2nd Lt Kenkichi Kenneth Teruya December 13, 1917 - June 2, 1944



Kenneth Kenkichi Teruya was born in Wailuku, Maui on December 13, 1917. He was the son of Eiko and Hisako (Gibu) Teruya. He was educated at Wailuku Elementary School, and Lahaina High School in Maui, McKinley High School, and the University of Hawaii, Oahu. Before entering the service he was employed by the Territorial Board of Health as a sanitary Inspector.

Teruya (SN 30100324) was inducted into the Army at Schofield Barracks in December, 1940. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu and Camp Paukukalo, Maui.

He was later assigned to Company E/F, 100th Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria, Africa and Italy. He received a battlefield commission on January 2, 1944 (Serial number, 02055890).

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

2nd Lt Kenkichi Kenneth Teruya was killed in action near Lanuvio and Anzio, in the Anzio to Rome Campaign, Italy on June 2, 1944.

He is interred at the Makawao Veterans' Cemetery in Makawao, Maui.

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