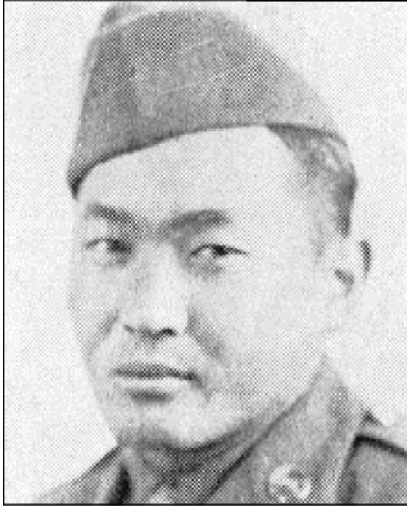


Pvt Jiro Otsuka

April 6, 1923 - June 3, 1944



Jiro Otsuka was born on April 6, 1923 at Anahola, Kauai, Hawaii. He was the son of Ishimatsu and Sano (Hara) Otsuka. He was educated at Anahola School, Kauai. Prior to his induction into the Army, Jiro worked as a laborer for the Hawaiian Canneries Co., Kauai.

Otsuka (SN 30103675) was inducted into the Army at Lihue, Kauai on March 19, 1943. He was combat trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served in Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team in the United States and Italy.

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

Pvt. Jiro Otsuka was killed in action near Genzano, Italy during the Anzio to Rome Campaign on June 3, 1944.

He is interred at the Kauai County Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, in Kauai, Hawaii.

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