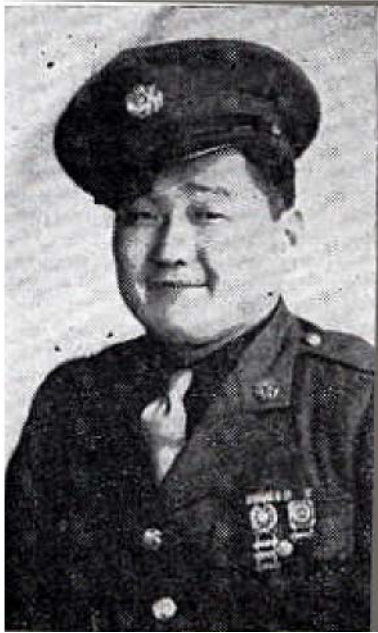


T/Sgt. Mitsuru E. Miyoko

January 20,1914 - October 15,1944



Mitsuru Miyoko was the 2nd of 10 children born to Masaichiro and Yuka Miyoko on a farm near Los Angeles, California on January 20, 1914 He graduated from Van Nuys high school in 1931.

Miyoko inducted into the army on July 1941 prior to Pearl Harbor and received his training at Camp Roberts, California.

Prior to shipping overseas, Mitsuru and Sadako were married. In 1940, the parents went to Japan, taking the two youngest brothers (Tsutomu & James) with them. After Pearl Harbor, when the initial evacuation orders were issued, the Miyoko and Sato families elected to voluntarily move to Utah, rather than be placed behind barbed wire in the concentration camps. Ironically, they ended up in Utah in a "free zone" but thousands were placed behind barbed wire fences at near by Topaz, Relocation Camp in Utah and Minidoka Camp, in Idaho.

Tech Sgt Mitsuru Miyoko was assigned to Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion/ 442nd Regimental Combat Team in the Battle of Bruyeres where the Combat Team began their French campaign in the Vosges Forest

He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Distinguished Unit Citation, European-African-Middle-East Campaign Medals and World War II Victory Medal..

Tech Sgt Mitsuru Miyoko was killed in action on October 15, 1944 as the 100th/ 442nd Regimental Combat Team was attempting to liberate Bruyeres, France.

Tech Sgt Mitsuru E. Miyoko was survived by his wife, Mrs. Sadako Miyoko and his brothers Sam I Miyoko of Sandy, Utah, Pfc. Noboru Miyoko, who was with Company B 100th/442nd RCT was killed in action on April 14, 1945 in the waning days of the war on in Italy, Pvt. Takeshi Miyoko of Fort Benning and Pfc. George M. Miyoko who was reported having been wounded on April 5, in Italy and a sister, Mrs. Matsue K. Sato. At present the only survivors of the Miyoko family is Mrs. Matsue K Sato, sister and two brothers, Tsutomu and James Miyoko in Japan.

He is buried in the American cemetery in Epinal, France while his brother, Noboru lays at rest at the American Cemetery in Florence, Italy.

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