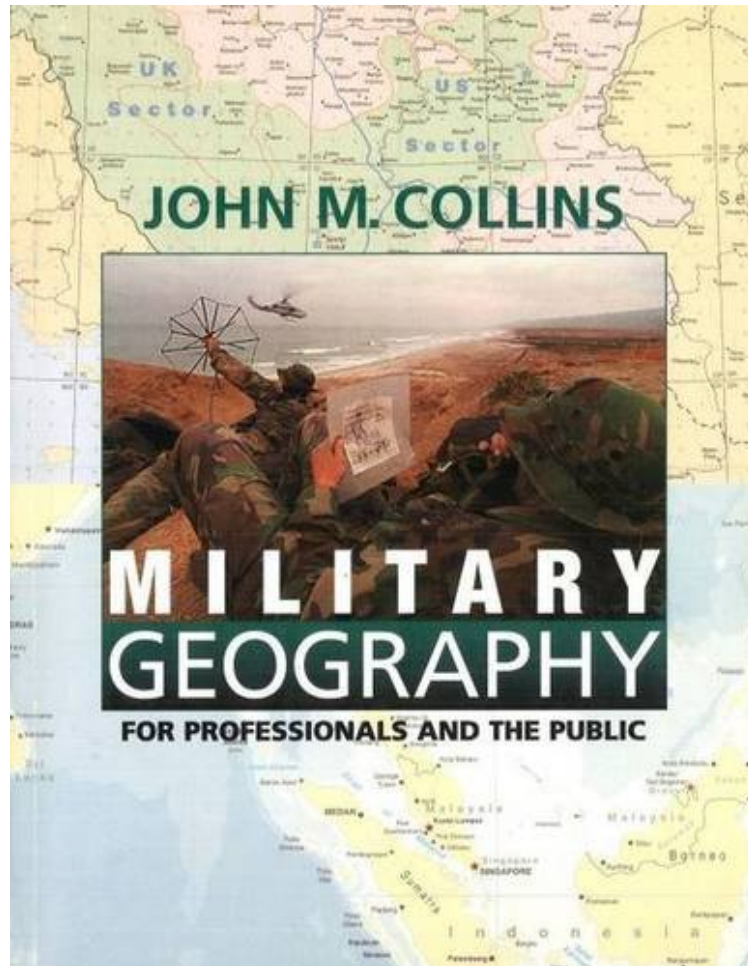


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John M Collins : Military Geography: For Professionals and the Public (Association of the United States Army S) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Military Geography: For Professionals and the Public (Association of the United States Army S):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fine book for the very basic concepts of military geography By steven s. Fine book for the very basic concepts of military geography. This is more of a classroom textbook than a study of military history. 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Goes Way Beyond Hold the High Ground By John Matlock Any amateur reader of military science and history knows a few maxims of military geography -- hold the high ground and let the enemy come to you for instance. But that is not the way that a professional military officer/geographer knows about the military aspects of geography. This book is an extremely interesting mix of general discussion about military geography combined with detailed discussions of the situation at

specific places where the US military has had to go. Of particular interest to me was the chapter on the beaches in Normandy. Among all the descriptions of the physical geography is a description of the obstacles (which modify geography) such as beach fortifications. In talking about these his comment is: 'The aggregate could best be described as awesome.' This leads on to the construction of airfields in Normandy in the days after D-Day, seven airfields were operational by D+20. I suspect that the military has books and courses on geography for their own use, but for the amateur interested in the details about military geography I can't recommend this book to highly. 13 of 15 people found the following review helpful. ***Terrain and the 9 Grounds*** By T.A.L. DozerSun Tzu the greatest military strategist to ever live dedicated two complete scrolls to the use of geography in warfare. The two scrolls were (translated) "Terrain" and the second was "Nine Grounds". Today the outcome of all major conflicts are determined with a list of various factors one of those being geography. Knowing the "lay of the land" is a major asset to a tactician, knowing the "land" enables a planner to estimate probable courses of actions the enemy may take and how he may counter this move while using all available assets to his advantage, like the local geography. This includes every element from the weather, season, night, day, terrain, and that is to name but a few. The book covers topics from sea states to atmosphere as well as outer space and moon conditions. The book uses historical events to promote the topic by illustrating the events outcome due to some overlooked or advantages geographical condition. This book is not just for some planning officer at corps level but is an awesome primer for squad leaders and specialty troops like scouts, snipers and Special Forces operators. The book is also quite a good read for the armchair historian. The content of the book is put together excellent, the text, illustrations, and pictures are crisp and clear. The book is also oversized which makes it easier to read and handle. As a final note if you own this book, or like this topic I also recommend; "Battling The Elements" by Harold A. Winters.

This book covers many topics that are crucial to military planning but often receive only passing mention in histories or briefings. Collins, a former Army officer, stresses land geography, but he does not stint oceans, the atmosphere, or interplanetary space. His discussions of urban areas are too brief, given the increasing amount of large-scale violence in cities since the end of World War II.

"This effort to reduce the widespread American ignorance concerning geography--and particularly military geography--is admirable and welcome. Any failure to either exploit geographic advantages or compensate for geographic disadvantages means simply rolling the dice with destiny." "John Collins, who has spent his lifetime studying the military, has written a geography book that will become a bible for military planners, strategists, and tacticians." "This book is a must read for those who aspire to military command and those who seek to understand success and failure in war." "A thorough understanding of military geography is essential for true military professionals if they are to excel at the art and science of war. Every warrior should read, reread, and above all understand this landmark book on a long-neglected topic." "The author brings a unique contribution of scholarship and real world experience to this superbly crafted, comprehensive work on military geography. Whether on foot, afloat, or at 30,000 feet above the surface, the book brings operational relevance to all the interactions." "John Collins has been there, done it, and written the book. This is military geography by a well-versed practitioner. My students will now have the book they crave, one that military as well as civilian scholars everywhere can respect and trust." "Required reading for policy makers, military planners, commanders and staff officers of all levels." About the Author John M. Collins is a retired U.S. Army colonel and a distinguished visiting research fellow at the National Defense University. Collins culminated his military career as the director of military strategy studies and then as chief of the Strategic Research Group at the National War College. He was subsequently the senior specialist in national defense at the Congressional Research Service for twenty-four years. Collins has written twelve books and numerous monographs, including Strategy: Principles, Practices, and Historical Perspectives. He lives in Alexandria, Virginia.