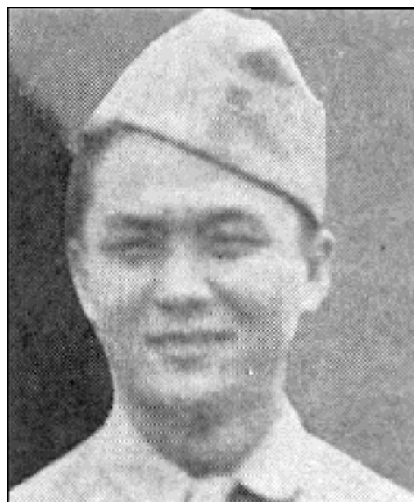


## **Pvt Kazuo Matsushima**

June 15, 1919 - June 2, 1944



Kazuo Matsushima was born on June 15, 1919, in Waimea, Kauai. He was the son of Toyoichi and Misao (Yamamoto) Matsushima. He was educated at Waimea High and Elementary School in Kauai. Before entering the service, he was employed as a mechanic for the Olokele Sugar Co., Ltd., in Kauai.

Matsushima (SN30103670) was inducted into the Army at Makaweli, Kauai on March 4, 1943. He was combat trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served in Company K, 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team in the continental United States and Italy.

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

Pvt. Kazuo Matsushima was killed in action during the Anzio to Rome Campaign near Caalpozzo and Rome, Italy, on June 2, 1944.

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

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