

Home From France

Private John E. Davidson of the U. S. Marines arrived here Tuesday on a 30 day furlough, coming direct from Washington D. C. He has been mixed up in some real fighting, having been in the famous battle of Chateau Thierry in which 8000 Marines engaged 60,000 Huns and defeated them. The victory was won at a terrible loss to the yanks however, as over 6,000 of them were killed or disabled. It is said the Germans were dressed in parade suits before this battle, as they confidently expected to reach and capture Paris within a few hours. However, it marked the beginning of the end for them as only a few weeks passed before they showed the white flag. John is wearing a medal of honor, the Croix de Guerre, bestowed by the French upon those who distinguished themselves by their bravery. In this instance he and three other Marines during the battle referred to above, rendered vital aid to a sector of the French army that had lost their maps and thus became confused. The four Marines possessed the necessary maps, scouted for the French and thus brought them out of a dangerous situation to safety. After the battle the French captain called the boys out and in the presence of the army, pinned the medals upon them. He also wears the Marine's sharpshooter's medal, as well as one bestowed upon those who were in the second battle of the Marne.

His service does not end with the war, as he enlisted for four years. At the time he was reported killed he was injured by being gassed and by falling into a 20-foot dugout.
