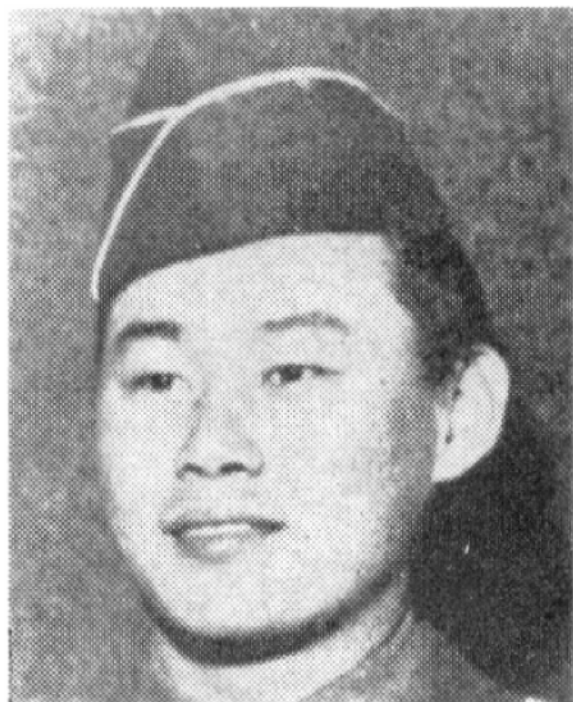


## **Pfc. Larry Mitsuru Imamura**

May 6, 1923 – October 28, 1944



Larry Mitsuru Imamura was born on May 6, 1923, in Kekaha, Kauai. He was the son of Kishiuro and Aki (Sakaguchi) Inamura. He was educated at Kekaha School and Waimea High and Elementary School, Kauai. Before entering the service, he was employed as a laborer for the US Army.

Imamura (SN 30106212) was inducted into the Army on March 1943, in Makaweli, Kauai. He was combat trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served in Company B, 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team in the continental United States, Italy, and France.

He was awarded the Silver Star Medal; Purple Heart Medal; Distinguished Unit Badge; Combat Infantryman Badge; the American Campaign Medal; the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal; and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pfc. Larry Mitsuru Imamura was killed in action near Biffontaine, France during the Lost Battalion Rescue on October 28, 1944.

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

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR (GO 26, Hq 7th Army, 30 Jan 45) LARRY M. IMAMURA, 30106212, Private First Class, Infantry 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team. For gallantry in action on 28 October 1944, near Biffontaine, France. When intense fire from two enemy machine guns supported by snipers pinned down his platoon, Pfc. Imamura, with utter disregard for his personal safety, crawled forward under heavy small arms fire in an attempt to locate and outflank the machine gun nests. Having crawled about forty-five yards, he took careful aim at one of the enemy machine guns which was firing on his platoon, and fired a long burst from his BAR into the position. Suddenly a machine to the front opened up and killed Private First Class Imamura almost instantly. By his gallant deed, he revealed the positions of the enemy machine guns and enabled his platoon to close in and destroy them. Next of kin: Mr. Hiroki Imamura, (brother), P.O. Box 22, Kekaha, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

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