BARRACKS FIVE.

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ters and wives weep around a silent

It is hard to say who was responsible for this condition, but there is no doubt that gross incompetency has been shown. If this were the fault of the military authorities at College then scalps should fall and commissions should be rescinded. Aid should have been secured at any cost during such a crisis. One of the first duties taught an officer is that it is "always his duty under any circumstances and conditions to look after and safeguard the comfort and safety of his men." This has not

been done.
"Libby prison with all of its horrors was no worse than the condition of Barracks Five at College," tion of Barracks Five at College," said a prominent local minister yesterday. When asked what he meant by such a statement the divine unfolded a tale of local conditions at the military camp that was unbelieveable. In this one cantonement, constructed of pine and with a tar-paper roof," the minister continued, "there were over 150 sick men. Few of them had pilliws on which to lay their heads and there were practically no sheets. None of them had bed shirts until the local were practically no sheets. None of them had bed shirts until the local Red Cross supplied them.

'The poor fellows were in a pitiable condition. One told me that on one occasion they had had nothing to eat for 18 hours. The sanitary condition was beyond description. There was no ice water with which they might halp to abote their favor. they might help to abate their fever. Another minister, also well known,

on Tuesady was approached by the editor of The Eagle and asked if he had visited the military camp and what the conditions were there.

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"They are beyond description," he answered. "Last night a poor soldier boy died there. He did not have a pillow for his head nor a sheet under his body. His bed dress was his uniform and thus he died with his poor mother sitting there looking on. When I went home I threw myself on my bed and went like a baby at remembrance of wept like a baby at remembrance of the sights which confronted me."

This is the situation that has existed at the military camp at College. Someone is responsible for this condition and some one should be made liable for it. It is too late for reparation. The damage has been done and through lack of care and attention our soldier hows have been done and through lack of care and attention our soldier boys have been allowed to die. Competent statements from leading citizens and members of the local Red Cross who have visited the camp all tend to show that conditions there have been most deplorable.

There is no excuse for such neglect and those who are in charge should be held to a strict accountary becoming somewhat riotous. At last one noisy member got up and turning to his opponent, exclaimed:

"Sir you are the most conceited fool I ever set eyes upon."

At this point the chairman, a dignified and pompous gentleman, got up and shouted:

"Order, gentlemen, order! You seem to forget that I am in the room!"

bility-whether it be the president of A. and M. college, the commanding officer or the medical department. Supplies could easily have been gotten form the base hospital at San Antonio upon telegraphic req-uisition. These supplies were never ordered in quantity enough to be of any material assistance.

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The food fed the sick was soup so weak that it could hardly be called by the name, bologna sausage and fried ham. Every statement made by the citizens they say they will gladly back up with affidavits.

One soldier boy said to a visitor "For God's sake let them take us to

France and shoot our legs and arms off, but we don't want to die here like hogs." Like hogs! That's just

the way they have been treated.

To tell the story of the horrible conditions as told to the editor by at least half a dozen reliable citizens would sicken the readers. We Americans can not conceive of such a situation in our midst. We can not and will not believe that the authorities in Washington would knowingly permit such a condition in any camp under their control.

The Eagle calls for an investigation in the name of humanity and

that justice may be done to the boys who have volunteered to give up their lives that democracy might live, and in the name of the boys who were allowed to die there because they could not receive the attention guaranteed them by the government when they entered the army.-Bryan Daily Eagle, Oct. 11.

CAPT. GIBSON'S STATEMENT

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tonio and no man suffered from lack of medicine.

8. If the good citizens of Bryan and the Eagle were so anxious to help in the great emergency, it is suggested that the proper way would have been to offer needed assist-ance and not fly into print with an exaggerated and largely false statement.

John F. Gibson, Captain M. C.

FORGOT HIM.

The local debating society was in full swing; in fact it was swinging along too well, and proceedings were becoming somewhat riotous. At last

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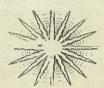




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