

1st Lt Saburo Maehara

April 5, 1915 - April 5, 1945



Saburo Maehara was born in Puunene, Maui, on, April 5, 1915. He was the son of Teiichiro and Yoshi (Yamaguchi) Maehara. He was educated at Puunene School, Maui High School, Baldwin High School, Maui, and the University of Hawaii, Oahu. He married Louise Yoshi Sasai (of Honolulu) on May 16, 1941, and had a daughter, Susan Miki. Before entering the service, he was an agricultural instructor at Baldwin High School, Maui. He was commissioned in Army Reserve Officers' Corps in June, 1936, on graduation from the University of Hawaii.

Maehara (SN 0343584) was called to active duty in Wailuku, Maui in March of 1943. He trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi and Fort Benning, Georgia.

He served with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, 100th Infantry Battalion, in Company C, in the continental United States, Italy, and France.

He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, the American and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

1st Lt. Saburo Maehara was killed in action near Ripa, Italy during the Po Valley Campaign on April 5, 1945.

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

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