



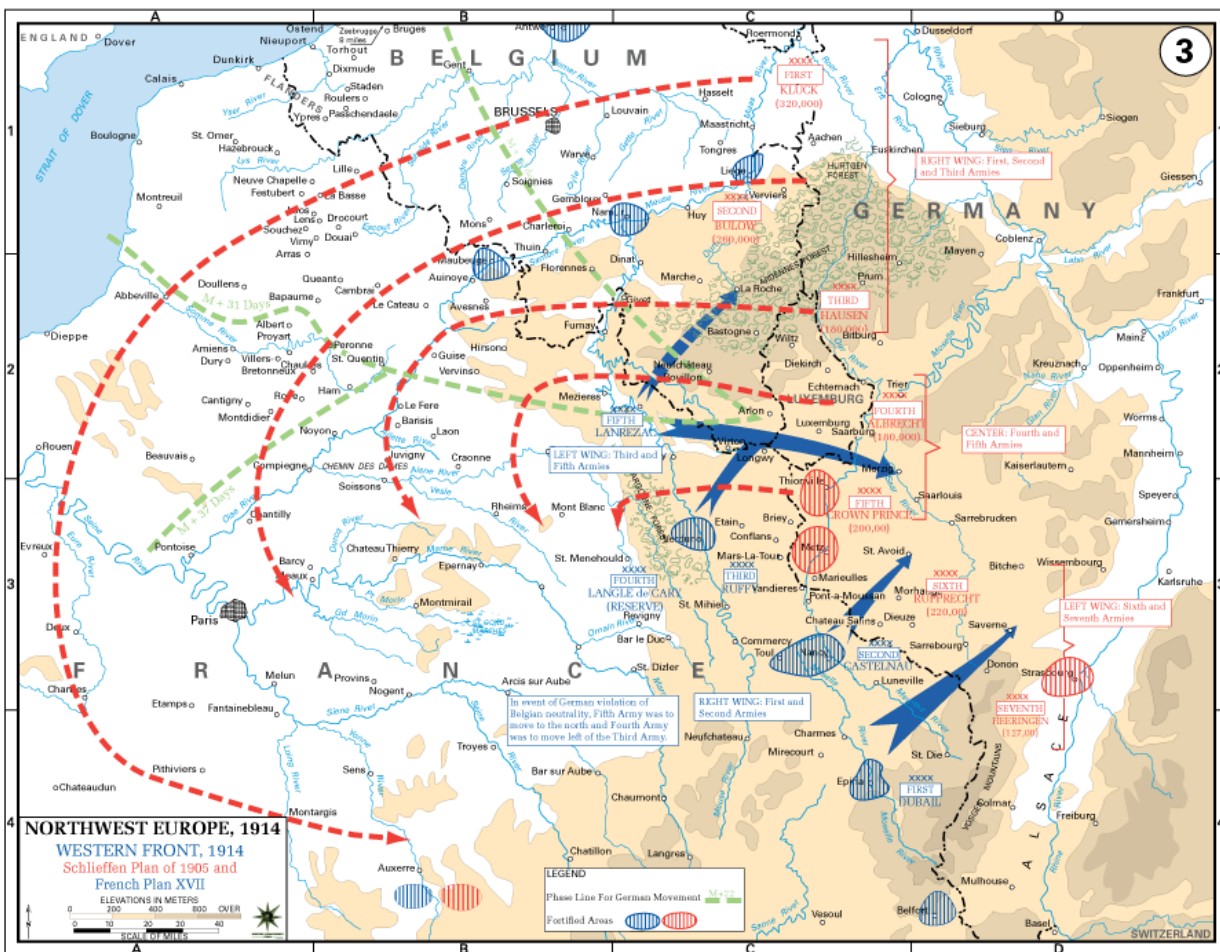
The End of the War of Mobility

Why did the Schlieffen Plan fail?

Using the maps provided and your textbooks and books from your library make notes on the points mentioned below.

(All maps courtesy of the Department of History, United States Military Academy at West Point.)

