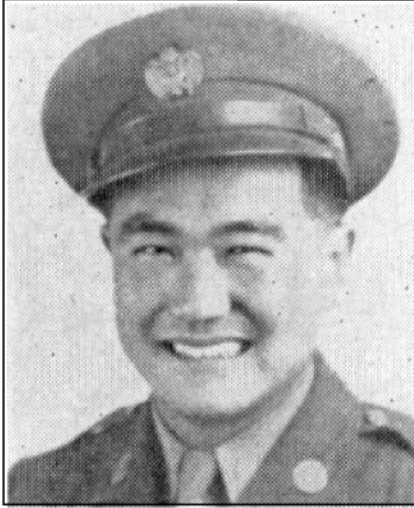


Pvt Kaoru Fukuyama
June 29, 1918 - October 23, 1943



Kaoru Fukuyama was born in Hoesa, Hawaii, on June 29, 1918. He was the son of Ataru and Shizue (Hirata) Fukuyama. He was educated at Kohala High and Elementary School, Hawaii. Before entering the service, he was a crane operator at Kohala Sugar Co., Hawaii.

Fukuyama (SN 30102287) was inducted into the Army at Honolulu, Oahu on November 12, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 299th Infantry Regiment. He was later assigned to Company D, 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. Kaoru Fukuyama was killed in action at Leonardo, near Alife, Italy, during the Salerno to Cassino campaign on October 23, 1943.

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

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