

Seward Officer Honored

*For Heroic Action
... In Tunisia*

WITH UNITED STATES FORCES ON THE TUNISIAN FRONT, March 3—(Delayed)—(AP)—Lieut. Kenneth Drown of Seward, Neb., a dental officer for a field artillery unit, was recommended today for citation and decoration for heroism.

In a single day he descended into a 120-foot well under air attack to recover a soldier's body and after nightfall made two trips behind enemy positions to bring out United States vehicles.

On February 14.

On Feb. 14, while he was sitting beside a road at Sidi Bouzid, German dive-bombers began blasting at United States vehicles.

The occupants of the vehicles dived for holes. One jumped head first over an embankment and fell 120 feet into a dry Arabian well.

Drown found a half-track vehicle with a winch and ordered it to the edge of the well. Then he descended on its cables. He found the soldier dead, but tied himself and the body to the cable and ordered it hauled up.

Saved By Steel Helmet.

Only his steel helmet saved him from death or severe injury from dislodged stones as the cable rubbed against the side of the well.

Later, after dark Lieut. Drown and Sergeant Desposito of Asbury Park, N. J., a member of a medical detachment, drove voluntarily 15 miles into enemy-occupied territory and brought out two ambulances left behind when the Nazi attack swept over the Sidi Bouzid area.

The pair returned from a second trip into the enemy territory driving a self-propelled 75-millimeter howitzer and a half-track loaded with ammunition.