

S/Sgt Louis Kahaulelio Sakamoto *August 12, 1913 - October 23, 1943*



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Louis Kahaulelio Sakamoto was born August 12, 1913, in Waihee, Maui. He was the son of Kealoha (Lai) Sakamoto. He was educated at Waihee School on Maui. He was married to the former Evelyn Yuke Lun Quon of

Wailuku, Maui, on October 30, 1941. Before entering the service, he was a greens keeper for the County of Maui. On December 8, 1940, Louis Kahaulelio Sakamoto was inducted into the Army at Wailuku, Maui (Serial No. 30100182). He trained at Schofield Barracks on Oahu; Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; and Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served in the 299th Infantry Regiment and the 100th Infantry Battalion, Company C, in the continental United States, Algeria, and Italy.

He was awarded the Silver Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantryman 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 Louis Kahaulelio Sakamoto was killed in action near San' Angelo d' Alife, Italy, during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign, on October 23, 1943, and is interred at the Maui Veterans Cemetery, Makawao, Maui.

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LOUIS K. SAKAMOTO, 301001282 Staff Sergeant, Company "C", **Infantry Battalion (Sep). For gallantry in action on **October 1943, in the vicinity of ****Italy. Sgt Sakamoto assumed command of his platoon when his platoon leader was wounded by enemy mortar fire. The platoon was halted from further advance by heavy fire from enemy machine guns, machine pistols and mortars. Sgt Sakamoto on his own initiative crawled forward in the face of the heavy fire to a point from where he could throw hand grenades into the enemy's position. This action proved to be so effective that the enemy was forced to withdraw, enabling the platoon to move forward and occupy the ground previously held by the enemy and to bring effective fire on them as they retreated. The Company, as a result of his brave action moved their mortars into action against the enemy, causing heavy casualties. Sgt Sakamoto's conduct and initiative in the face of grave danger was an inspiration to his comrades and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Waihei, Maui, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mrs. Evelyn Q. Sakamoto (Wife), P.O. Box 25, Waihee, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.**

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