

Cpl. James Koichi Uejo
December 6, 1917 - October 29, 1944



James Koichi Uejo was born in Kalaheo, Kauai on Dec. 6, 1917. He was the son of Kana and Kana (Asato) Uejo. Hewas educated at Kalaheo School and Kauai High School, Kauai and the Honolulu Business College. Before entering the military, he was a farmer. In November of 1941, he was inducted into the military at Hanapepe, Kauai (Serial number, 30102129). He was trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and Camp Shelby, Mississippi, in the continental United States. He served with the 299th Infantry Regiment and the 100th Infantry Battalion, C Company in the Hawaiian Islands,

United States, Algeria, Italy, and France. He was awarded the Silver Star Medal, the Purple Heart Medal, 1 Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Badge, 1 Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Distinguished Unit Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

He was killed in action near Belmont, France, in the Lost Battalion Rescue on October 29, 1944,

and is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, Honolulu, Hawaii.

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AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR (GO No. 8, Hq 6th Army Group, 7 Feb 45)

JAMES K. UEJO, 30102129, Corporal, Infantry, Company D, 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Biffontaine, France, on 28 October 1944, during an attack against an enemy held hill. Disregarding the heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire that had wounded three of his comrades during the action, Corporal Uejo made his way to the injured men and rendered first aid,. Upon observing that one was in need of immediate evacuation he unhesitatingly left his position to contact a litter team of an adjacent unit and while leading it back to the position was fatally wounded by a mortar shell. By his outstanding loyalty to his unfortunate comrade and self-sacrificing efforts Corporal reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Kane Uejo (Mother), PO Box 5, Malaheo, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

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