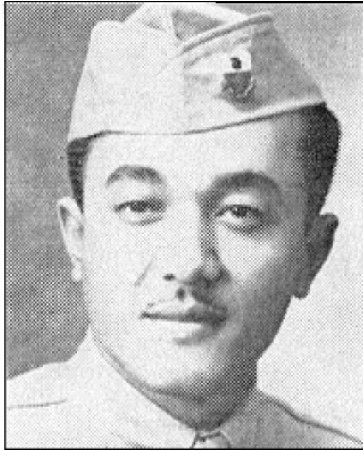


Sgt Matsutada Makishi

September 4, 1916 - November 6, 1943



Matsutada Makishi was born in Makaweli, Kauai, September 4, 1916, the son of Matsu and Makato (Maekawa) Makishi. He attended Eleele School, Waimea Elementary and High School in Kauai. Matsutada Makishi was inducted into the Army on December 10, 1940 (Serial number 30100465). He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, with the 299th Infantry Regiment and the 100th Infantry Battalion, Company F, at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served in the continental United States, Algeria, and Italy. He was awarded the Silver Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, European-African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal and Ribbon.

Sgt Matsutada Makishi was killed in action near Santa Maria Olivedo and Pozzilli, Italy, on November 6, 1943, during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign. He is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Honolulu, Hawaii.

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*MATSUTADA MAKISHI, 30100465, Sergeant, Company "F", 100th Infantry Battalion (Sep). For gallantry in action on the night of November 6, 1943, in the vicinity of Santa Maria Olivedo and Pozzilli, Italy. Sgt Makishi was ordered to take his squad across the *****River and to establish an outpost line there. Upon reaching the opposite banks, several of his men stepped on anti-personnel mines, and it was discovered that the entire area was heavily mined and booby-trapped. In the darkness, his squad dispersed and became disorganized. Sgt Makishi, realizing the importance of his mission and with full knowledge of attendant dangers, combed the area, personally located each member, and reorganized his squad. Then, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, he took the lead and led his squad single file through the minefield, located the outpost line and posted his men. Sgt Makishi's devotion to duty and leadership in the face of grave danger was an inspiration to his comrades and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Hanapepe, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mr. Matsu Makishi (Father) Camp 3, Wahiawa, Eleele, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.*

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