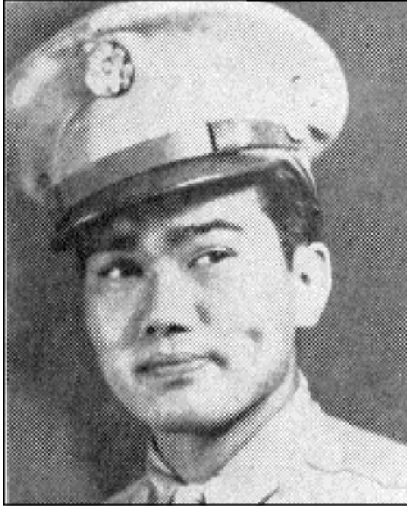


## **Pfc Roy Kokichi Shimabuku**

July 26, 1920 - October 20, 1944



Roy Kokichi Shimabuku was born July 26, 1920, in Paia, Maui. He was the ward of Muta and Kama (Ikehara) Miyasato. He was educated at Paia School and Maui High School on Maui. Before entering the service he was a stevedore at Lewers & Cooke, Ltd., in Honolulu.

Shimabuku (SN 30105495) was inducted into the Army in Honolulu on March 18, 1943. He was combat trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served in Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team in the continental United States, Italy, and France.

He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, 1 Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Badge, 1 Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Unit Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Private First Class Roy Kokichi Shimabuku was killed in action near Bruyeres, France during the battle of Bruyeres on October 20, 1944.

He is interred at the Maui Veterans Cemetery in Makawao, Maui.

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