



Percival F. Lewis, Lieutenant, USNR

Lieutenant Percival Frederick Lewis was born in Chicago, Illinois in August 1896, the son of George R. and Effie Hyde Lewis. He attended Milwaukee public schools and the University of Wisconsin (Class of 1920) for two years. While attending school he played football, basketball and was a member of the swimming team. He married Mrs. Emily Hausmann of Milwaukee, Wisconsin on May 12, 1928. They had a son James Frederick Lewis and a daughter Patricia Ann Lewis.

After leaving the University of Wisconsin in 1920, he entered the insurance business in Milwaukee and southern Wisconsin and operated an insurance agency. In 1921 he was Chairman in charge inflation and starting a balloon race (with 13 entrants) from Milwaukee. He entered Naval aviation from 1918-1919, earned his wings and was stationed in Pensacola, Florida, Akron, Ohio, Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Cambridge, Massachusetts, and at Rockaway Beach, Long Island. He later became Executive Officer at a Navy Naval Air Station Flight Instrument School in West Lexington (?). Also, for two years he was active in forming squadrons of cadets in the V5 program in Milwaukee and other parts of Wisconsin.