

NEW YORK AVIATOR HOME WITH DECORATION HE WON FIGHTING SIX FOE PLANES



LT. P. V. STOUT © 1918 ELM

Lieut. Penrose V. Stout of Bronxville, N. Y., an aviator who arrived in New York on the transport Tivives from Bordeaux, brought back a Distinguished Service Cross which he won at Verdun. He was surrounded by a flock of six German planes and escaped, landing in a forest to prevent the enemy locating the American hangars. Lieut. Stout was a well-known New York architect before enlisting.

Thrilling Battle in Air.

Lieut. Penrose V. Stout of Bronxville, aviator, did not bring along the Distinguished Service Cross he won because he wished to avoid a personal presentation in France. On Sept. 20, while on the Verdun front, he was ordered in the air with his patrol, but out of the seven in his overworked group only two were able to make the ascent. He found a machine in shape and followed them half an hour later. He was in a small seated Spad and was trying to locate his comrades when a German plane came out of a cloudbank and he went after it.

Lieut. Stout was getting the better of the Boche when five Fokkers swooped down on him, riddling his machine and putting one bullet through his right shoulder. He outmaneuvered his enemies, reached his own lines and landed on the outskirts of a wood far from his hangar so the Huns would not be able to find it and taxied his flyer to its berth. He remarked that they were a yellow bunch and that he did not regard it as clever to have outwitted them. Before going to war the Lieutenant was an architect with Harry T. Lindenburg, 2 West Forty-seventh street.