

PVT Teruo Terry Tabata

1923 - 1944

Teruo Terry Tabata was born on December 18, 1923. He had two older brothers, Nobuo and Yoshio.

The Tabata family was sent to Topaz in September 1942. Teruo worked as a sports reporter for the Topaz Times. He volunteered for the army in August of 1943.

Teruo was killed in action on October 28, 1944 in France during the rescue of the Lost Battalion.

4 VOLUNTEERS TO LEAVE HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Four volunteers will leave Topaz next Wednesday, August 11, to report for induction into the US Army at Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, it was announced today.

They are Tad Hikoyeda, who will act as group leader, Yoshitaka Takaki, George Shiraki and Teruo Tabata. The Shelby-bound boys will report to Russell A. Bankson at administration building B, Wednesday, at 12:45 PM.

This group will be joined at the reception center at 6:35 PM by three other Topaz volunteers, George Kawata, Nobuo Kajiwara and Frank Matsumoto, who have been working outside in Utah cities.

Three others who have relocated, Yoshihiko Hayashida in Chicago, and John and Paul Yoshino in Detroit, were sent induction papers today. They will report to their nearest reception center.



We Pay Tribute

Today the Topaz Times pays special tribute to Pvt. Terry Tabata, a former staff member, who was reported this week as killed in action on October 28 in Franco. Terry was just another ordinary kid in his ways, nothing special or outstanding—except that he volunteered his life to fight for the ideal in which he believed with all his heart.

We will always remember him as the one in our bunch who liked to play bridge with us, the one who gabbled snorts and everything else with us, and as the one who loved to eat more than anything else. We always knew that he was a volunteer but we really did not think too much about it. We were sure that he would come back.

So the news yesterday was shocking to us—as it must have been to his family, whose sorrows can never be expressed fully except by those who have had to bear similar experiences.

To Terry, the other servicemen overseas, and those in training who will go "over" soon we humbly express our admiration for the worthiness of their purpose.

PVT. TABATA SERVICE

Memorial service for the late Private Teruo Tabata will be held at the Topaz Protestant Church tomorrow night from 7:30.