

# **SGT John Yokiharu Harano**

**1924 - 1944**

**John "Johnny" Yokiharu Harano was born in Berkeley, CA on January 5, 1924. He had five brothers and three sisters.**

**The Harano family were split up when the war began. Johnny and his parents along with siblings George, Roy, Sue, and Mary all went to Topaz.**

**Johnny enlisted in the army in June of 1943. He trained at Camp Shelby and shipped out to Italy in May 1944. His mother would die in Topaz just a few days after he arrived in Italy. Johnny was killed in action on October 29, 1944 during the rescue of the Lost Battalion.**

## VOLUNTEERS TO LEAVE MONDAY

The third Topaz group of volunteers for the combat unit at Camp Shelby, Miss., will leave next Monday for the induction station at Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City.

Confirmation was received by Claude C. Cornwall, employment chief, from Hillman Davies of the Millard County draft board.

Those leaving are Joe Matsuki, John Harano, and Teruo Nobori. Tom Misumi and Junichi Matsuoka who are working in Ogden and Salt Lake City will join the group next Monday.

Another volunteer, Bill Kochiyama, was inducted on June 16. He was working in New York City.

## 3 VOLUNTEERS-LEAVE-- FOR FORT DOUGLAS

Under the leadership of John Harano, 3 volunteers left Topaz yesterday afternoon for Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, where they will be inducted into the armed forces. They were Joe Matsuki, Dan Ota and Harano.

The group will be met in Salt Lake City by Teruo Nobori, Hajime Yoshizawa, Jay Matsuoka, Tom Misumi, and George Toyota.



## Japanese-American Killed in France

Word is received in Delta that Sgt. John Harano, a member of the 442nd Infantry, was killed in action in France. His brother George Harano works at the Delta Milling Corporation, in Delta.

Sgt. Harano was one of the first volunteers to the Army from Topaz and had served in the 442nd Infantry which gained such fame for their gallant fighting on the beachheads on Italy.

He is the son of Satoru Harano of Topaz, and was 21 years of age at the time he was killed.

