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Training Manual in Topography, Map Reading, and Reconnaissance

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Createspace, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.An excerpt from the introductory: 1. So important is the influence of the lay of the land upon military operations that every officer must thoroughly acquaint himself at the earliest practicable moment with the topography of the area within which his responsibilities lie. 2. A mere knowledge of the main roads, of the direction and distances to near-by towns is by no means sufficient. He must know where the plains are, where the hills rise, how the streams run. He must have a mental picture, a bird s-eye view, impressed on his brain of the main physical and military features of his territory. 3. The faculty for grasping the topography of an area as a whole is rarely a natural one. To the beginner in the study of topography every hill is an isolated feature - the elevations and depressions of ground present to him nothing but irregularity and confusion. 4. As a matter of fact, there is a considerable degree of regularity and system in our present-day ground forms. Whatever may have been the irregularity and confusion...



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