

Cpl Edward Yoshiharu Yoshida

June 17, 1918 – January 24, 1944



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Edward Yoshiharu Yoshida was born in Naalehu, Hawaii, on June 17, 1918. He was the son of Kensuke and Shika (Masuko) Yoshida. He was educated at Naalehu Elementary and Intermediate School, Hawaii. Before entering the service, he was employed by Hutchinson Sugar Plantation Co., Hawaii, as a mechanic.

In December of 1940, he was inducted into the Army at Pahala, Hawaii (Serial number 30100628). He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu; in Molokai; Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; and Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served with the 299th Infantry Regiment and the 100th Infantry Battalion, B Company, in the Hawaiian Islands, United States, Algeria, and Italy. He was awarded the Silver Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the WWII Victory Medal.

Cpl Edward Yoshiharu Yoshida was killed in action in Montefalcione, near Cassino, Italy, while stopping a line of enemy armored cars in the Cassino to Anzio Campaign on January 24, 1944.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR YOSHIHARU E. YOSHIDA, 30100628. *Corporal, Company "C", 100th Infantry Battalion (Sep). For gallantry in action on **October 1943, in the vicinity of *****Italy. Cpl Yoshida, having been instructed to cover a certain road position, engaged three hostile armored reconnaissance cars which advanced towards his position. Permitting the leading vehicle to approach to within thirty-five yards of him, Cpl Yoshida fired upon it, inflicting considerable damage. His action, as well as the enemy's discovery of the presence of opposing forces, affected the retreat of the three vehicles, but at the same time evoked intense machine gun, artillery, and mortar fire. Nevertheless, Cpl Yoshida stuck to his post and prepared to fire in the event of another armored attack. The coolness and devotion to duty displayed by Cpl Yoshida in the face of grave danger was an inspiration to his comrades and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Residence at time of induction: Naalehu, Hawaii. By command of Major General Ryder:*

Cpl Edward Yoshiharu Yoshida is interred in the Veterans' Cemetery in Hawaii.