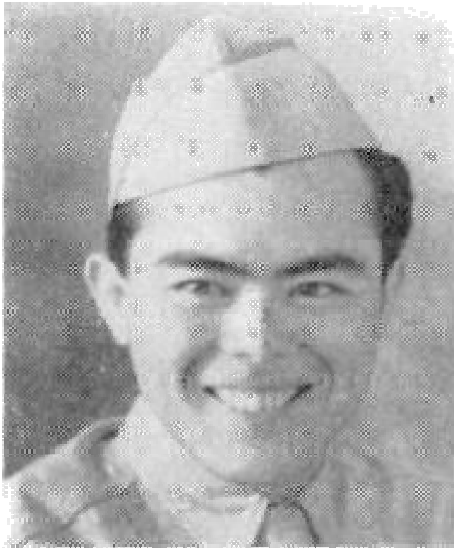


Pfc Tokio Ajitomi

January 9, 1917 - October 17, 1944



Tokio Ajitomi was born on January 9, 1917 in Lahaina, Maui. He was the son of Matsusuke and Kame (Ikehara) Ajitomi. He was educated at Sacred Heart School on Maui. Before entering the service he was a laborer at the Pioneer Mill Co., Ltd. on Maui.

Ajitomi (SN 30101782) was inducted into the Army at Lahaina, Maui on November 13, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 299th Infantry Regiment and later at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and Camp Shelby, Mississippi with the 100th Infantry Battalion, Company C. His older brother Pvt Matsuei Ajitomi was also in Company C.

He served in the Hawaiian Islands, the continental United States, Algeria, Africa, Italy, and France.

He was awarded the Purple Heart with an Oak-Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Unit Badge with an Oak-Leaf Cluster, Combat Infantryman Badge, the Asiatic-Pacific, American, and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medals, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pfc Tokio Ajitomi was killed in action in the Battle of Bruyeres, France on October 17, 1944.

He is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl in Honolulu, Hawaii.

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