

Pvt Thomas Sunao Kuwahara |
May 22, 1923 - June 2, 1944



PVT Thomas Suano Kuwahara

Thomas Sunao Kuwahara was born on May 22, 1923, in Wainaku, Hawaii. He was the son of Yasuta and Tsuma (Okazaki) Kuwahara. He was educated at Hilo Intermediate School, Hilo High School, Hawaii. Before entering the service, he was employed as a stevedore for McCabe, Hamilton & Renny, Honolulu, Oahu.

Thomas Sunao Kuwahara was inducted into the Army on March 25, 1943, at Schofield Barracks, Oahu (Serial number, 30105683). He trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the 100th Infantry Battalion, Company A, in the continental United States and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, American and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medals, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pvt. Thomas Sunao Kuwahara was killed in action on June 2, 1944, during the Rome-Arno Campaign. He is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Honolulu, Hawaii.

April 2024 Update:

According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's database, Pvt. Kuwahara was a member of the 100th, Company C (not A) when he was last seen on June 2, 1944 pinned down by enemy fire. He failed to report back to his unit and the next day was listed as Missing in Action. His body was never found.

<https://dpaa-mil.sites.crmforce.mil/dpaaProfile?id=a0Jt000001nzWxrEAE>

He is not interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii but is memorialized on the Tablets of the Missing at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery.

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