

Cpl Tomio Tommy Matsumoto
September 5, 1917 - November 5, 1943



Tomio (Tommy) Matsumoto was born on September 5, 1917 in Hilo Hawaii. He was the son of Toyohiko and Mijiu (Watanabe) Matsumoto. He was educated at Waiakeakai Elementary and Intermediate School, Hilo Intermediate School, on the island of Hawaii. Before entering the service he was a fisherman with Marine Products Co., Ltd.; Hilo, Hawaii.

Matsumoto (SN 30100543) was inducted into the Army, at Hilo, Hawaii on October 26, 1940. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 299th Infantry Regiment. He was later assigned to Company F, 100th Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria, Africa and Italy.

He was awarded a Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, and a World War

II Victory Medal.

Cpl Tomio Tommy Matsumoto was killed in action at Cassino, Italy during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on November 5, 1943.

His interment is unknown at this writing.

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