

BRAVERY WINS A COMMISSION

Truman A. Warner Made a
Lieutenant in Battle-
lines in Italy.

With the Fifth Army, Italy—A frontline medic with an 88th Infantry Division battalion, Staff Sergeant Truman A. Warner, of Danbury, Connecticut, recently passed from the enlisted ranks to the status of a commissioned officer in the United States Medical Administrative corps, as an assistant to the surgeon.

Now wearing the gold bar of a second lieutenant, he has been assigned to an anti-aircraft unit. He was recommended for a commission because of his outstanding ability and performance on the Fifth Army front in Italy, ac-



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cording to Major Kermit F. Perrin, Medical corps, his commanding officer.

Major Perrin cited an instance when Warner reconnoitered a suitable site for a prospective aid station to be located 200 yards beyond the lines of the most advanced foot troops at the time and to be used as the troops moved forward. He then led a small group of medical personnel carrying supplies of blood plasma and fresh water to the contemplated position during the night. "This action," his commanding officer stated, "permitted immediate treatment of casualties on the following day as our lines advanced."

Major Perrin also reported an instance in which Warner had remained behind to treat casualties, spent the balance of the night packing medical equipment and then marched an entire day into the mountains without rest behind a mule pack train to reach his outfit. "This entailed 36 hours' continuous, arduous exertion," the recommendation stated.

Promoted from corporal to staff sergeant while on maneuvers with the 88th Infantry Division in Louisiana, Warner handled battalion medical records for a year, including 75 days' work on the frontlines.

In addition to administrative duties, the recommendation for his commission states, Sergeant Warner "displayed splendid ability as a surgical technician. This entailed the giving of blood plasma, shock treatment and bandaging of all types of battle wounds. The casualties were heavy at times, requiring skillful and rapid treatment. Due to his dexterity, patients could be evacuated with the least possible delay.

"Due to the everchanging situation in the recent operation, the proper handling of medical supplies was of critical importance. In this, he anticipated the future needs for medical items, both then in type and amount, basing his estimate on previous experience. He reorganized and repacked the entire medical equipment for the battalion aid station in an evening, permitting the station personnel to transport these supplies by mule pack. As a result of his foresight, the battalion aid station was able to function for seven days when supplies were cut off by distance and enemy activity."

A graduate of Danbury Teachers college with a B. S. degree in 1941, Warner was grade school teacher before he entered the Army, November 18, 1942, at Hartford.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Truman A. Warner, reside at 29 Division street, Danbury.