

playing, give Martin a ring or email as early as possible before the game so we can plan the numbers. If we know you are coming we can For some games we send briefings out prior to the game, so early contact means you are more likely to get a key command.

also let you know if there are any last minute changes to arrangements.

2. Hints from Bill on colouring maps

Before you start make some photo copies to experiment with because what ever method you use you will probably not feel happy with your first attempt.

Personally I use artists quality coloured pencils because water colours are likely to make the paper cockle up, and you can blend in good quality pencils.

Method.

- Imagine the light source is coming from the top left hand corner of each sheet.
- colour the sides of the high ground which get the light in yellow.
- colour the sides in shadow in a brown or grey.
- colour river valleys and low lying ground in light green
- You can add a bit of red to the summits.
- Rub over the whole thing with tissue paper or something to blend the colours together a bit.
- Colour forest areas in a mid/dark green. (Do this after 6 so that the forest areas do not get blurred.
- Rivers in blue. Roads in red? Personally I prefer not to colour the roads in as it detracts from the landscape feel (and saves a lot of time)
- It is a good idea to go through all the sheets with one step before you go onto the next so that you retain more consistency from one sheet to the next.
- You may find it helps to keep the pencil marks going in the same direction - more or less- for the hills. You can't do this for the valleys and forests - and it probably does not make an awful lot of difference anyway.

3. New map CD from Bill & other kriegsspiel titles available

As mentioned above, Bill is offering CDs of the Metz maps for £15. The original maps were 100 A3 sheets. The CD includes them all as 50 A4 sheets, each containing 2 of the original map sections. There are also 4 background maps on the whole area around Metz. All of the main map sections are coloured. The background maps are b&w.

A sample of one of the 50 double-sheets is attached.

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Depending on demand, Bill is thinking of putting the Meckel map, and the Koeniggratz/Sadowa maps on CD. All these would also be in colour. The Meckel maps would include the additional map sections Bill produced some years back.

Bill is pretty low on stock these days but, in addition, still has the following titles available:

- ★ Supplement to the existing rules, Berlin war games Group, 1828 - £6.00.
- ★ An Introduction to Kriegsspiel, W von Tschischwitz – 1862 £6.00
- ★ Rules for the Conduct of the War Game, W von Tschischwitz, 1872 - £8.00 (photo copy of British Army translation)
- ★ Kriegsspiel – A Sample Game, Hauptmann Schmidt, 1873 - £5.00
- ★ Rules for the Conduct of the War Game, 1884 (photo copy of British Army Translation)- £6.00
- ★ The Reisswitz Story (Five articles from the Militar Wochenblatt) - £5.00
- ★ The Kriegsspiel Bibliography – free via email