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Weather and gas warfare! Weather affects all operations of war and some weapons, but no weapons so much as chemical agents. Named in order, the weather elements most influential are wind, precipitation, temperature, pressure, clouds and humidity. Poisonous gases are used for their physiological effects on the enemy, smokes for screening operations, and incendiary agents for starting fires. It is easily seen that in using any one of these three the weather situation at the time may be immensely important — favorable at the time for one side, and at another time for the other. In general, since wind is the most important factor and is prevailingly west, armies to the west have the advantage as far as gas is concerned.

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