

ERROL FLYNN



Errol Flynn
(1909 - 1959)

Errol Leslie Thomson Flynn born in Hobart, Tasmania was an actor known for his romantic swashbuckler roles in Hollywood films and his playboy lifestyle. He was noted for his fast-paced sword fights.

Flynn was an overnight sensation in his first starring role, *Captain Blood* (1935). Quickly typecast as a swashbuckler, he followed it with *The Charge of the Light Brigade* (1936). After his appearance as Miles Hendon in *The Prince and the Pauper* (1937), he was cast in his most celebrated role as Robin Hood in *The Adventures of Robin Hood* (1938), his first film in Technicolor. He went on to appear in *The Dawn Patrol* (1938) with David Niven, *Dodge City* (1939), *The Sea Hawk* (1940) and *Adventures of Don Juan* (1948).

When Flynn became a naturalised American citizen in August 1942, he also became eligible for the military draft, as the USA had entered World War II eight months earlier. Grateful to the USA for his wealth and fame he attempted to join up but had several health problems and was classified unqualified because of not meeting the minimum physical fitness standards. He died of a heart attack in Vancouver in 1959. Results of the autopsy showed cirrhosis of the liver and other ailments.

