

## **Pfc Harushi Kondo**

May 28, 1913 - November 4, 1943



Harushi (Blackie) Kondo was born in Aiea, Oahu, on May 28, 1913. He was the son of Namisuke and Kiyo (Kurata) Kondo. He was educated at Aiea Elementary and Intermediate School, Oahu. Before entering the service, he was an electrician for the Honolulu Plantation Co., Oahu.

Kondo (SN 30100396) was inducted into the Army in Waipahu, Oahu on December 10, 1940. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 2989<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. He was later assigned to Headquarters Company, 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

He served in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria, Africa and Italy.

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

Pfc Harushi (Blackie) Kondo was killed in action near Venafro, Italy during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on November 4, 1943.

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

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