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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – Cpl. Matthew T. Richard, 21, of Acadia, La., died June 9, 2011 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Richard was an infantryman assigned to 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He joined the Marine Corps in July 2008 and was promoted to corporal March 2, 2011.

Richard deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom twice: from May to November 2009 and most recently in January 2011.

His awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and NATO Medal – ISAF Afghanistan.

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