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some artillerists of Chew's Maryland bat-
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lery battalion. Lieut. McElroy, of the
Washingtonians, handled the cannoneers,
about 25 in number. About the same time
20 men of Thomas' Confederate brigade
and 25 of Harris' Mississippians joined the
garrison, swelling it, according to the best
accounts, to 214. Lieut. Snow commanded
Lane's men and J. H. Duncan led the de-
tachment from Harris' brigade. Gen. Har-
ris, with the bulk of his brigade, occupied
Fort Whitworth, a companion to Gregg.
Before leaving Fort Gregg to its fate
Gen. Lane sent in twenty-five rounds of
artillery ammunition and ordered Snow to
hold it to the last. At that time the Union
guns were firing upon the little citadel,
which was a slight earthwork with low
parapet, over the top of which its own can-
non were discharged. At 10 o'clock, by a
mistaken order probably, the cannon of
Fort Whitworth were sent to the rear, and
as this act was witnessed by the Union
troops in front, the charge was sounded to
attack the isolated batteries, Whitworth
and Gregg. The assailants numbered 5,000
and were led by Gen. John Gibbon. Gregg
stood first in the way and felt the brunt of
the onslaught.

The cannoneers in Gregg stood to their
guns gallantly. Three men were shot
dead, one after another, in the attempt to
discharge a single piece. When the assail-
ants reached within forty yards the infan-
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