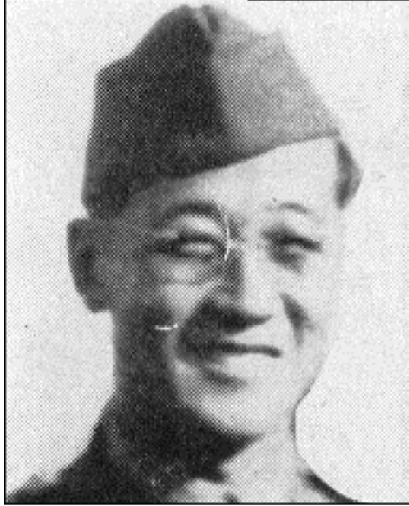


## **Pfc Kazuo Yamashita**

April 8, 1918 - July 11, 1944



Kazuo (Red) Yamashita was born on April 8, 1918, in Waimea, Oahu. He was the son of Kiyoshi and Miju (Ogata) Yamashita. He was educated at Waialua Elementary School, Leilehua High and Intermediate School, McKinley High School, Oahu. Before entering the service, he was employed as a truck driver for the Contractors, Pacific Naval Air Bases in Honolulu, Oahu.

Yamashita (SN 30101863) was inducted into the Army at Schofield Barracks, Oahu on November 14, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 298<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. He was later assigned to Company D, 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

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

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.

Pfc. Kazuo (Red) Yamashita was killed in action near Castellina Marittima and Leghorn, Italy during the Rome-Arno Campaign on July 11, 1944.

He is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu, Oahu.

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