

Pfc Richard Masao Okimoto

September 13, 1919 - November 30, 1943



Richard M. Okimoto was born in Honolulu, Oahu, on September 13, 1919. He was the son of Kenjiro and Ritsuyo (Nagai) Okimoto. He was educated at Kaiulani School, Central Intermediate School, McKinley High School, Oahu. Before entering the service, he was a garage attendant at Sears, Roebuck and Co., Honolulu, Oahu.

Okimoto (SN 30102080) was inducted into the Army at Honolulu, Oahu on November 14, 1941. He took basic training at Schofield Barracks, Oahu and subsequently advanced combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served with the 298th Infantry Regiment initially in the Hawaiian Islands, and later assigned to Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion in the continental United States, then dispatched overseas to Algeria, Africa and participated in the landing at Salerno, Italy for the Italian Campaign

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

Pfc. Richard M. Okimoto was killed in action on November 30, 1943, near Scapoli, Italy, during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign.

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

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