MAP 1. The Schlieffen Plan of 1905 & The French Plan XVII





1. Why did Germany attack in Belgium?

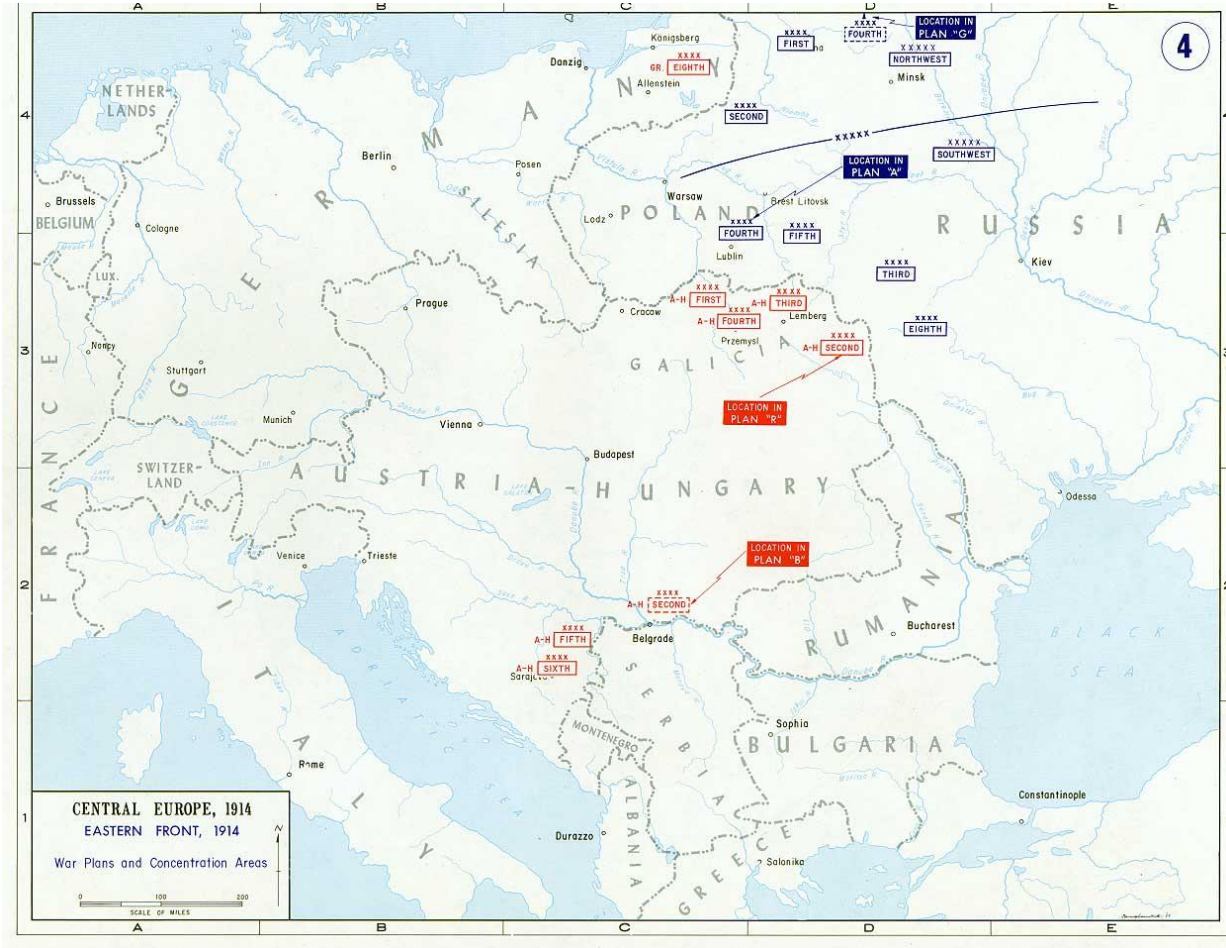
Your notes:

2. Why did Germany plan to hold Alsace- Lorraine?

Your notes:

3. What was the German view of Russia?

MAP 2. The Eastern Front, 1914 – showing war plans and concentration areas



Your notes (See MAP 2):



4. How and why did Moltke fatally adapt the Schlieffen Plan?

Your notes (See MAP 3):



5. What was the effect of the early arrival at the Front of the BEF?

Your notes (See MAP 3):

6. What was the effect of the rapidity of the Russians mobilisation?

Your notes:

