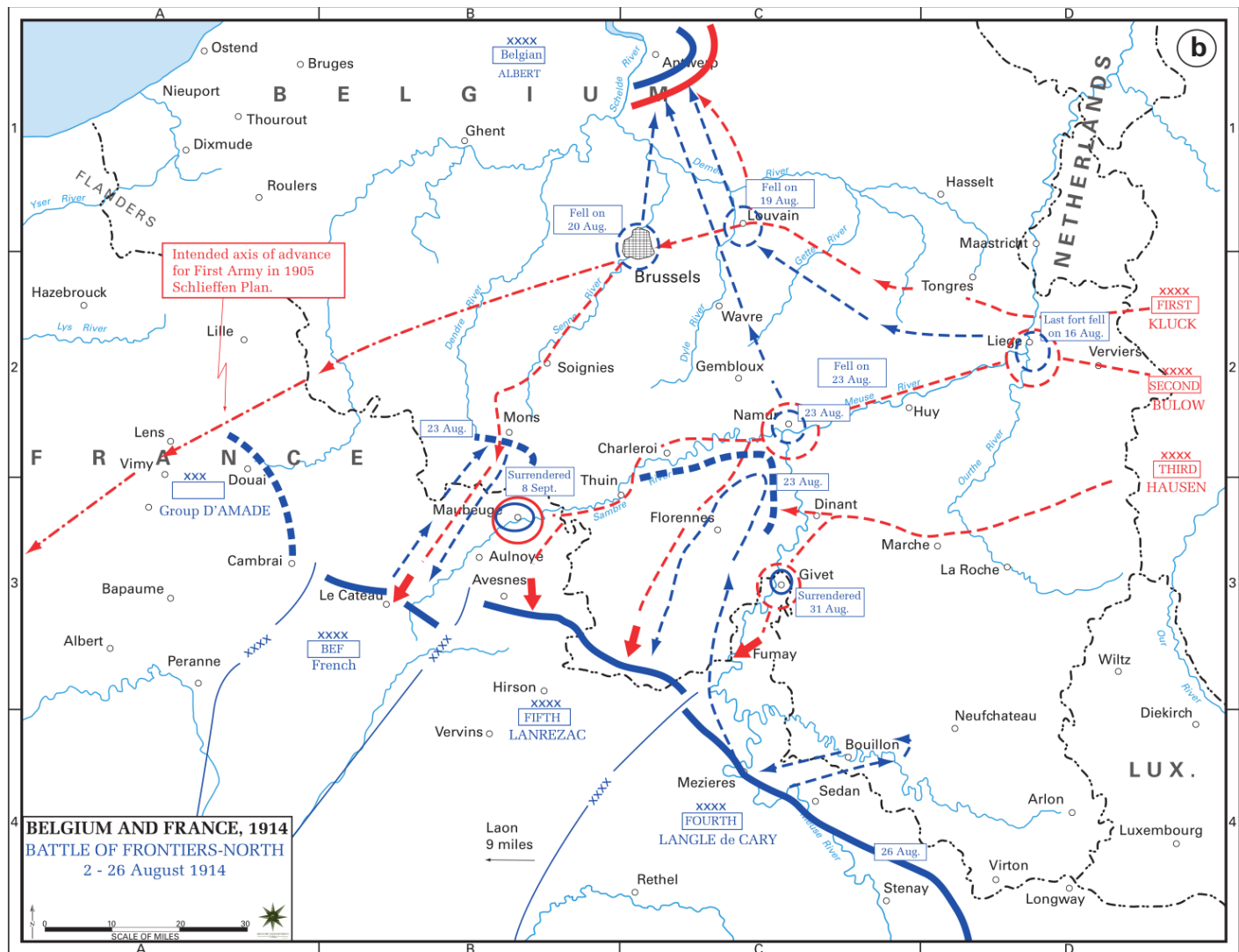
An excellent French source that gives animated a day by day progress of the Great War at Corps and Division level on a period Michelin Map.
<http://www.carto1418.fr/>

Here are the original plans of the German (von Schlieffen Plan) and the French (Plan XVII):



