

S/Sgt Richard Kano Murashige
April 23, 1914 - October 23, 1943



Richard Kano Murashige was born on April 23, 1914, in Lihue, Kauai. He was the son of Masujiro and Haru (Kawamura) Murashige. He was educated at Hanamaulu School, Kauai; Central Intermediate School, McKinley High School, Oahu. Before entering the service, he was employed as a clerk for the Lewers & Cooke, Ltd. in Honolulu, Oahu.

Murashige (SN 30101079) was inducted into the Army at Schofield Barracks, Oahu on March 25, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 298th Infantry Regiment. He was later assigned to Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

Upon completion of combat training in the continental United States, he was dispatched overseas to Algeria, Africa and subsequently participated in the landing at Salerno, Italy and the Italian Campaign.

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

S/Sgt. Richard Kano Murashige was killed in action near Alvignano, Italy in the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on October 23, 1943.

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

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