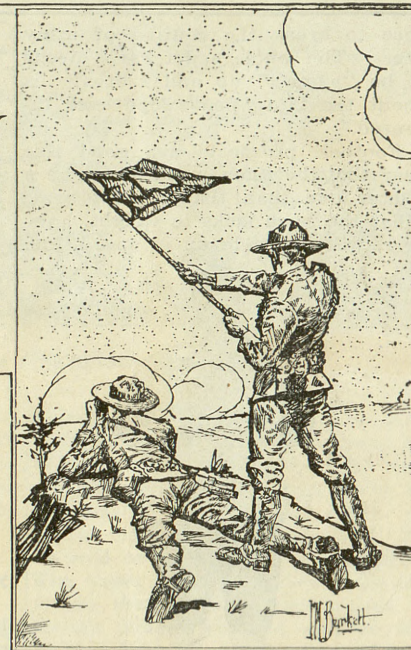




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PHYSICIAN REPLIES TO CRITICISM

Denies That Sick Men Were Neglected Either in Attention, Medicine or Food. Says that Supplies were Telegraphed For From San Antonio and that Red Cross Aid Was Not Refused

BARRACKS FIVE.

The action of the county council of defense and several other prominent and patriotic citizens in bringing to the attention of the war department the horrible conditions existing at College is to be highly commended. From time to time rumors of maltreatment of the sick soldiers had sifted out, but there was no action taken in the matter. Citizens and members of the Red Cross visited "Barracks Five" and returned with tales that would sicken the staunchest heart. They told of the unsanitary conditions and the lack of care and attention.

It is said that one boy was given up for dead and a sheet drawn over his form. His uncle came to see how he was getting along and discovered signs of life and being unable to get a doctor worked all night over the boy. The "corpse" recovered and is now fast getting well. Other boys begged the uncle to work with them and he did start to treat several but was stopped by someone in authority.

Permission has been refused the local Red Cross to nurse the military sick, although the government has ordered them to go into these camps and cantonments and do what they can to relieve the situation. Persons who have volunteered their aid have been told that they could do nothing. Parents who have asked to remove their boys to the local hospital have been told that this could not be done.

It is too late to try and remedy the present situation by getting a new hospital built. The harm has been done and 20 corpses have been sent from Barracks Five to homes where darkened shades are drawn and where mothers and sis-

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CAPT. GIBSON'S STATEMENT.

The following statement was given out today by the acting surgeon John F. Gibson, Captain M. C., in reply to editorial and article in Bryan Eagle:

1. The statement that a boy "died" and was resuscitated by his uncle and that no physician was available all night is incorrect.

2. The local Red Cross aid was not refused, no such aid was offered till noon Thursday and was then accepted.

3. Regarding refusal of authorities to allow removal of sick soldiers to civilian hospital in Bryan. Attention is called to the fact that the Bryan Hospital is entirely inadequate to care for the sick in Bryan in the present epidemic.

4. At the time the editorial was written the deaths were only thirteen not twenty as stated. It is probable that the Eagle knew of only eleven deaths. Only three of these deaths occurred in barracks five, and these men took a turn for the worse very suddenly and were too ill to be moved. All the other deaths occurred in the College Hospital.

5. The statement that any man went eighteen hours without nourishment and that there was no ice water is incorrect.

6. The man who died partially clothed is the same one who was too ill to move. He was taken so suddenly and dangerously ill that it was considered dangerous to try to remove his clothes at this time. Everything possible was done for him.

7. Regarding lack of care and attention of the men everything was done which was possible under the circumstances. Needed supplies were telegraphed for from San An-

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MAJOR IKE ASHBURN SEVERELY WOUNDED

ANSWERED COUNTRY'S FIRST CALL AND ROSE RAPIDLY—POPULAR WITH MEN AND OFFICERS.

Major Ike Ashburn, for three years publicity secretary of the College, and one of the most popular men ever identified with the institution, was seriously wounded in action Sept. 14, according to advices which his relatives in the state have



MAJ. IKE ASHBURN.

received from the adjutant general's department. No particulars were given in the telegram further than that his injuries were serious.

His battalion formed part of a review of American troops through the streets of Liverpool on July 4, as they were en route to France, and Major Ashburn was among the officers whom the lord mayor of Liverpool entertained at lunch that day.

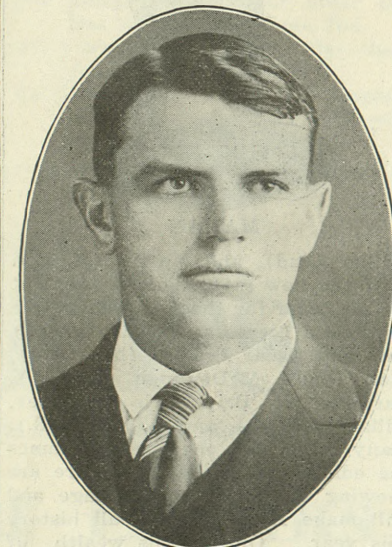
Upon arrival in France he was detailed to a field officers school for a period of final instructions and had been in action only a few days when he was wounded. His many friends here and throughout the state will hope for his early recovery.

ATHLETIC OUTLOOK AT A. & M. FOR 18-19

TEAM LIGHT BUT FAST—SOME GOOD GAMES WILL BE SEEN—PLAY ARMY TEAMS DURING OCTOBER.

War time and the converting of the cadet corps into an S. A. T. C. unit has had a great effect upon athletics this year at A. & M. for schedules, time for practice, eligibility rules and many other changes have had to be made.

On account of S. A. T. C. rulings, no college games are permitted during the month of October but this does not mean that A. & M. fans will not see plenty of football this month. Contracts have been made with several army teams to fill the October dates and as soon as this present wave of sickness is over,



TUBBY GRAVES
All Southwestern Aggie Coach.

the quarantine lifted, and matters commence running smoothly once more, plenty of football will be had

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