

And what was Dement's battery doing all this time ? The following extracts from the official reports of General Ewell, Colonel J. Thompson Brown, General Edward Johnson and the brave boy, Major Latimer, beloved by all, will show :

General R. S. Ewell thus speaks of the section of Dement's battery commanded by Lieutenant C. S. Contee :

Lieutenant C. S. Contee's section of Dement's battery was placed in short musket range of the enemy on June 15, and maintained its position till thirteen of the sixteen men in the two detachments were killed or wounded, when Lieutenant John A. Morgan, of the First North Carolina Infantry, and Lieutenant R. H. McKim, aide-de-camp to Brigadier-General George H. Steuart, volunteered and helped to work the guns till the surrender of the enemy. The following are the names of the gallant men belonging to this section :

FIRST GUN — Sergeant John G. Harris, Corporals William P. Compton, Samuel Thompson, Privates Robert Chew, William Koester, Welsh Owens, Charles Pease, A. James Albert, Jr., William T. Wootton, John R. Yates, Jr., H. J. Langsdale and John R. Buchanan.

SECOND GUN — Sergeant John E. Glasscocke, Corporals William H. May and Charles Harris, Privates Thomas Moore, William Gorman, F. Frayer, William W. Wilson, Samuel Thomas, R. T. Richardson, William Sherburne, James Owens, William Dallam and Joseph Mockabee.

Colonel Brown, acting chief of artillery, recommends Lieutenant Contee for promotion to the Captaincy of the Chesapeake Artillery, vice Captain W. D. Brown, a most gallant and valuable officer, killed at Gettysburg.

Extract from official report of Colonel J. Thompson Brown, Chief of Artillery :

On the morning of the 15th Lieutenant-Colonel R. S. Andrews, with Dement's and sections from Raine's and Carpenter's batteries, had a sharp engagement with the enemy's infantry, who were retreating on the road toward Charlestown, by Jordan's Springs. Great credit is due the officers and men for the spirited and determined manner with which they fought the enemy's infantry at close quarters. Especial credit is due Lieutenant C. S. Contee, of Captain W. F. Dement's battery, and the section under his command. Lieutenant Contee is recommended for promotion to a Captaincy for gallantry on this occasion, and I ask that he be ordered to the command of the Chesapeake Artillery, made vacant by the death of Captain W. D. Brown. Sergeants John G. Harris and J. E. Glasscocke, and Corporals William P. Compton, Samuel Thompson and William H. May, of this section, are much to be praised for their coolness and bravery on this occasion. . . . Lieutenant-Colonel Andrews and Lieutenant Contee were both wounded. The battery lost five killed and fourteen wounded.