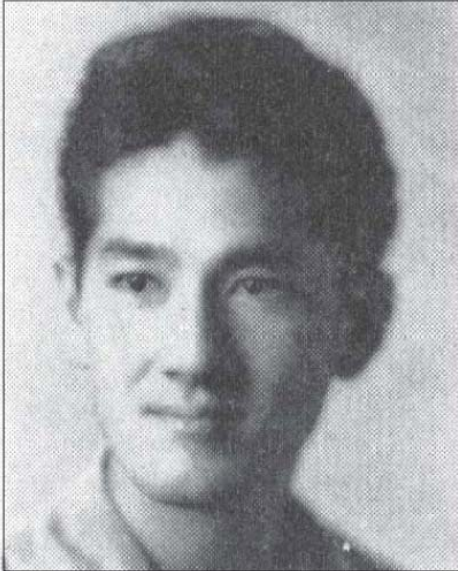


T/Sgt Gary Tsuruo Hisaoka

March 12, 1917 – April 10, 1944



Gary T. Hisaoka was born in Kohala, Hawaii, on March 12, 1917. He was the son of Keishiro and Akima (Kawakami) Hisaoka. He was educated at Kohala High and Elementary School, Hawaii and University of Hawaii, Oahu. Before entering the service, he was a student.

In November 15, 1941, he was inducted into the Army at Honolulu, Oahu (Serial No. 30102162). He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served with the 298th Infantry Regiment and the 100th Infantry Battalion, Company C, in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria and Italy. He was awarded the Silver Star Medal, one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star, Purple Heart,

Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

T/Sgt Gary T. Hisaoka was killed in action on April 10, 1944, near Carano, Italy, during the Anzio to Rome Campaign, and is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Honolulu, Hawaii.

GO No. 31, Hq 34th Inf Div., USA, 29 Apr 44 AWARD SILVER STAR GARY T. HISAOKA (30102162) Technical Sergeant (then Sgt) Infantry, United States Army. *For gallantry in action on 24 January 1944, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy, Sgt Hisaoka, under intense enemy machine gun fire, cleared and marked a path through a minefield for a distance of 50 yards, allowing his company to pass through. He then crawled forward under enemy observation and barbed wire fence which was also mined, and reconnoitered for the best route across the Rapido River. Sgt Hisaoka's courageous action contributed greatly to the success of the battalion and reflect credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kohala, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.*

OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR THE SILVER STAR AWARDED (POSTHUMOUSLY) GARY T. HISAOKA (30102162). *For gallantry in action on 5 February 1944, in the vicinity of San Bartolemew, Italy. During a particularly heavy artillery barrage, Sgt Hisaoka left his trench and ran to the aid of a fellow soldier who has been completely buried by dirt and debris from a shell which had landed next to his slit trench. Sgt Hisaoka uncovered the soldier, revived him and helped carry him to the rear where he could be evacuated. Sgt Hisaoka's quick thinking and heroic action in the face of probable injury or death undoubtedly saved the life of his comrade and reflects the highest traditions of the military service from, Hilo, Hawaii. Next of kin: Mr. Ikuo Hisaoka (Brother), Box 104 awo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.*