

Cpl Katsushi Tanouye
August 20, 1919 - November 8, 1943



Katsushi Tanouye was born on August 20, 1919, in Kurtistown, Hawaii. He was the son of Tokitaro and Kayo (Shigaki) Tanouye. He was educated at Lanai High and Elementary School, Ninole School, and Hilo High School in Hawaii and the University of Hawaii in Oahu. He was a student at the time of induction.

Tanouye (SN30102161) was inducted into the Army in Honolulu, Oahu on November 15, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 298th Infantry Regiment. He was later assigned to Company D, 100th Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

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

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

Cpl. Katsushi Tanouye was killed in action near Pozzilli, Italy, during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on November 8, 1943.

He is interred at the Veterans Cemetery, County of Hawaii in Hilo, Hawaii.

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KATSUSHI TANOUYE, 30102161, Corporal, Company "D", 100th Infantry Battalion (Sep). For gallantry in action on 8 November 1943, in the vicinity of Pozzilli, Italy. Cpl Tanouye, the assistant forward observer for an 81mm mortar platoon, was in position at an OP located on the crest of a hill forward of the advance infantry elements. The OP was almost untenable because of intense and continuous enemy artillery fire. During the course of the morning, the enemy launched two counter-attacks, preceded by an artillery barrage. Cpl Tanouye, however, remained at his post directing fire orders to his platoon, although his position was being constantly shelled. Both times the enemy estimated at two companies, were repulsed and their columns broken by mortar fire directed from this OP. Cpl Tanouye remained at his post during the entire morning until he and other observers were killed by a tree burst of an enemy shell. His courage and bravery in the face of almost certain death was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Hilo,

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