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Weather and war! As weather may very profoundly influence human affairs, it may also greatly affect the executions of military operations. Fog, that quiet, gray element, may be of the highest importance on the outcome of battles. This is because, under its veil, the movements, especially of the attacking side, may be made unseen by the defenders. It cuts down visibility thus interfering with the operations of airplanes, the firing of the artillery, and also renders reconnaissance very difficult. Napoleon returning from Egypt was enabled to get by Nelson's fleet only by aid of the friendly fog. It has been said that arrangements were made to blow his vessel up were she about to be captured.

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