

Pvt Roy I. Naemura

May 24, 1925 - April 15, 1945



Private Roy I. Naemura (39925867) was killed in action on April 14, 1945 in Italy. Roy Naemura was born of Mr. and Mrs. Naemura on May 24, 1925. A former resident of Gresham, Oregon, Roy Naemura attended Gresham High School. He was vice-president of the Junior Class and a member of the HI-Y while at Gresham. The family was evacuated to the Minidoka Relocation Center at Hunt, Idaho. Due to evacuation, Roy completed his education at Nyassa High School in 1944. According to NARA Roy Naemura enlisted in the army on June 23, 1944, at Boise, Idaho following his graduation from high school. Inducted into the Army, he received his basic training at Camp Blanding, Florida. Private Roy Naemura joined Company B 100th Infantry Battalion 442nd Regimental Combat Team on January 26, 1945 as the Combat Team was regrouping in southern France during the Champagne Campaign after suffering staggering losses in the Battle of

Bruyeres and the rescue of the Lost Battalion of the 36th Division. The 100th Infantry Battalion drew the choice sector in patrolling Monte Carlo, Menton, and Monaco along the French Riviera. The Combat Team was allowed rest and recreation in Nice and Cannes and Paris.

The 442nd Regimental Combat Team was recalled to Italy by General Mark Clark of the Fifth Army in March 1945, and on April 5, 1945 the Nisei Combat Team hit the vaunted Gothic Line. Private Roy I. Naemura was killed at the age of 19 years near Castelpoggio, Italy as the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, following their breakthrough of the Gothic Line, fought off a German counterattack on April 14, 1945.

Pvt Roy I. Naemura was awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart, and the Combat Infantry Badge. Pvt Naemura was survived by his parents , Mr. and Mrs. Naemura, 29-9-A, two sisters and a brother Joe.

Pvt Roy I. Naemura is buried at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon.

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