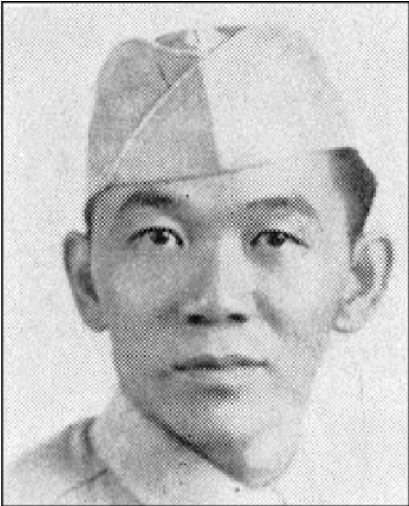


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Douglas Kazumi Otani was born on October 13, 1916, in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was the son of Goichi and Saga (Uyeno) Otani. He was educated at Kohala High and Elementary School in Hawaii; Maui High School in Hamakuapoko, Maui, and Margaret Dietz Commercial School on Oahu. He was married to the former Kiyoko Takai of Wailuku, Maui, on March 21, 1941. Before entering the service, he was a clerk for the Maui Pineapple Co., Ltd.

On December 8, 1940, Douglas Kazumi Otani was inducted into the Army in Wailuku, Maui (Serial No. 30100166). He trained at Schofield Barracks on Oahu, Camp Paukukalo on Maui, Camp McCoy in Wisconsin, and Camp Shelby in Mississippi. He served with the 299th Infantry Regiment and the 100th Infantry Battalion, Company C, in the Hawaiian Islands, the continental United States, Algeria, and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Distinguished Unit Badge, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Staff Sergeant Douglas Kazumi Otani was killed in action near Lanuvio, Italy, on June 2, 1944, during the Rome-Arno Campaign. He is interred at the Maui Veterans Cemetery Makawao, Maui.