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### AGAIN ON BATTLE OF DIDGORI

The battle of Didgori represented an ambush against the marching column of the Muslim army. Didgori battle has already been analyzed so far. The article is focused on general tendencies of warfare in David the Builder's era. Such tendencies have influenced tactical specificities of the Georgian army. In most cases the combat operations were small scale and characterized by guerrilla warfare. In large-scale field battles the preference was given to unexpected attacks over classical battles.

When analyzing the Chronicler's references, our attention was attracted to the word "Camp". Based on the definition provided by Sulikhan-Saba Orbeliani's Dictionary, two meanings of "camp" were identified. Non-classical character of the battle of Didgori is specified by taking into account the combat operations and general tactical tendencies, as well as the information provided by the Historian of David.