PREDICTIVE PROBABILITY MODEL FOR AMERICAN CIVIL WAR FORTIFICATIONS USING A GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM

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There is no talent more essential to an officer than that of seizing at a glance the strong and weak points of a position. This talent, known by the name of the *Military coup d’œil*, can be acquired alone by practice and study; for whatever may be said of natural gifts, no apprehension, however quick it may be, can supply the places of these indispensable requisites in every art and in no one are they more so than in the *Military Art*.

D. H. Mahan, *A Treatise on Field Fortification*, 138