

Pvt George Eki
June 26, 1920 - November 4, 1943



George Eki was born in Honolulu, Oahu, on June 26, 1920. He was the son of Toichi and Miyo (Asanoumi) Eki. He was educated at Washington Intermediate School, McKinley High School in Oahu. Before entering the service, he was the Manager of Eki's Bicycle Store, Honolulu, Oahu.

Eki (SN 30102239) was inducted into the Army at Honolulu, Oahu in November, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 298th Infantry Regiment. He was later assigned to Headquarters Company, 100th Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

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

He was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pvt. George Eki died of wounds on November 4, 1943, near Venafro, Italy, during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on November 4, 1943.

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

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