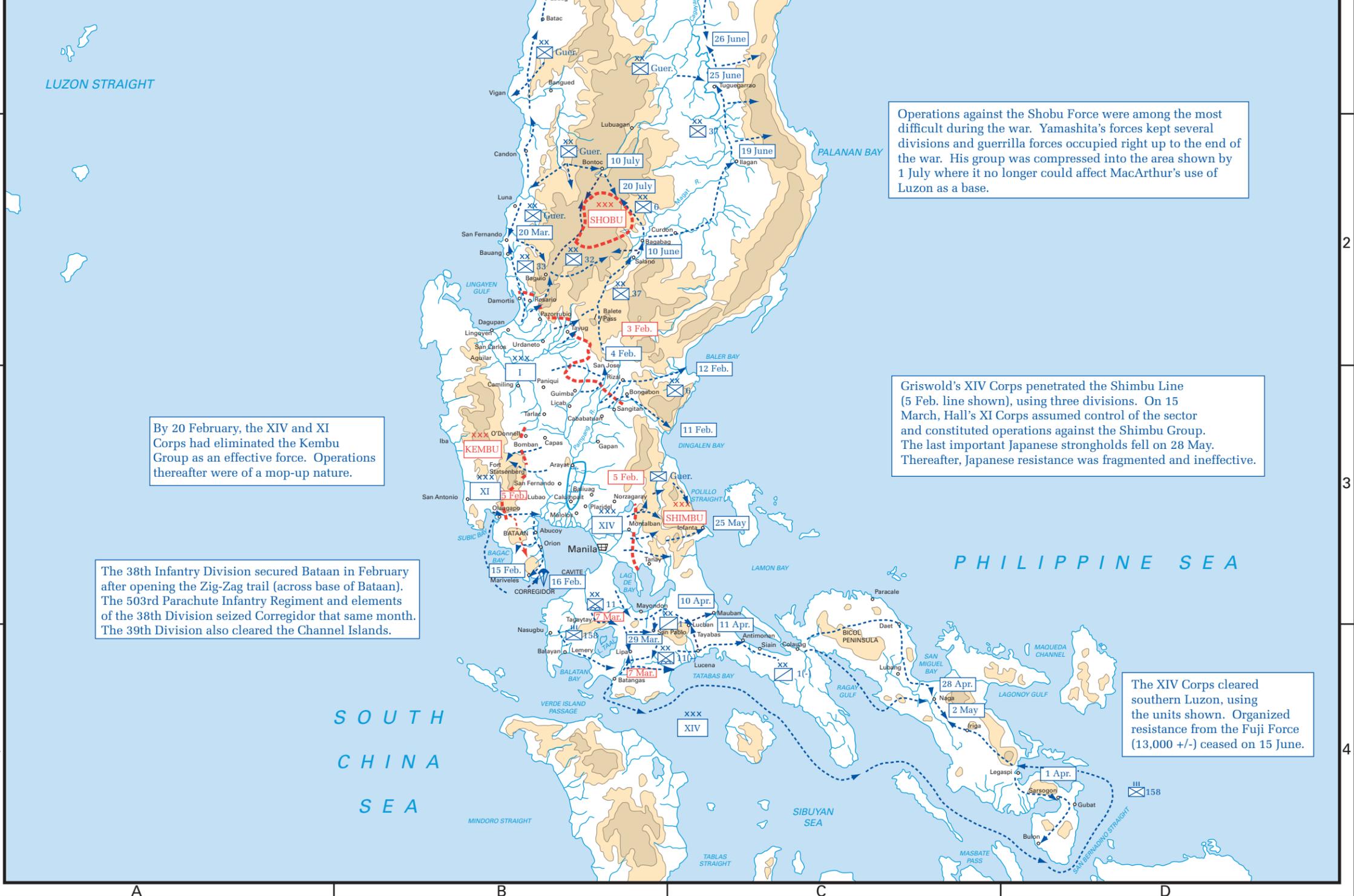
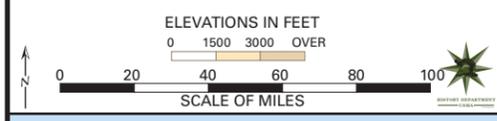


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FINAL OPERATIONS ON LUZON
 3 February - 20 July 1945



By 20 February, the XIV and XI Corps had eliminated the Kembu Group as an effective force. Operations thereafter were of a mop-up nature.

The 38th Infantry Division secured Bataan in February after opening the Zig-Zag trail (across base of Bataan). The 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment and elements of the 38th Division seized Corregidor that same month. The 39th Division also cleared the Channel Islands.

Operations against the Shobu Force were among the most difficult during the war. Yamashita's forces kept several divisions and guerrilla forces occupied right up to the end of the war. His group was compressed into the area shown by 1 July where it no longer could affect MacArthur's use of Luzon as a base.

Griswold's XIV Corps penetrated the Shimbu Line (5 Feb. line shown), using three divisions. On 15 March, Hall's XI Corps assumed control of the sector and constituted operations against the Shimbu Group. The last important Japanese strongholds fell on 28 May. Thereafter, Japanese resistance was fragmented and ineffective.

The XIV Corps cleared southern Luzon, using the units shown. Organized resistance from the Fuji Force (13,000 +/-) ceased on 15 June.