

## **Pvt Roy Ota**

*Killed In Action April 05, 1945*



Pvt. Roy Ota, formerly of Sacramento, Calif. of Company C, 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion of the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat was killed in action April 5, 1945, near Vallecchia, Italy . This was the first day, 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team attacked up the “Florida” ridge of Mt. Folgorito. This attack was the first in a five-month stagnant period against a seemingly impenetrable foe, human and physical. It included a sheer 3,000 ft peak, and the well fortified western anchor of the Gothic Line, The 442<sup>nd</sup> was again called on to bear the brunt of this offensive.

Pvt Roy Ota was evacuated from Sacramento, and interned in Tule Lake, California.

Pvt Roy Ota was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and World War II Victory Medal. For their action on April 5 to the 14th the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT, received a Presidential Unit Citation.

Pvt Roy Ota is interred at Rock Island Cemetery at Rock Island, Illinois.

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