

# War Maps and How to Use Them

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THE present war is of such a portentous nature that every school pupil should have the details of it so indelibly fixed in the mind that it will be one of the pleasures of later life to rehearse its events to a generation yet unborn. In no way can the events be better followed from day to day in all their details than by the use of a suitable war map on the walls of the school.

It is the purpose of this article to discuss the most suitable maps to purchase and also how to utilise them to the greatest advantage.

The number of maps of the war region to-day is overwhelming, and yet the number that are really useful for schools is rather limited. No part of the world has been so thoroughly and repeatedly mapped as the regions in which the war is focussed. The most elaborate maps issued are those of the military departments of the several governments. Germany has prepared military maps of its own empire and that of adjoining countries that are models of their kind. They are in six colours and show not only rivers, mountains, cities, towns and villages, but every road, house, forest and landmark of any kind. Different kinds of roads are distinguished by different markings. These are issued in many sheets to cover the country. France, Belgium, Russia, Austria and England have similar maps. These are the maps the military officers in the fields use. The maps produced by the foreign countries would be of little use to us, for the names we give to many of the largest cities are quite different from those by which they are known in the country itself.

A map to be useful for school purposes requires a good deal of detail in the names as the official reports issued from day to day mention chiefly small places. The following are among the best:

(1) Bartholomew's Map of Central Europe. This is the most useful single map of moderate price covering the battlefields on both the east and west sides. It has great detail in the names of places, hence the names are printed rather small. It includes all the war region of France and Belgium, all of Germany, Poland, and part of Austria. It does not include Bukowina, Serbia, or the extreme north-east of East Prussia.

(2) War Maps issued by *The Daily Telegraph*. There are six of them issued and numbers 4, 5 and 6 are the ones that I recommend above all others for school work. Number 4 deals with the western area; number 5 with the eastern area; and number 6 with Egypt, Asia Minor and Persia. The railroads, mountains, rivers, canals and main roads are conspicuously marked and these are all of great importance in war.