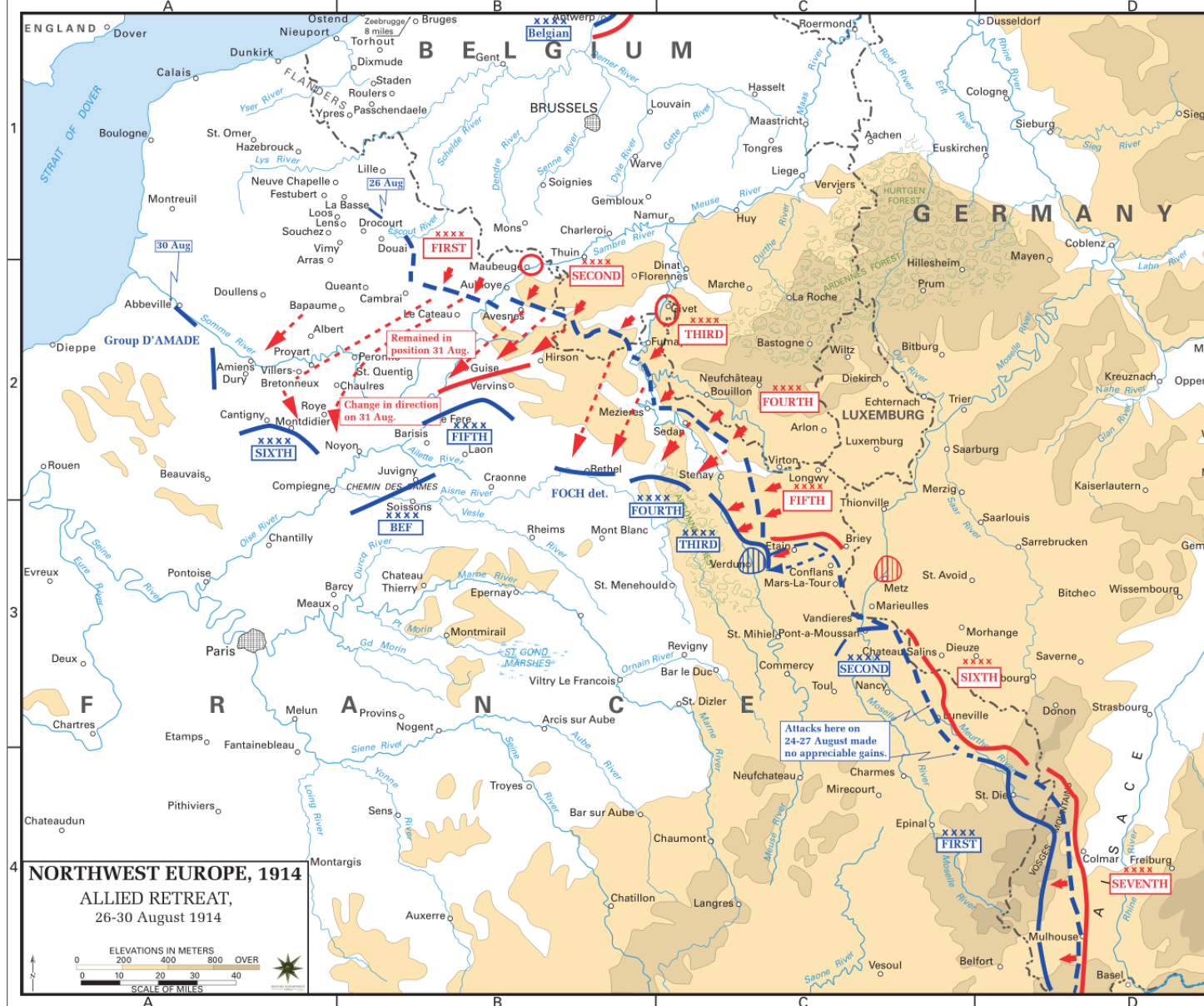
Note that the Germans plan called for KLUCK's First Army go swing wide, around Paris, while German Sixth and Seventh Armies are to anchor the southern line as an economy of force.

