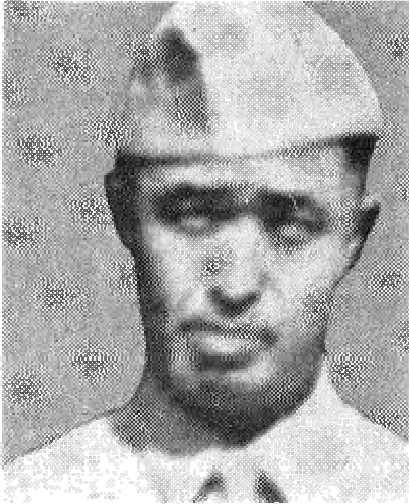


Pfc Yoshito Masuda

July 5, 1914 - July 7, 1944



Yoshito Masuda was born on July 5, 1914, in Waiakoa, Kula in Maui. He was the son of Shigeichi and Kise (Shintaku) Masuda. He was educated at Makawao School, Maui High School and Maui Vocational School in Maui. Before entering the service, he was employed as a mechanic at the American Can Co., in Kahului, Maui.

Masuda (SN 30101791) was inducted into the Army at Schofield Barracks, Oahu on November 13, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served with the 299th 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 and Ribbon, American and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.

Pfc. Yoshito Masuda was killed in action near Castellina Marittima during the Rome-Arno, Italy Campaign on July 7, 1944.

He is interred at the Makawao Veterans Cemetery in Makawao, Maui.

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