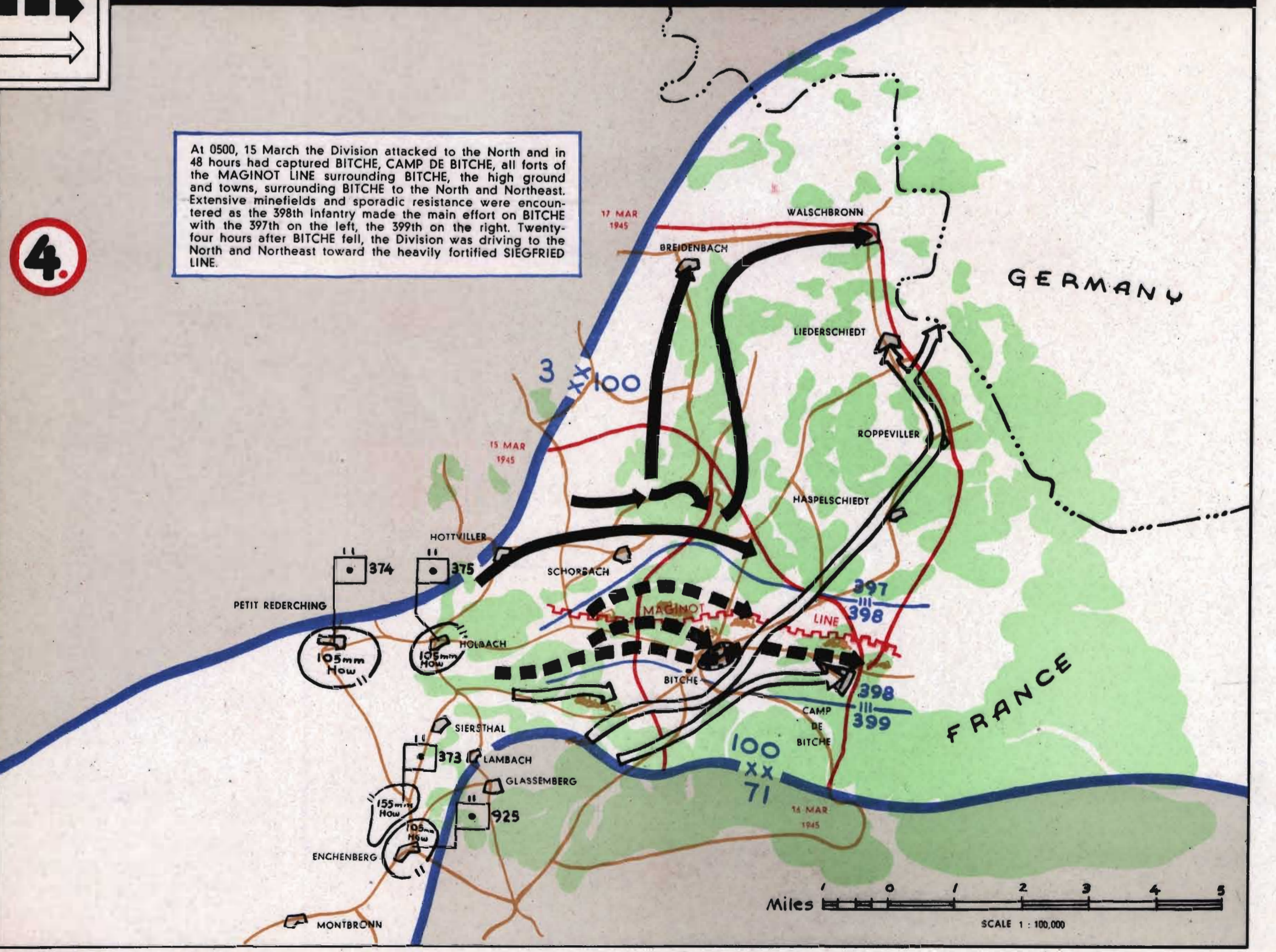
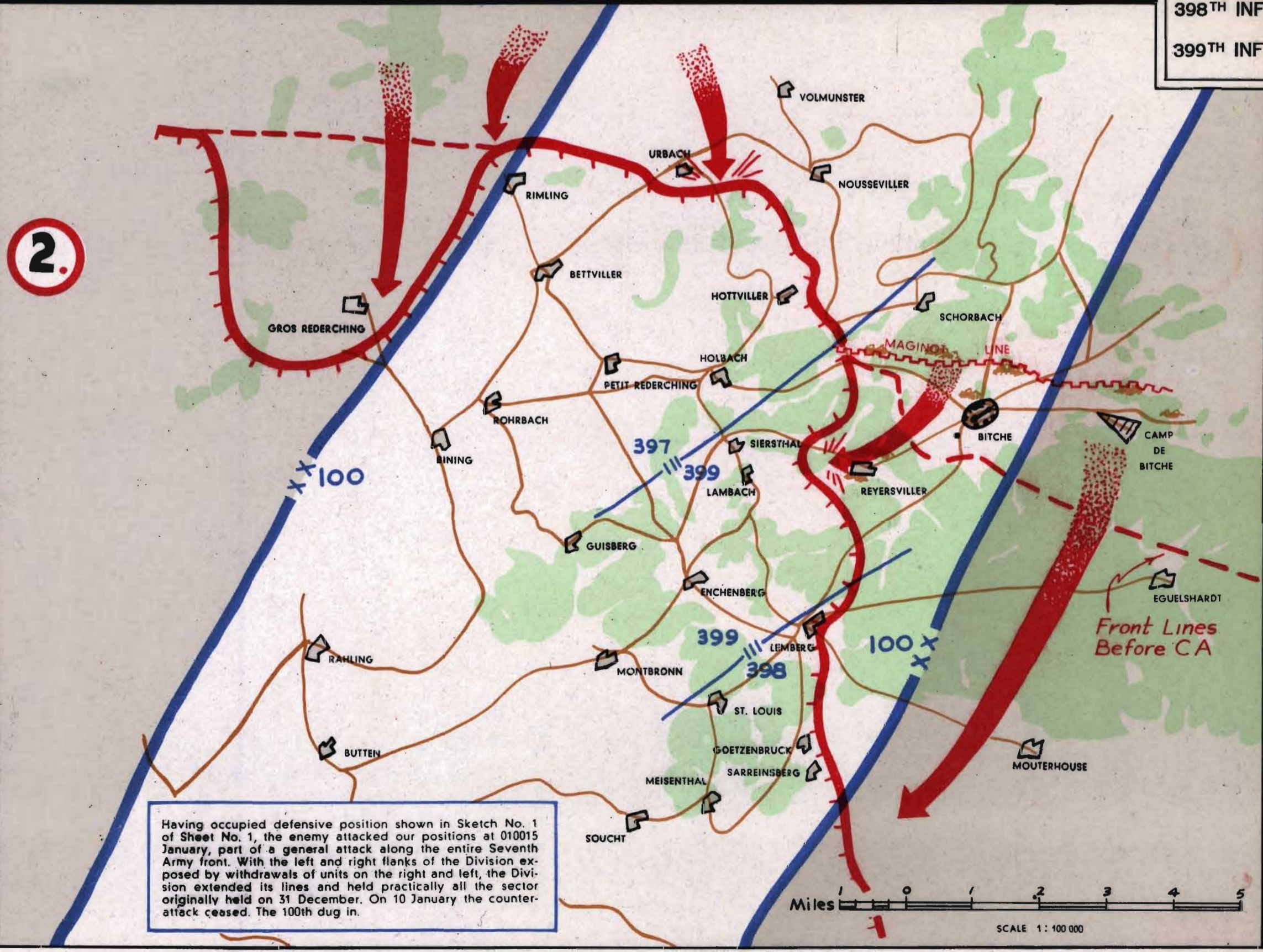
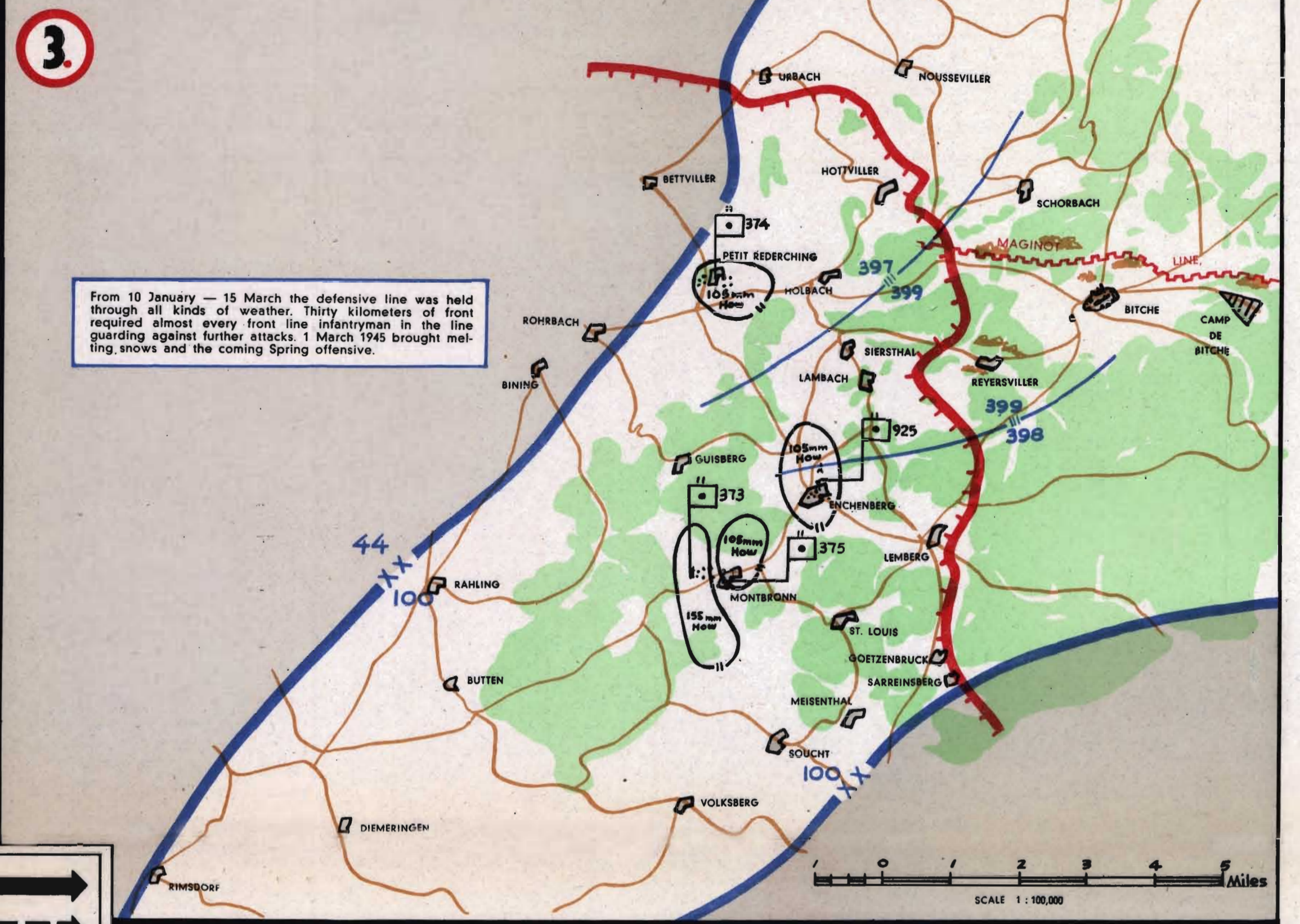
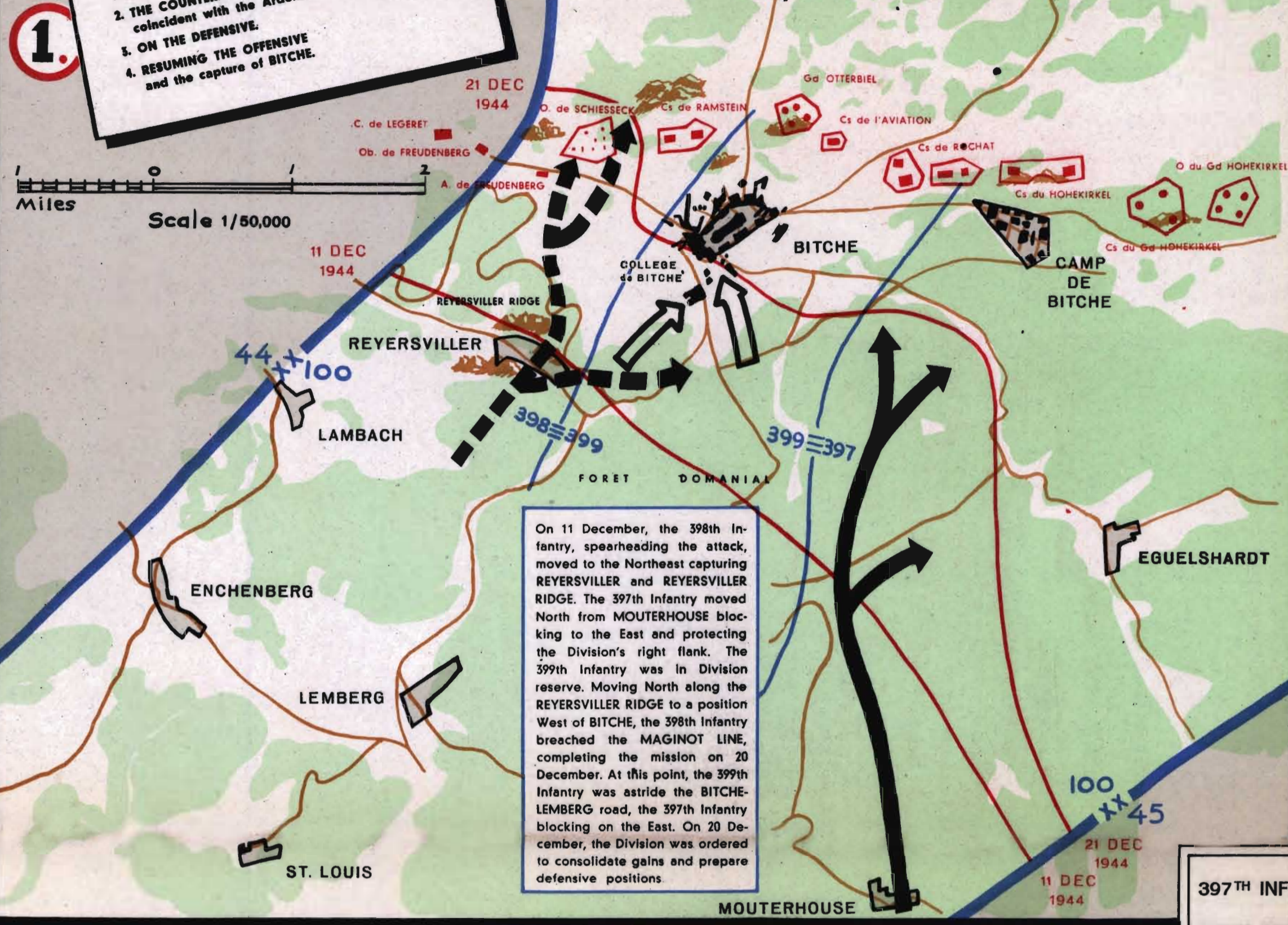


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From 11 December 1944 to 15 March 1945, BITCHE, FRANCE and its highly systematized fortifications on commanding terrain was a thorn in the side of the 100th Infantry Division. This period is described schematically in the diagrams on this page. It represents four phases of combat:

1. THE ATTACK on BITCHE.
2. THE COUNTERATTACK coincident with the Ardennes-Offensive.
3. ON THE DEFENSIVE.
4. RESUMING THE OFFENSIVE and the capture of BITCHE.



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