

Pvt Tadashi Otaguro

July 4, 1917 - December 3, 1943



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Tadashi Otaguro was born in Honolulu, Oahu, on July 4, 1917. He was the son of Hikotaro and Miye (Otsuka) Otaguro. He was educated at Kalihikai School, McKinley High School, Oahu. Before entering the service, he was a carpenter at E. E. Black, Ltd., Honolulu, Oahu.

In October 10, 1940, he was inducted into the Army at Schofield Barracks, Oahu (Serial No. 30100343). He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu; Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served with the 298th Infantry Regiment, 100th Infantry Battalion, 1st Battalion, Company D, in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pvt Tadashi Otaguro was killed in action on December 3, 1943, near Scapoli, in Italy during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign, and is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Honolulu, Hawaii.