

S/Sgt Katsuto Komatsu
December 19, 1919 - January 25, 1944



Katsuto Komatsu was born on December 19, 1919, in Hilo, Hawaii. He was the son of Sakuichi and Akino (Doi) Komatsu. He was educated at Kaiulani School, Kalakaua Intermediate School, McKinley High School, and the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Oahu. He was a student at the time of induction.

Komatsu (SN 30102040) was inducted into the Army at Schofield Barracks, Oahu on November 14, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 298th Infantry Regiment. He was later assigned to Headquarters Company, 100th Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served in the Hawaiian Islands, 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.

S/Sgt. Katsuto Komatsu killed in action near Cassino, Italy during the Cassino to Anzio Campaign on January 25, 1944.

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

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