

Sgt Kenneth Kenzo Furukido

May 25, 1912 - January 25, 1944



Kenneth K. Furukido was born in Honolulu, Oahu, on May 25, 1912. He was the son of Jutaro and Waka (Umezawa) Furukido. He was educated at Kaiulani School, McKinley High School in Oahu. Before entering the service, he was a mechanic at Hawaiian Pineapple Company, Ltd. in Honolulu, Oahu.

Furukido (SN30100770) was inducted into the Army in Honolulu, Oahu on March 24, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 298th Infantry Regiment. He was assigned to Company B, 100th Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

Upon completion of combat training in the continental United States, he was dispatched overseas to Algeria, Africa and subsequently participated in the landing at Salerno, Italy and the Italian Campaign.

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.

Sgt. Kenneth K. Furukido was killed in action near Cassino, Italy, during the Cassino to Anzio campaign on January 25, 1944.

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

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