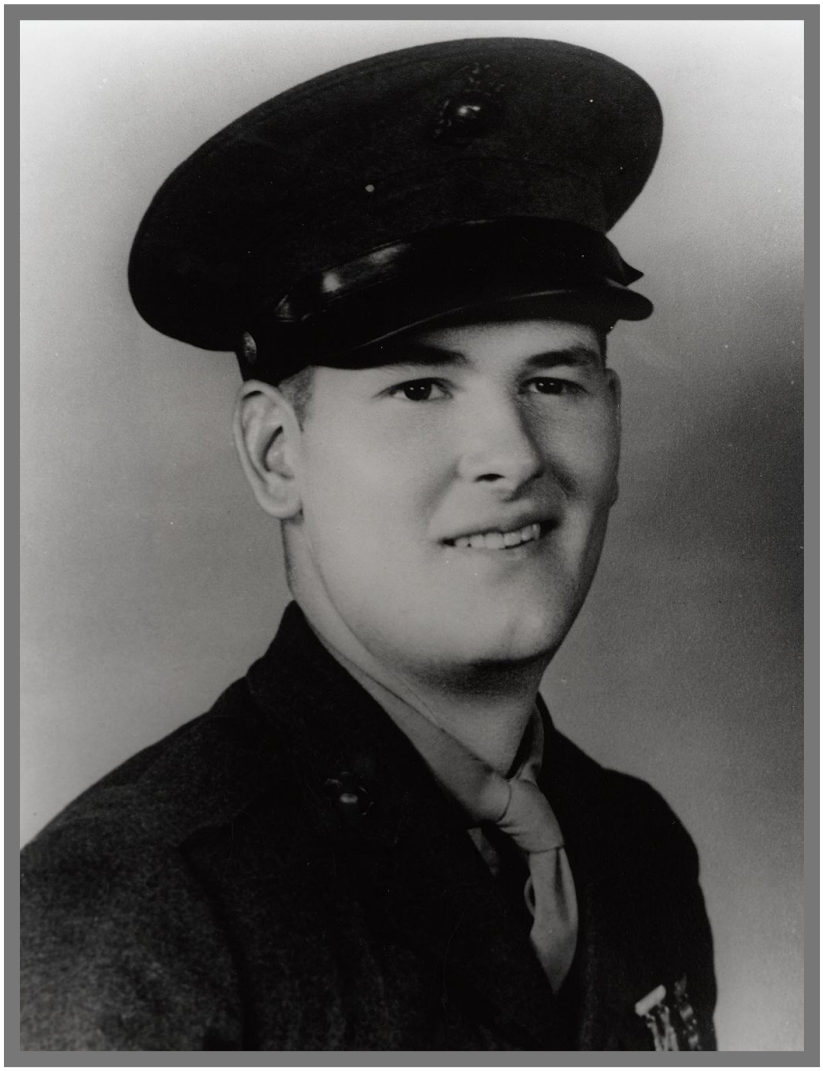
# Epperson, Harold Glenn



Veri USMC dis ofem Rpt — WORLD WAR II RELEASED — 293 File — ORIGINAL

**APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER** — FLAT GRANITE

(Please make out and return in duplicate)

CHECK TYPE REQUIRED (See Instructions attached)
- ☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE
- ☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER
- ☒ FLAT GRANITE MARKER
- ☐ BRONZE MARKER

ENLISTMENT DATE: Dec. 12-1942
DISCHARGE DATE: Killed in action
SERIAL No.: 511388
PENSION No.:
EMBLEM (Check one): ☒ CHRISTIAN ☐ HEBREW ☐ NONE
STATE: Ohio
RANK: Pfc.
COMPANY: 6th C
U. S. REGIMENT, STATE ORGANIZATION AND DIVISION: 2nd Marine Division 6th Mar. USMC
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial): Epperson, Harold Glenn
DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year): July 14-1923
DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year): June 25-1944
NAME OF CEMETERY: Winchester Cemetary
LOCATION (City and State): Winchester, Kentucky
SHIP TO (I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT THE STONE FROM THE FREIGHT STATION TO THE CEMETERY)
J B Epperson (SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE)
NEAREST FREIGHT STATION (City and State): Winchester, Kentucky
POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE: Winchester, Kentucky 325 College St.

