

Pfc Kiyoshi Masunaga

May 22, 1917 - January 9, 1944



Kiyoshi Masunaga was born in Hookena, Hawaii on May 22, 1917. He was the son of Tsurumatsu and Yui (Matsunaga) Masunaga. He was educated at Hookena School, Kona- waena High and Elem. School, Hawaii. Before entering the service, he was a cowboy at the Arthur Greenwell Ranch, Captain Cook, Hawaii.

Masunaga (SN 30101764) was inducted into the Army in Kailua, Kona, Hawaii on November 12, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks., Oahu with the 299th Infantry Regiment. He was later assigned to Company B, 100th Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

Upon completion of combat training in the continental USA, he was dispatched overseas to Algeria, Africa and subsequently participated in the landing at Salerno, Italy for the Italian Campaign.

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

Pfc. Kiyoshi Masunaga was killed in action near San Vittore and Piedimonte d'Alife, Italy during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on January 9, 1944.

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

Exerpts taken from *In Freedom 's Cause: A Record of the Men of Hawaii Who Died in the Second World War* (1949) with permission from The University of Hawaii Press.
Russell K. Shoho