

## **Pvt. Earl Hosoda**

March 14, 1925 – April 5, 1945



Earl Hosoda, son of Max and Itono Hosoda Sr., was born on March 14, 1925, and raised on a farm in Emmett, Idaho. Earl attended grade school there and graduated from Emmett High School, where he played on the school's basketball team. He volunteered for the Army to join the famous but segregated all-Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team alongside his older brothers, Max Jr., who was with Company B and George with Company H. Hosoda was shipped overseas as a replacement with Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion, 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT, as a Browning automatic rifle (BAR) gunner.

Pvt. Earl Hosoda was killed in Italy on April 5, 1945, during the opening attack on "Georgia" peak of the Gothic Line near Vallechia during the Po Valley Campaign. During this attack, the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT was able to crack the Gothic Line in 32 minutes, a feat that the Fifth Army had not been able to accomplish for five months.

The Hosoda family from Idaho sent four boys into the service, including three with the 100th/442nd RCT. Sergeant Max Hosoda was killed on October 18, 1944, as his company successfully liberated the French town of Bruyeres. George Hosoda fought in and survived all four campaigns in France and Italy. Another brother, Yoshimi, became a 1st Lieutenant in Germany.

Private Earl Hosoda was awarded the Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Citation and the Combat Infantryman Badge. He is buried at Emmett Cemetery in Emmett, Idaho.

Hosoda had two other brothers, Roy and Yoshimi, both now deceased. His surviving brother, George residing in Moses Lake, WA and sisters; Elsie (Hosoda) Sugiyama and Sue (Hosoda) Yamamoto living in Gardena, CA furnished the information for this profile.

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