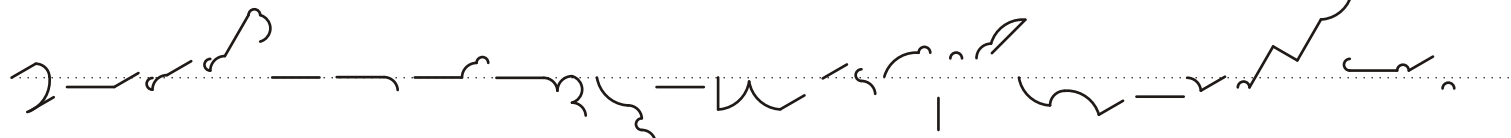


run down gradients, and in its flow go around what is solid and move into empty places. An army of men is like water, as each drop of a river



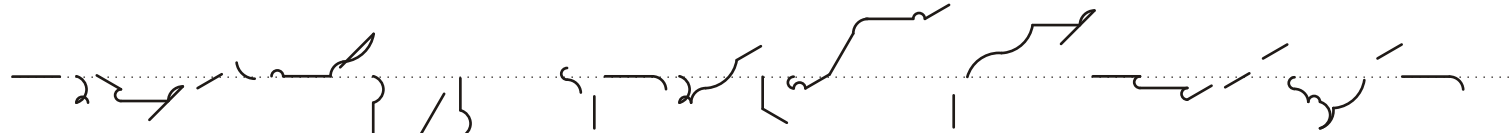
shapes its course according to the terrain through which it flows, so each man of an army works out his individual actions in



relation to the foe whom he sees immediately before him. Flowing water doesn't have a constant shape; likewise in a



battle everything is always changing. The man who is able to take this into account and modify his tactics while facing an opponent



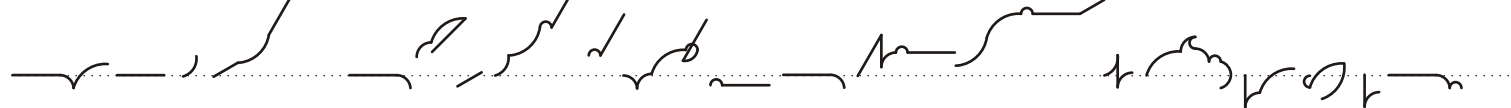
to gain victory, is a naturally gifted fighter. Each of the general's five considerations of military tactics is as changeable as the



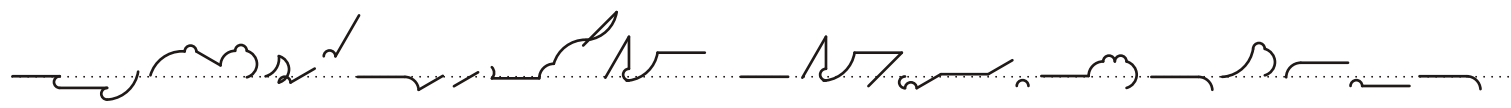
heavens; hot or cold, dry or wet, still or windy, the days long or short and the moon full lit or dark.



CHAPTER 7 Maneuvering In a war, the general receives his privilege of command from his people's government; then he collects men and trains



them to be soldiers. The army is blended and harmonized into the different elements before marching from camp, for then



tactical maneuvering begins and this is extremely difficult. The difficulty consists in turning the long route into the



quickest one and the unanticipated happenings into advantages. To take an indirect route and in so doing lure the enemy out of the way