

Pfc Noboru Miyoko

June 3, 1919- April 14,, 1945



Noboru Miyoko was killed fighting with Company B 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team on April 14, 1945. After an 8 hour all night climb up 3,000 ft. to reach the “Georgia” and “Ohio” peaks to attack Mt. Cerretta, Mt. Carchio and Mt. Folgorito, the 442nd RCT were to accomplish this military feat, to crack the Gothic Line in 32 minutes which had previously remained stagnant for five months. For the ten days of bitter action between April 5 and April 14, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team was awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation. Company B was directed to protect the left flank in the direction of Fort Bastione near Castelpoggio; the Germans counterattacked in strength and were repelled by Company B, causing the enemy to withdraw after leaving 16 dead Germans and 8 wounded but Company B also suffered casualties. Pfc Noboru Miyoko, along with four comrades, was killed on April 14, 1945 at Castelpoggio, Italy.

Noboru Miyoko was born June 3, 1919 on farm in Glendale, California to Masaichiro & Yuko Miyo, the fourth of ten children. Noboru graduated John Marshall High School, Los Angeles about 1937. In 1940, the parents went to Japan taking the two youngest brothers (Tsutomu & James Miyoko). Noboru Miyoko was drafted in 1941 prior to Pearl Harbor at Fort McArthur, San Pedro, California. In early 1942 when the initial evacuation order was issued, the Miyoko and Sato families voluntarily moved to Utah rather than be placed behind barbed wire in the relocation camps. Ironically, they ended up in a “free zone” but there were thousands behind barbed wire in near by Topaz, Utah and in Minidoka, Idaho.

Noboru Miyoko was survived by his wife Mrs. Miyuki Miyoko of Brigham City, Utah; a daughter Susanne Setsuko; sister Mrs. Matsue K. Sato; and three brothers, Sam I Miyoko, Pvt Takeshi Miyoko of Fort Benning, and Pfc George M. Miyoko, reported to having been wounded in action in Italy on April 5, 1945. Brother Tech Sgt Mitsuru E. Miyoko of Company A 100th /442nd RCT was killed October 15, 1944 near Bruyeres, France. Of the 10 Miyoko siblings, Mrs. Matsue Kay Sato at 88 years and Tsutomu and James Miyoko in Japan survive. Pfc Noboru Miyoko was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge and the Distinguished Unit Citation.

Pfc Noboru Miyoko is interred at the American cemetery in Florence, Italy while his brother Tech Sgt Mitsuru E. Miyoko is buried at the American cemetery in Epinal, France.

Credits:

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