DO NOT WRITE HERE
FOR VERIFICATION: 31 MAR 1949
ORDERED: W. CHELMSFORD, MASS. 15 APR 1949
B/L: 5921305
SHIPPED

I certify this application is submitted for a stone for the unmarked grave of a veteran.
I hereby agree to assume all responsibility for the removal of the stone promptly upon arrival at destination, and properly place it at the decedent's grave at my expense.

J B Epperson — APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE
Jan. 24-1949 — DATE OF APPLICATION
ADDRESS (Street, City, State): 325 College Street Winchester, Ky.

OQMG FORM 623 REV 6 JUL 48 — IMPORTANT—Complete Reverse Side — 16—11453-7 GPO

Home add—Ky.

# Harold Glenn Epperson

**BIRTH** 14 Jul 1923
Akron, Summit County, Ohio, USA

**DEATH** 25 Jun 1944 (aged 20)
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands

**BURIAL** Winchester Cemetery
Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky, USA Show Map

**PLOT** Section Central -H, Lot 202, Grave

**MEMORIAL ID** 7744837 · View Source

SHARE SAVE TO SUGGEST EDITS

MEMORIAL PHOTOS 6 FLOWERS 235

World War II Medal of Honor Recipient. He was killed in action. He served as a Private First Class (Machine Gunner) in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in the 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, 2nd Marine Division. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for action on June 25, 1944, at Saipan Island in the Mariana Islands. His citation in part reads: "Suddenly a Japanese soldier, assumed to be dead, sprang up and hurled a powerful hand grenade into the emplacement. Determined to save his comrades, PFC Epperson unhesitatingly chose to sacrifice himself, and, diving upon the deadly missile, absorbed the shattering violence of the exploding charge in his own body." The USS Epperson was named after Harold. The Epperson was launched on December 22, 1945.




INDEX RECORD FOR

# Epperson, Harold Glenn

**US, Veterans' Gravesites, ca.1775-2019**

Info | Memorials | Comments | Browse

| | |
|---|---|
| Full Name | Epperson, Harold Glenn |
| Birth Date | 14 Jul 1923 |
| Death Date | 25 Jun 1944 |
| Cemetery | Winchester Cemetery |
| Cemetery Address | 625 W Lexington Avenue Winchester, Ky 40391 |
| Cemetery State | Kentucky |
| Notes | Pfc US Marine Corps World War II |
| Conflict Period | World War II |
| Served for | United States of America |
| Views | 0 |

Add a correction

## PUBLICATION INFO

| | |
|---|---|
| Publication Title | US, Veterans' Gravesites, ca.1775-2019 |
| Content Source | US Department of Veterans Affair |
| Last Updated | 13 Jul 2022 |
| Description | U.S. Veterans' Gravesites, ca.1775-2019 |

World War II - U.S. Marine Corps Reserve

# HAROLD GLENN EPPERSON

## DETAILS

RANK: PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

CONFLICT/ERA: WORLD WAR II

UNIT/COMMAND:
1ST BATTALION, 6TH MARINES,
2D MARINE DIVISION

MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH: U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE

MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE: JUNE 25, 1944

MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION PLACE: SAIPAN ISLAND, MARIANA ISLANDS

## CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving with the 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, 2d Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the island of Saipan in the Marianas, 25 June 1944. With his machine-gun emplacement bearing the full brunt of a fanatic assault initiated by the Japanese under cover of predawn darkness, Pfc. Epperson manned his weapon with determined aggressiveness, fighting furiously in the defense of his battalion's position and maintaining a steady stream of devastating fire against rapidly infiltrating hostile troops to aid materially in annihilating several of the enemy and in breaking the abortive attack. Suddenly a Japanese soldier, assumed to be dead, sprang up and hurled a powerful hand grenade into the emplacement. Determined to save his comrades, Pfc. Epperson unhesitatingly chose to sacrifice himself and, diving upon the deadly missile, absorbed the shattering violence of the exploding charge in his own body. Stouthearted and indomitable in the face of certain death, Pfc. Epperson fearlessly yielded his own life that his able comrades might carry on the relentless battle against a ruthless enemy. His superb valor and unfaltering devotion to duty throughout reflect the highest credit upon himself and upon the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

From: https://www.cmohs.org/recipients/harold-g-epperson