

Marion Gibson

What school and college diplomas did he hold?.....

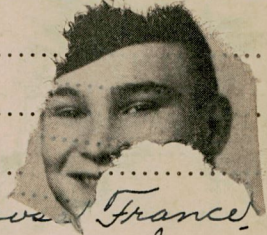
South Zanesville High School Graduate

Occupation in civilian life .....

Meat Cutter - Butcher

If married, name and address of wife.....

Names and ages of children .....



Other important biographical information.

Marion fought his way across France, Belgium. He was street fighting in Aachen Germany. He was wounded in the left hand Oct 28, 1944 which he received the purple heart. Fully recovered and Back in the front lines to loose his life.

Name and address of relative who supplied above information .....

"Mother" Mrs Clyde Gibson.

Zanesville telephone No.....

South Zanesville, Ohio  
Rt # 2.

**Citation for Silver Star-Posthumous**

Marion L. Gibson, 35225410, Private First Class, Company G, 26th Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Schevenhutte, Germany, 19 November 1944. When his company's outer positions were partly overrun by the enemy during a fierce counterattack, Private Gibson unhesitatingly exposed himself to an intense machine-gun, automatic-rifle, and small-arms barrage and encouraged his squad to hold firm. Although his movements drew hostile fire upon himself, he continued to remain in an exposed position and directed the men in repulsing the attack. Private Gibson's gallant actions and inspiring leadership reflect great credit upon the army of the United States. Residence at enlistment: South Zanesville, Ohio. Next of kin: Mrs. Thelma L. Gibson, Mother, R. F. D. 2, South Zanesville, Ohio.

A certified copy:

William R. Feaster  
Capt. 26th Infantry  
Personnel Adjutant

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Dear Sirs:-

Since having sent you the information of my son, Pfc. Marion Lee Gibson. I have been informed by his Lieutenant that Marion was made Squad Leader by him, and he was leading his Squad when he was killed. Through the Hurtgen Forest. He states in his letter that Marion was following him with his squad through a very heavy enemy artillery barrage. He says that several had landed in the midst of them and he found Marion laying behind a tree, upon examining the body of my son he was dead from concussion of an artillery shell.

He states Marion was the most popular man in the company, aside from being a great Soldier. His name has been put in for the Silver Star, for heroic endeavor beyond and above his duty.

He states he was buried in Eastern Belgium, in full uniform and services were conducted by a Protestant Chaplain. This may help you to know the exact place where my Sonny Boy gave his life for his Country.

Signed By a  
Bereaved Mother, Mrs. Clyde Gibson.

P.S.

If there is any thing at all I can help you in any way. Don't hesitate in asking me. I'm lonely. I've lost my "pal" as he was always doing things to help me and make my life a little happier. No one knows but the ones who have sacrificed their sons what we are going through. Markon was the first Boy in our school to give his life and the first in our community as yet to die for his country. It's a hard blow as I have another son in the Philippines to think of too.