PFC Joseph Hisato Kato
1920 - 1944

Joseph Kato was born in 1920 in Centerville, CA. He was the middle of nine children. Two of his brothers died as infants.

Joseph’s older brother, Henry, enlisted in March 1941 and Joseph followed a year later in February 1942. The rest of the Kato family were sent to Topaz.

Joseph was killed in action on October 16, 1944 in France while fighting to liberate Bruyères, France.
PFC KATO KILLED IN ACTION ON FRENCH FRONT

PFC. Joseph H. Kato, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Taiju Kato, was killed in action in France on Oct. 16, 1943. The family were notified last Saturday.

Friends and relatives of the late soldier held a memorial service in his honor on Sunday night in the local Buddhist Church. The family, now relocated in Tremonton, Utah, lived in Irvington, California prior to the evacuation.

PFC. Kato's older brother, Yasuhisa Kato, is now serving with the US Army in England. Both were called into the army before the evacuation.

The late soldier is also survived by one other brother and four sisters.

American-Japanese Killed In France

PFC. Joseph H. Kato, son of Mr. and Mrs. Taiju Kato, was killed in action October 16th in France, while serving in Uncle Sam's army, according to a telegram received by his parents, Saturday.

The young man was born February 2, 1920, and was inducted February 6, 1942, at Monterey California. He left for overseas August, this year. The family has lived in Tremonton since February, 1943.

Other members of the family serving Uncle Sam are a brother and a sister, Sgt. Henry Y. Kato who is overseas, and Cadet Nurse Kiyoyo Kato of St. Mark's hospital in Salt Lake City. Other members of the family who survive are Yasuto, Chiyomi Sakuda, Akiko and Sumiko Kato. In the near future, the family expects to have two others in the service, one by induction and another girl as a Cadet Nurse.