The "Battles of the Frontiers" map shows how the original plans played out from 3 Aug to 26 Aug (Turn 1 to end of Turn 4):



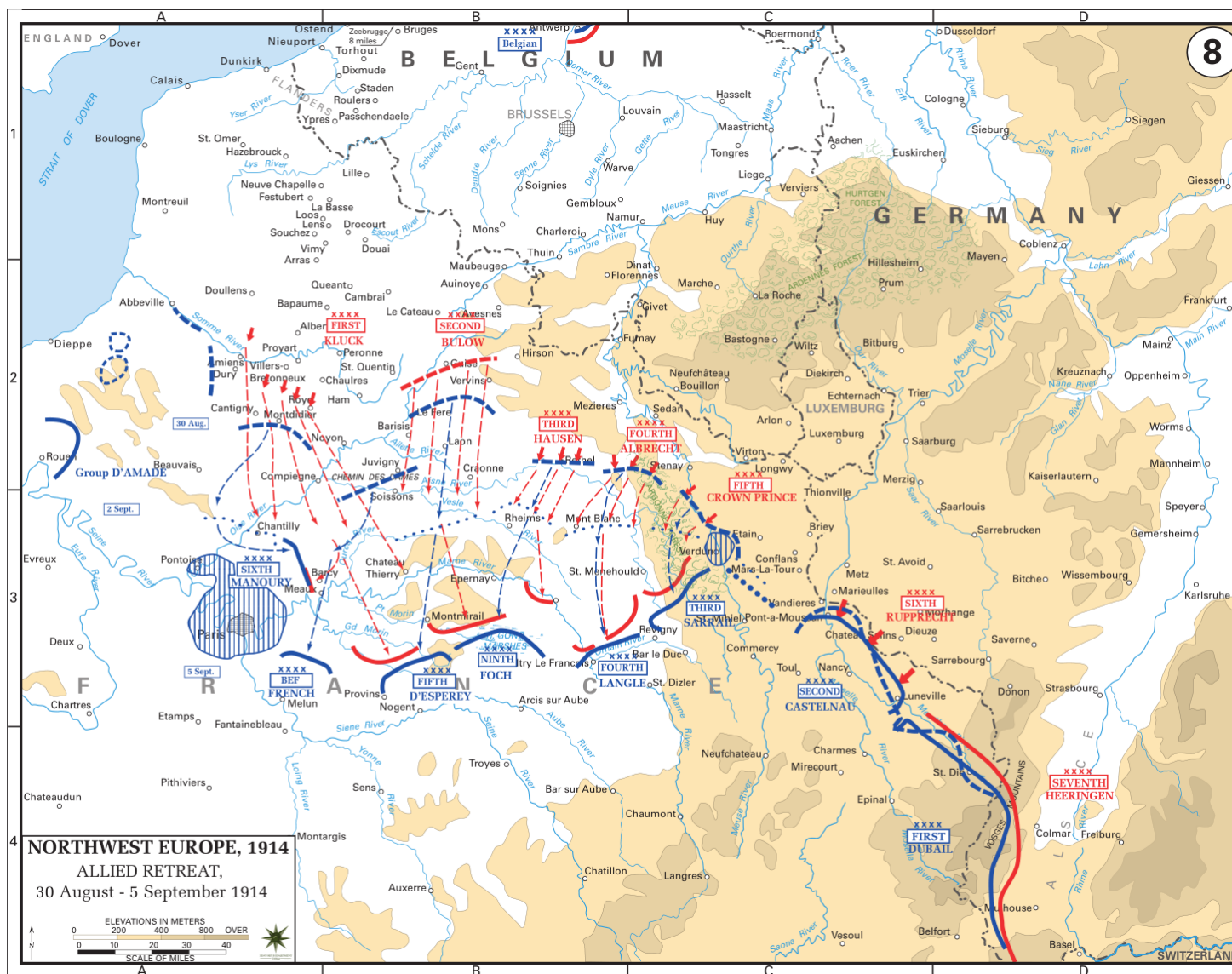
At Mons the BEF meet the German First Army and holds up the German advance two days.

The following map shows the Allied retreat 26-30 August, and the redirection of the German First Army from a track around west of Paris to track on the east of Paris. Contrary to the original von Schlieffen plan, to the south the German Seventh Army attacks to attempt to regain the prewar Franco German border, but made only limited gains.

