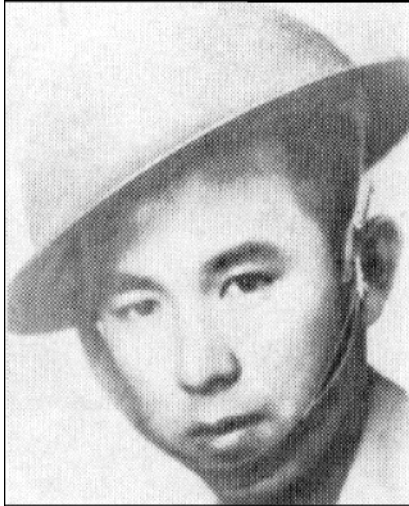


**Pvt Masuru Ogata**  
**October 3, 1919 - November 7, 1943**



Masaru Ogata was born in Honolulu, Oahu, on October 3, 1919. He was the son of Hichiro and Kuyo (Omori) Ogata. He was educated at Kalihiwaena School, Kalakaua Intermediate School, McKinley High School, Oahu. Before entering the service, he was a utility man at Libby, McNeil & Libby, Honolulu, Oahu.

Ogata (SN 30102843) was inducted into the Army at Schofield Barracks, Oahu on February 8, 1943. He was combat trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He was assigned to Company A, 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team. He served in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria, Africa and Italy.

He was awarded the Purple Heart, 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pvt. Masaru Ogata was killed in action near Santa Maria Oliveto, Italy, during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on November 7, 1943.

He is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu, Hawaii.

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