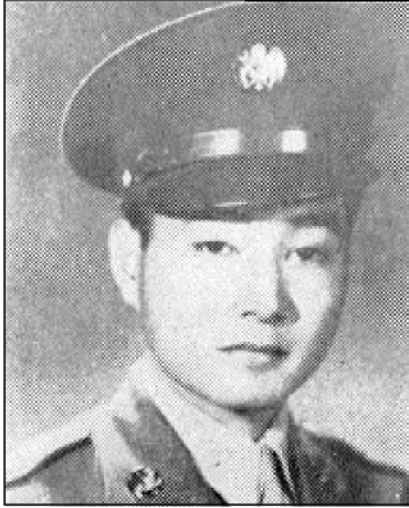


Sgt Ronald Kotaro Takara

January 15, 1918 - November 1, 1944



Ronald Kotaro Takara was born on January 15, 1918, in Onomea, Hawaii. He was the son of Kana and Otome Takara. He was educated at Hakalau Elementary and Intermediate School and Hilo High School in Hawaii as well as at the Galusha School of Business Training in Oahu. Before entering the service, he was employed as a bookkeeper at Lewers & Cooke, Ltd. in Honolulu, Oahu.

Takara (SN 30102047) was inducted into the Army at Honolulu, Oahu on November 14, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks with the 298th Infantry Regiment. He was later assigned to Company B, 100th Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served in the Hawaiian Islands, the continental United States, Algeria, Africa, Italy and France.

He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge, 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.

Sgt. Ronald Kotaro Takara died near Biffontaine, France on November 1, 1944.

He is interred at St. Louis, Missouri.

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