

Pvt. Ted Takao Shikiya

November 30, 1915 - October 21, 1943



Ted T. Shikiya was born in Honolulu, Oahu, on November 30, 1915. He was the son of Koyei and Ushi (Ishihara) Shikiya. He was educated at Kauluwela School, Central Intermediate School, McKinley High School in Oahu. Before entering the service, he was a storekeeper.

Shikiya (SN 30101063) was inducted into the Army at Honolulu, Oahu on March 25, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 298th Infantry Regiment. He was assigned to Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

Upon completion of combat training in the continental United States, he was dispatched overseas to Algeria, Africa and subsequently participated in the landing at Salerno, Italy and the Italian Campaign.

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

Pvt. Ted T. Shikiya was killed in action near Leonardo, Italy during the Salerno to Cassino campaign on October 21, 1943.

He is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu, Hawaii.

**HEADQUARTER 34TH INFANTRY DIVISION GO 9, February 8, 1944
AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUSLY)**

*Ted T. Shikiya, 30101063, Private, Company "A " 100th Infantry Battalion (Sep). For gallantry in action on **October 1943, in the vicinity of ****Italy. On **October 1943, Company "A ", ****Infantry Battalion (Sep) was pinned down by intense enemy machine-gun, mortar and rifle fire and was ordered to withdraw from their position. Seeing a wounded comrade lying about 10 yards in front of him, Pvt. Shikiya did not withdraw with the rest of the company, but went forward to his comrade's aid although he himself was wounded. Pvt. Shikiya, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, dragged his comrade to a defiladed position, but in so doing he received a fatal wound. Pvt. Shikiya 's courageous action in saving the life of his comrade is exemplary and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, Next of Kin: Koyei Shikiya (Father) 619 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.*

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