Pvt Masatsugu Riyu
February 15, 1913 - October 23, 1943

Masatsugu Riyu was born on February 15, 1913, in Wailuku, Maui. He was the son of Takejiro and Taki (Shiraishi) Riyu. He was educated at the Wailuku Elementary School and Maui High School on Maui. Before entering the service, he was a serviceman for Shell Oil Company on Maui.

On December 8, 1940, Masatsugu Riyu was inducted into the Army at Wailuku, Maui (Serial No. 30100175). He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu; Camp Paukukalo, Maui; Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; and Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served with the 299th Infantry Regiment and the 100th Infantry Battalion, Company C, in the continental United States, Algeria, and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medial, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and World War II Victory Medal.

Private Masatsugu Riyu was killed in action at Sant’ Angelo d’ Alife, Italy, on October 23, 1943, during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign, and is interred at the Maui Veterans Cemetery, Makawao, Maui.