

Pfc Fred Hajime Komeda

April 16, 1912 - February 8, 1944



Fred Hajime Komeda was born on April 16, 1912, in Honolulu, Oahu. He was the son of Hiyakumatsu and Saye Komeda. He was educated at Palolo School, Oahu. He married Mildred Kiyoko Aoki (of Honolulu), December 18, 1941. Before entering the service, he was employed as a butcher at N. Aoki, Ltd., Honolulu in Oahu.

Komeda (SN 30100396) was inducted into the Army at Schofield Barracks, Oahu on March 25, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served with the 298th Infantry Regiment, and the 100th Infantry Battalion, Company C, 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 Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pfc. Fred Hajime Komeda was killed in action near Cassino, Italy during the Cassino to Anzio Campaign on February 8, 1944.

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

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