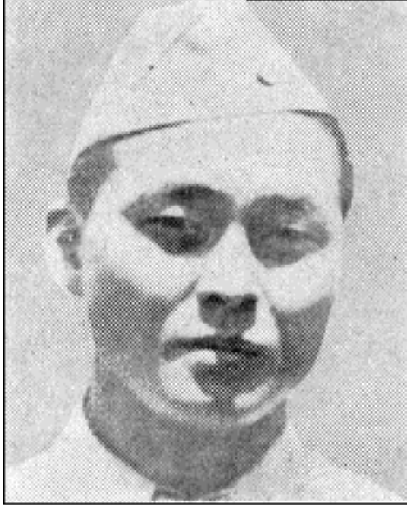


Cpl Jerry Sadayoshi Kuraoka
December 6, 1915 - November 29, 1943



Jerry Sadayoshi Kuraoka was born on December 6, 1915, in Wailua, Oahu. He was the son of Tsuramatsu and Tori (Sakura) Kuraoka. He was educated at Wailua Elementary school, Oahu. Before entering the service, he was employed as a stevedore at Castle & Cooke Terminals Ltd., Honolulu, Oahu.

Kuraoka (SN 30100301) was inducted into the Army at Schofield Barracks, Oahu on December 10, 1940. He took basic training at Schofield Barracks, Oahu and subsequently advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served with the 298th Infantry Regiment in Hawaii and later transferred to Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion during advance combat training. He served in the Hawaiian Island, continental United States, Algeria, Africa and the Italian Campaign.

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

Cpl, Jerry Sadayoshi Kuraoka was killed in action at Cassino during the Salerno-Cassino Campaign on November 29, 1943.

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

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