

The first casualty of the Hawaiian Provisional Battalion, detached to the Second Army as 100th Infantry Battalion at Camp McCoy, Wis. took place with the death of Private Mitsuru Ochiai of Mountain View, Hawaii at the Tomah Hospital (Indian Reservation Hospital) on June 23th, at 4:18 am.

Private Ochiai reported at the ship dispensary on AT3 Maui, on June 10th, complaining of abdominal pain. He was confined for observation in the ship's hospital but released by order of Ship Surgeon, Cap't Knoll, AUS, on June 12, the day we reached Oakland, Cal. From Oakland, the troop traveled by train to Camp McCoy, Wis. On June 16th, the following day after reaching Camp, he again reported to the camp dispensary and was immediately transferred to the hospital for observation. That very evening, he was operated for appendicitis, by Cap't Miller, dispensary surgeon. Complications set in after operation, and inspite of all available medical attention given, he turned to the worst. On June 22, blood transfusion was given by Cap't I. Kawasaki but he failed to rally. Bravely but quietly, he passed away at 4:18 am. with Cap't Kawasaki and his brother Sg't Satoru Ochiai of the Medical Detachment at his bedside, on June 23, seven days after operation.

Private Misturu Ochiai, 27 yrs. old, died in line of service in the Army of United States at Tomah Hospital, Tomah, Wis.

Impressive Military funeral service was held June 24 at Camp McCoy theaether attended by Col. MacMillin, Post Commander; Lt. Col. Turner; Major Lovell and all officers of the battalion, and his Co. C mates under Capt. Brenamen. Body was cremeated at Milwaukee, and sent to parents in Mountain View, Hawaii.

Autopsy was performed by Cap't Kawasaki and showed definite complications.