

Pvt Masaru Yamamoto

August 5, 1919 - November 29, 1943



Masaru Yamamoto was born in Waialua, Oahu on August 5, 1919. He was the son of Tokichi and Mitsu Yamamoto. He was educated at Likelike School and McKinley High School, Oahu. Before entering the service he was employed by E.E. Black Ltd. as a painter.

Yamamoto (SN 30102021) was inducted into the Army at Schofield Barracks, Oahu in November, 1941. He trained briefly at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, and then shipped to the continental United States for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served with 298th Infantry Regiment in Hawaii and later transferred to Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion in the continental United States. Upon completion of training he was dispatched overseas to Algiers, Africa and subsequently participated in the landing at Salerno, Italy for the Italian Campaign.

He was awarded a Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and a WWII Victory Medal.

Pvt. Masaru Yamamoto was killed in action in Scapoli, Italy during the Salerno-Casino Campaign on November 29, 1943..

He is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl in Honolulu, Hawaii.

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