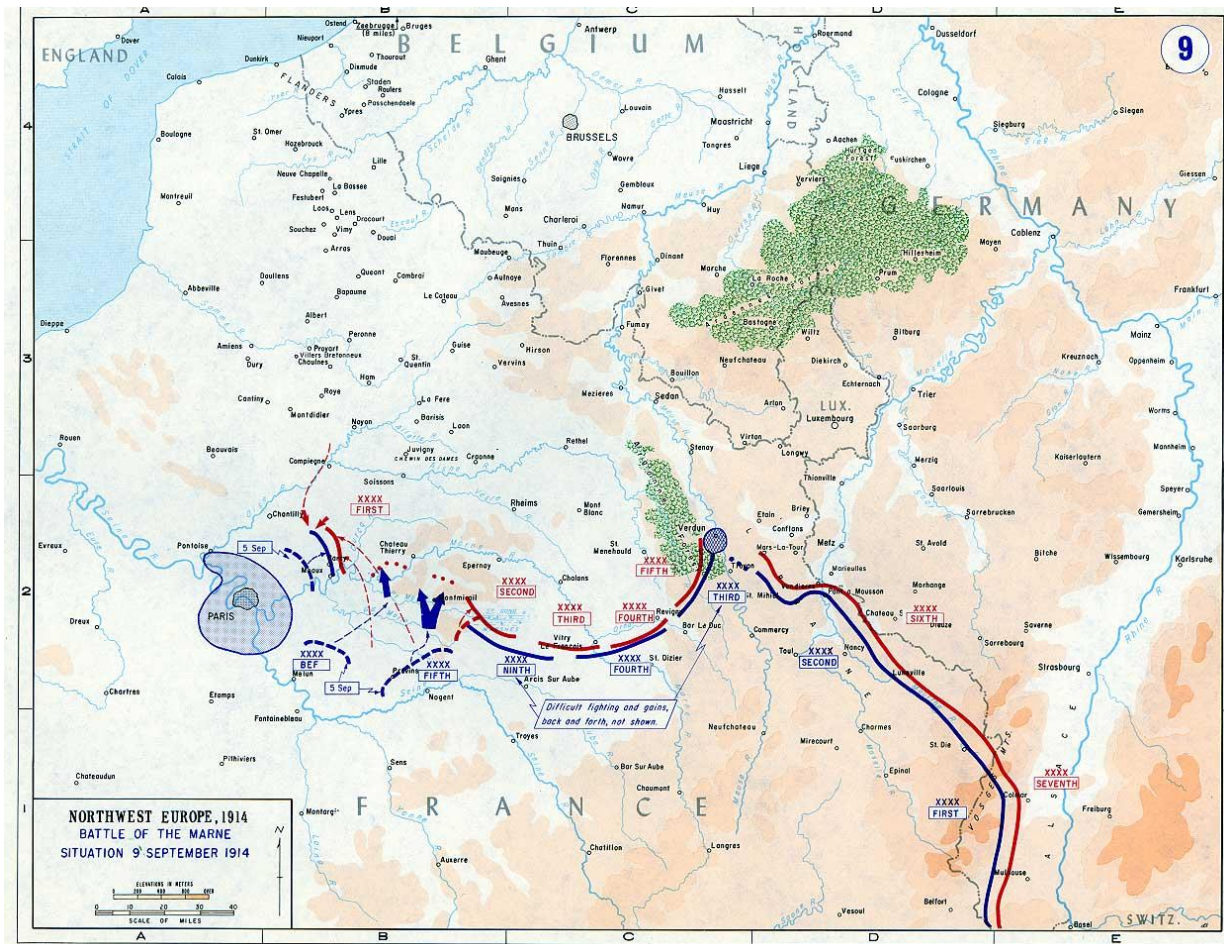
7. Why and with what effect did the French put Plan XVII into operation?

Your notes:

- To regain Alsace Lorraine.
- To demonstrate their commitment to the doctrine of the Offensive
- Helped the Germans in their plan in the north.

