

enemy to insult by repeated attacks upon its advanced piquets night after night. This *petit guerre* kept the army in constant alarm and subjected the troops to vexatious fatigues, unremitting duty, and multiplied exposures, which prevented them from taking their necessary repose. When an enemy exhibits great military talents, we are disposed to allow him all the credit due in a martial point of view, even when by artful deceptions and judicious management with a force inferior he was enabled to apparently check the offensive operations of our army and compel it to place itself in a position entirely defensive."*

* Medical History of the War, pp. 94-6.

