

## **Pvt Yasuo Kaneshiro**

October 2, 1922 - June 2, 1944



Yasuo Kaneshiro was born on October 2, 1922, in Makawao, Maui. He was the son of Yasukichi and Matsu Kaneshiro. He was educated at Hakalau Elementary and Intermediate School and Hilo High School, Hilo, Hawaii. Before entering the service, he was employed as a store clerk at the Wailea Plantation Co., Hilo, Hawaii.

Kaneshiro (SN 30103897) was inducted into the Army at Hilo, Hawaii on March 18, 1943. When the call came for volunteers to form the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team in March, 1943 he heeded the call. He was combat trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served with the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Company B, in the continental United States and Italy.

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

Pvt. Yasuo Kaneshiro was killed in action near Casalpozzo and Lanuvio, Italy during the Rome-Arno Campaign on June 2, 1944.

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

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