

Pfc. Takao Ted Ninomiya

April 6, 1920 - April 6, 1945



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Pfc. Takao Ted Ninomiya, son of Isaburo and Misayo Ninomiya, was born on April 6, 1920 in Fresno, California. His brothers and sisters are Setsuko Ninomiya Iwaoka, Katsumi Ninomiya (deceased), Masaaki Ninomiya (deceased), Gladys Ninomiya Nakamura, and Marjorie Ninomiya Masuda. He attended Manning and Magnolia Grammar Schools and graduated from Fowler Union High School in Fowler, California. When the war broke out, Takao's family was sent to the Assembly Center in Fresno, California in May 1942. Then his family was sent to a Relocation Center in Jerome, Arkansas.

Takao enlisted in the U.S. Army (Serial No. 36 468 321) in 1944 and received basic training at Camp Blanding, Florida. Pfc. Takao Ted Ninomiya was a member of the

100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Company B, 3rd Platoon. A letter signed by his comrades in the 3rd Platoon to his mother dated June 18, 1945 reads as follows:

“Mrs. Misayo Ninomiya,

We, the members of the third platoon, Co. B, 100th Inf. Bn. extend to you our deepest sympathy for the loss of one so dear to you. We fully realize that nothing we can say or do can compensate for so grievous a loss but if it would be of any solace to you, we are sending a small token of our respect and esteem for your son.

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His was the greatest of sacrifices. Your son and others like him made our battalion and regiment so highly praised and respected. We are fully confident that his life was given not in vain, but that all can reap the benefits of his deeds.

We, who used to be his comrades in arms, share with you in your grief, and hope that this small token will express at least a bit of our sorrow and gratitude.

Sincerely yours,”

Pfc. Takao Ted Ninomiya was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and is interred at Rosedale Cemetery in Los Angeles, California.

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Sgt. Kenji Ogawa
Sgt. A. H. P. Pouda
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Yoshio Tamura
Juehan Odama
Tokuya Tokuno
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Joseph Tanaka
Sgt. R. M. ...
Francis ...
Shunichi K. Tanaka
Chiyoko Takahashi
Yukio Kamada
K. Nakabecki

Sincerely yours,
Cecil W. ...
David S. Hagg
J. Tanaka
R. Yoshiki ...
Frank Nakamoto

Francis ...