

## Cpl Yasuji M. Uchima

September 30, 1918 - November 30, 1943



Yasuji M. Uchima was born on September 30, 1918, in Kukuihaele, Hawaii. He was the son of Nio and Guzu (Kishimoto) Uchima. He was educated at Laupahoe High and Elementary School, Hilo High School, Hawaii. Before entering the service, he was employed as an attendant at the Yoshikawa Service Station, Honolulu, Oahu.

Uchima (SN 30101050) was inducted into the Army in Honolulu on March 25, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 298th Infantry Regiment. He was later re-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 Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medals, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Cpl. Yasuji M. Uchima was killed in action near Scapoli, Italy during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on November 30, 1943.

He is interred at the Veterans Cemetery, Island of Hawaii.

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