

Sgt Ronald Shigeo Kiyabu

September 18, 1919 - October 24, 1943



Ronald Shigeo Kiyabu was born on September 18, 1919, in Ookala, Hawaii. He was the son of Nio and Uto Kiyabu. He was educated at Waiahole Elementary and Intermediate School, Kalihikai School., Kaiulani School, Kawananakoa Intermediate School, McKinley High School, Honolulu Business College, and Phillips Commercial School, Oahu. Before entering the service, he was employed as an office clerk for P. S. Pell & Co., Ltd., Honolulu, Oahu.

Kiyabu (SN 30101603) was inducted into the Army in Honolulu, Oahu on June 30, 1941. He took basic training at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, and advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served with the 298th Infantry Regiment initially in the Hawaiian Islands. He was then re-assigned to Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion to undergo combat training in the continental United States prior to being dispatched overseas to Algeria, Africa and subsequently participated in the landing at Salerno, 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.

Sgt. Ronald Shigeo Kiyabu was killed in action on October 24, 1943, near Naples, Italy, during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign.

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

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