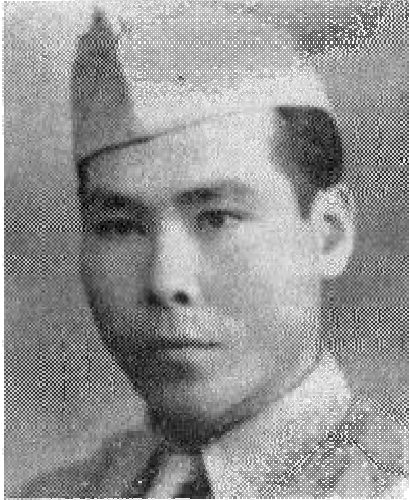


Pfc Shomatsu E. Kina

June 29, 1919 - December 2, 1943



Shomatsu E. Kina was born on June 29, 1919, in Paia, Maui. He was the son of Kama and Kamato (Higa) Kina. He was educated at Haiku School, Maui Vocational School in Maui. Before entering the service, he was employed as a machinist at the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Co., Ltd., Maui.

Kina (SN 30101232) was inducted into the Army on March 24, 1941, at Schofield Barracks, Oahu on March 24, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served with the 299th Infantry Regiment and the 100th Infantry Battalion, Company C, in the Hawaiian Island, continental United States, Algeria, Africa and Italy.

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

Pfc. Shomatsu E. Kina was killed in action near Ceresuolo, Italy during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on December 2, 1943.

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

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