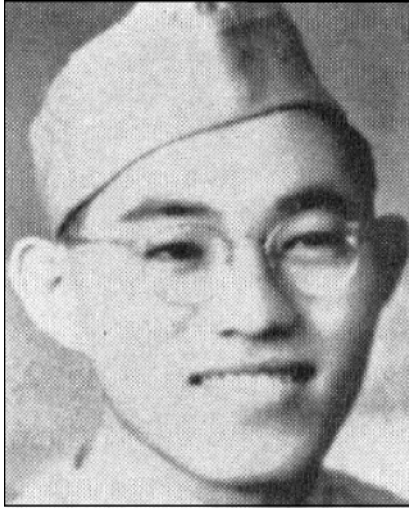


Pvt Kazuo Ihara

March 10, 1914 - November 30, 1943



Kazuo Ihara was born in Mountain View, Hawaii, on March 10, 1914. He was the son of Wasuke and Mume (Shigeta) Ihara. He was educated at Hilo Union School, Mountain View School, Hilo Intermediate School, Hilo High School, Hawaii. Before entering the service, he was a bookkeeper at Men's Shop, Hilo, Hawaii.

Ihara (SN 30101726) was inducted into the Army at Hilo, Hawaii on November 11, 1941. He took basic training at Schofield Barracks, Camp Paukukalo, Maui and subsequently advance combat training in Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served with the 299th Infantry Regiment initially in the Hawaiian Islands, and subsequently assigned to Company B, 100th Infantry Battalion in the continental United States before dispatched overseas to Algeria, Africa and participated in the landing at Salerno in the Italian Campaign.

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

Pvt. Kazuo Ihara was killed in action on November 30, 1943, near Scapoli and Ceresuolo, Italy during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign.

He is interred at the Veterans Cemetery, Hawaii.

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