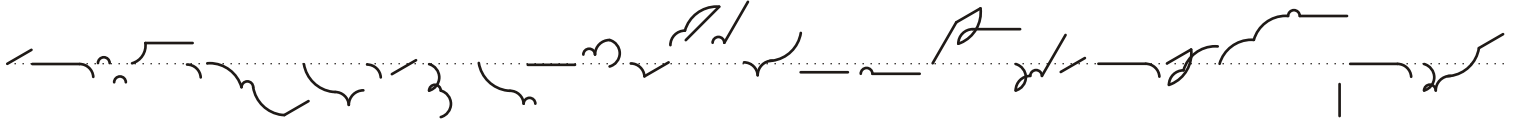
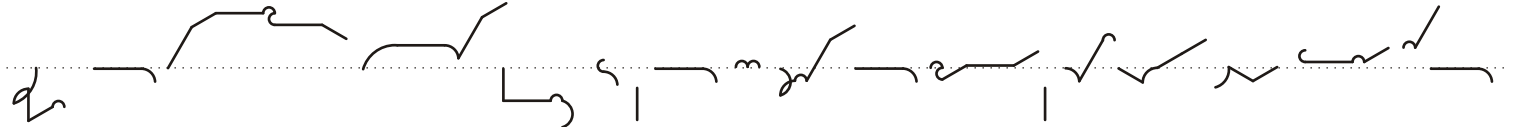


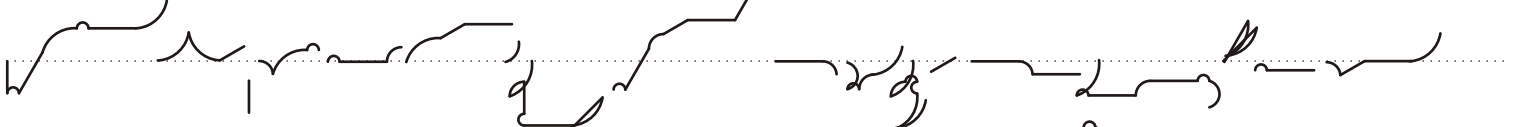
desperate situation. He has burned his boats, broken his cooking pots and like a boy herding a flock of sheep he has driven his men to and fro



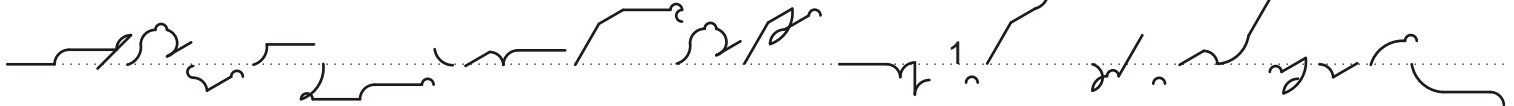
so that no one but he knows where he is going. When to enrage his army and hurl it into desperate ground is the supreme moment of the general's



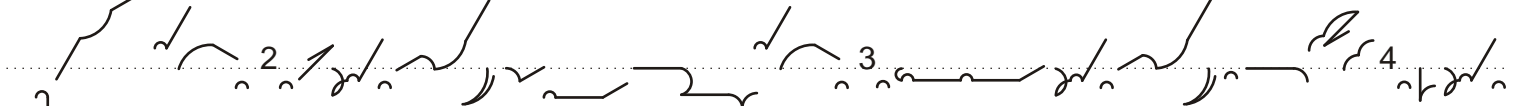
profession. The distinctive methods fitting each of the nine grounds, the necessities of hidden versus obvious actions and the



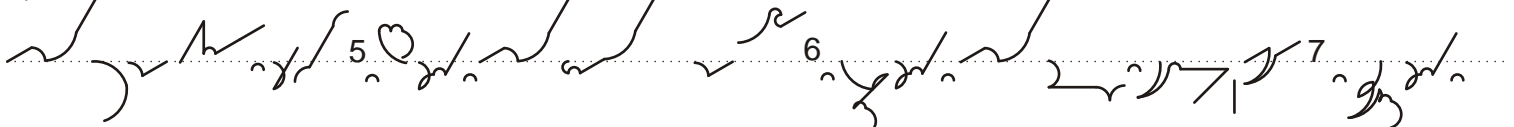
fundamental laws of human nature must be perfectly understood. The general principle is that penetrating deeply into hostile



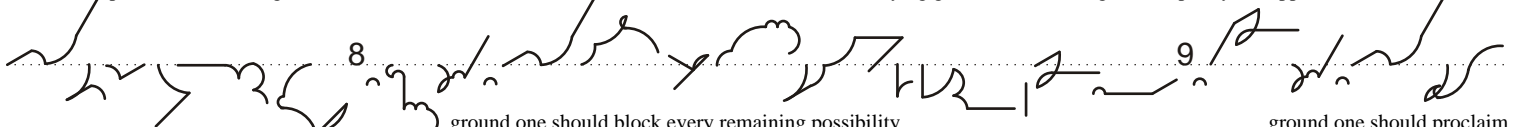
territory brings cohesion but penetration a short distance brings dispersion. Therefore, 1 On disbanding ground one should inspire his men with



2 On easy ground one should unifying idealism and move on. pull his units together and move on. 3 On contentious ground one should pull in the army's rear. 4 On free ground one



5 On joining ground one should consolidate his alliances. should keep his defenses in good order. 6 On worrying ground one should gather in plenty of supplies. 7 On perplexing ground one



8 On confining ground one should block every remaining possibility for flight of separate units. 9 On desperate ground one should proclaim



to his soldiers that their lives are over. For it is the nature of men to become filled with obstinate resistance when



trapped, to kill when they have no alternative and promptly obey when they have fallen into danger. One can't form alliances with other