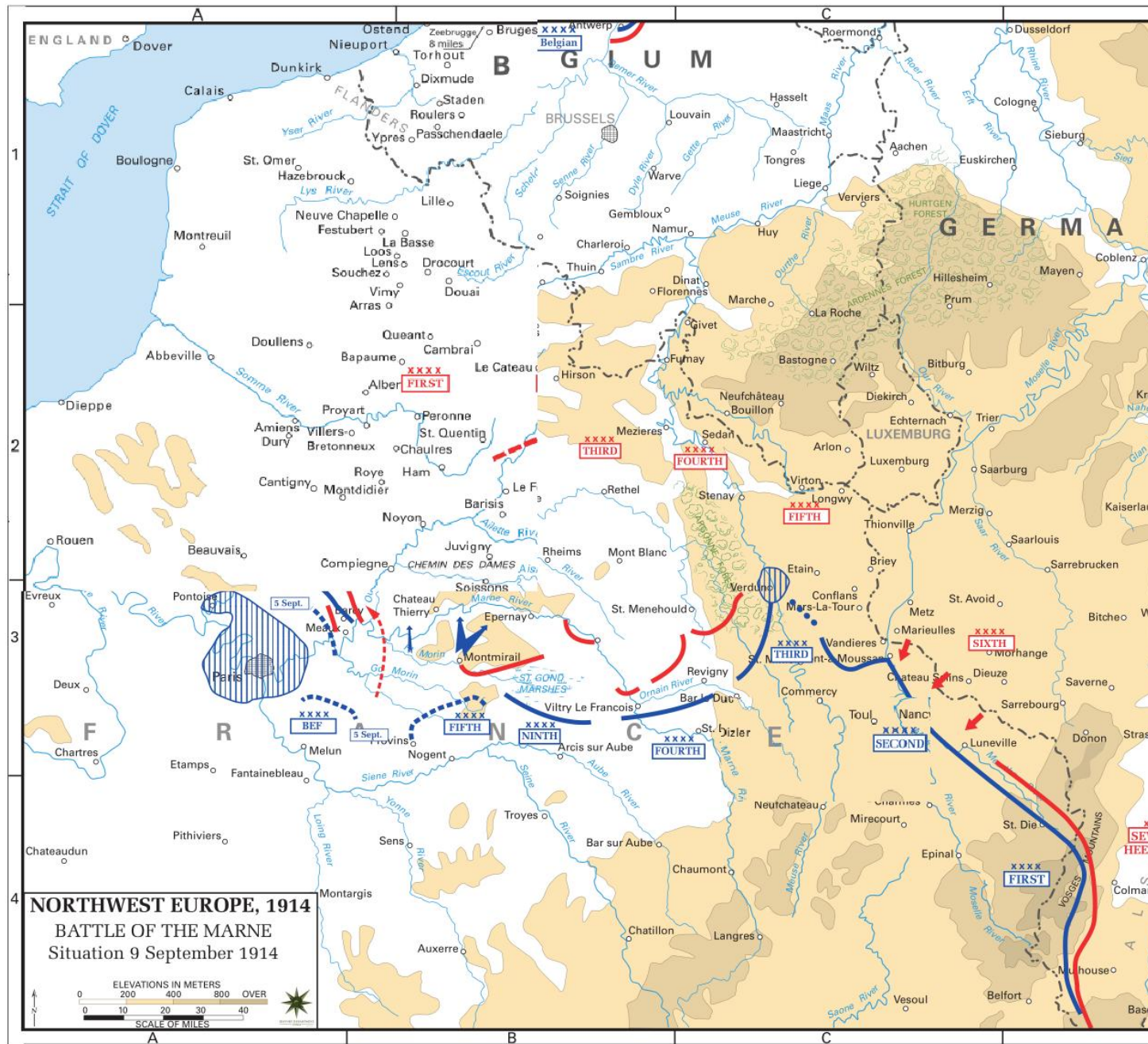


The following map shows the Allied retreat 26 August, to 5 September (Turns 4 to 6), and the redirection of the German First Army from a track around west of Paris to track on the east of Paris. Also contrary the original von Schlieffen plan, the German Seventh Army attacked to attempt to regain the prewar Franco German border, but made only limited gains.

The advance of the German First and Second Armies is quite remarkable in TOAW terms. In ten days the Armies advance more than 100 km over enemy territory, after a month of fighting and force marching... I am not able to duplicate this in play-testing.



Next is the Battle of the Marne, Situation on about Turn 8,
as the French and BEF counterattack the now weakened and overextended German Army



This final map shows the German retreat to the Aisne River, and subsequent stabilization of the front (roughly Turn 7 and 8), and The Race to the Sea (see TOAW *The Race to the Sea* by Mark Martinez)

