

A Brief Biographical Sketch of
MAJOR RICHARD FRANCIS HARRISON, U.S.M.C.

Major Richard Francis Harrison joined the United States Navy in 1935 and served aboard the S. S. Concord. He attended Norfolk Navy Prep. Class and entered the United States Naval Academy as a member of the class of 1941.

Upon graduation from the Naval Academy he chose duty in the United States Marine Corps. He was sent to First Base Defense Weapons Class at Quantico, Va., graduating June 10, 1941. He received orders to go to Iceland in July, 1941, for duty lasting until March, 1942.

Major Harrison started pilot training and received his wings on October 12, 1943 at Pensacola, Florida.

He served with the United States Marine Corps as a Pilot of a Fighter Plane in the Marine Fighting Squadron 115, Marine Aircraft Group 12, First Marine Aircraft Wing and was stationed at Zamboanga, Phillipine Islands.

During action against enemy Japanese forces in the Phillipine Island area, his plane went down over enemy controlled territory May 26, 1945. After being listed as "missing in action" for over a year his remains were located and are now buried in the family plot in Oxford, N. Y.

His citations are:

Purple Heart
American Defense Service Medal
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
Victory Medal
Air Medal and Gold Star

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