

**Sgt Theodore T. Tezuka**  
*August 31, 1919 - October 17, 1944*



Theodore Tezuka, a native of California, was born in 1919. After attending four years of college, Ted Tezuka gained employment as a pharmacist. He resided in Los Angeles when he enlisted in the Army at Ft. MacArthur in San Pedro, California on January 9, 1942.

Sgt Theodore T. Tezuka (ASN #39016503) served with the all Nisei Regimental Combat Team, 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Company A. After fighting in Italy for four months, the Nisei 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> Combat Team was transferred from the Italian front to France to join the 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Seventh Army in their push to get to Germany before Christmas. The 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> RCT fought in the Vosges forest, fighting for every yard as the Germans battled fiercely to keep the Allied forces from Germany. On October 17, 1944 as the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> RCT attempting to liberate the French town of Bruyeres, the Germans killed Sgt. Theodore T. Tezuka during battle.

The Army awarded Sgt Theodore T. Tezuka the Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Badge, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Sgt Theodore T. Tezuka is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Los Angeles, California.