8. The Battle of the Marne

MAP 4. The Battle of the Marne – situation on 9/9/14





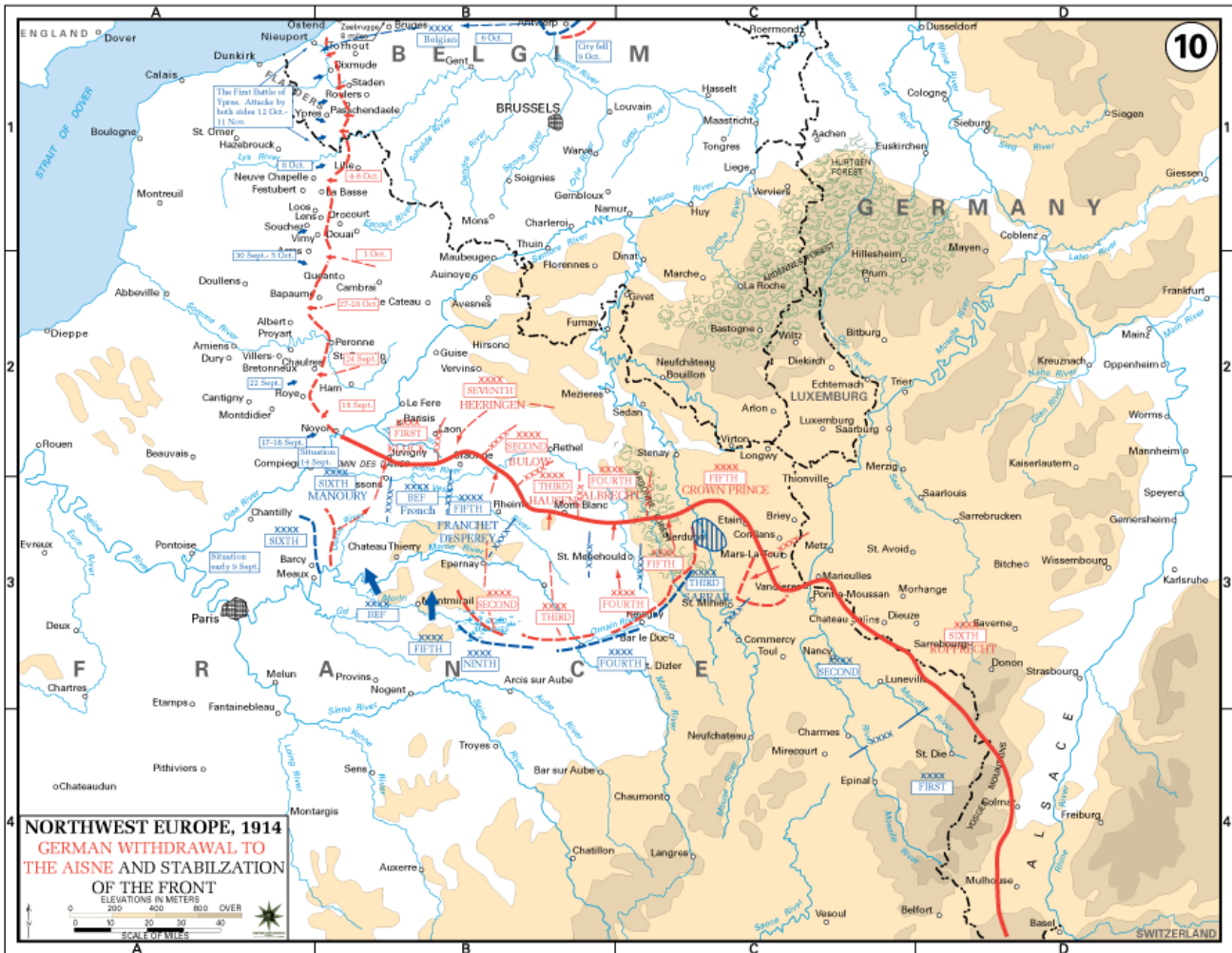
Your notes on the Battle of the Marne (See MAP 4):

9. The Battle of the Aisne and the stabilisation of the Front

Your notes on the Battle of the Aisne (See MAP 5):



MAP 5. The Battle of the Aisne and the stabilisation of the Front





10. Conclusions

Your Conclusions: Why did the German plan for a swift victory through a war of mobility fail?

Do you think that the war, despite lasting another four years, was effectively lost by the Germans in the summer/autumn of 1914?