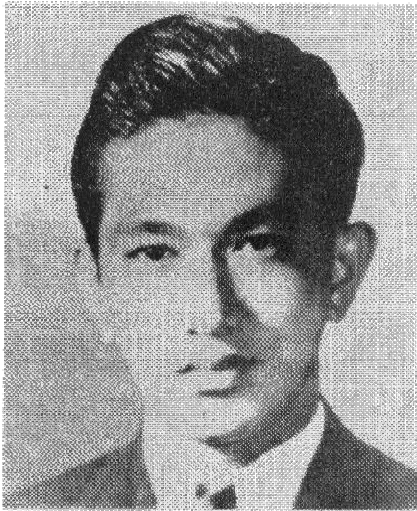


Pfc Kihachiro Hotta

May 7, 1923 - July 10, 1944



Kihachiro Hotta was born on May 7, 1923, in Wailuku, Maui. He was the son of Kiyoji and Tatsu (Araki) Hotta. He was educated at Lahainaluna High School on Maui. Before entering the service, he was employed as a clerk at the Hotta Store in Wailuku, Maui

Hotta (SN 30106064) was inducted into the Army at Schofield Barracks on Oahu on March 23, 1943. He trained at Camp Shelby in Mississippi.

He served with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, 100th Infantry Battalion, C Company in Algeria and Italy.

He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, American Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, European-African-Middle

Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pfc. Kihachiro Hotta was killed in action near Pomoja and Leghorn, Italy during the Rome-Arno Campaign on July 10, 1944.

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

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