

# **PVT James Shigeru Okamoto**

**1919 - 1945**

**James "Jimmy" Okamoto was born on March 22, 1919 in San Francisco, CA. He was the youngest of four children. His father, Kikuhachi, passed away when Jimmy was only 4 years old.**

**When the war broke out, oldest brother, Louis and his family went to Topaz, while the rest of the Okamotos went to Tule Lake. Eventually, they would all reunite in Topaz.**

**Jimmy was inducted at Ft. Sheridan, IL on August 7, 1944. He was killed in action on April 22, 1945 in Tendola, Italy.**



## PVT. OKAMOTO KILLED IN ITALY; TSUTSUI WOUNDED

Pvt. James Shigoru Okamoto, 26, son of Mrs. Kano Okamoto of 31-10-F, was killed in action on April 22 while fighting with the famed 442nd infantry battalion in Italy. Another report reveals that Pvt. Roy Tsutsui, brother-in-law of Dr. George Ochikubo of 23-9-C, was wounded on April 15 in Italy.

Memorial services for Pvt. Okamoto will be held Monday evening in the Buddhist church at 7:30 P.M.

Inducted into the armed forces in August, 1944, Pvt. Okamoto received his training at Camp Blanding, Florida, and was sent overseas last March.

Pvt. Okamoto is a former resident of San Francisco where he attended Gallileo high school. He was member of the S.F. Y.M.B.A. and San Mateo Ryusobu basketball teams. He is survived by a brother, Louis, who is in Detroit, and a married sister, Mrs. T. Yamada of 31-10-E.

Pvt. Tsutsui, whose parents are living in Salt Lake City, was discharged after Pearl Harbor but was recalled again last year. He trained at Camp Shelby before being shipped overseas last August.



# RITES FOR SGT. NAKAYAMA PVT. OKAMOTO ANNOUNCED

Memorial services for the late Sgt. Minoru Nakayama will be held tomorrow evening in the Buddhist church at 7:30 PM. Memorial rites for Pvt. James Shigoru Okamoto will also be held at the Buddhist church on Monday night, May 14, at 7:30 PM.

Sgt. Nakayama, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kakunojo Nakaya-

ma of 37-1-AB, was killed in action while fighting with the famed 442nd infantry battalion in Northern Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries received in battle last year.

Two other brothers are also serving in the armed forces. Pvt. Tony Nakayama is in Italy and Pvt. Shig is now training at Fort Bragg, N.C. The late soldier is also survived by two other brothers, Henry and Tak, and two sisters, Hanayo and Toyoko.

Pvt. Okamoto, is the son of Mrs. Kane Okamoto of 31-10-F. He was killed in action on April 22 and was attached to the 442nd infantry battalion in Italy.

He is also survived by a brother, Louis, and a married sister, Alice.

## APPRECIATION

I wish to express my deepest gratitude for the many expressions of kindness and sympathy accorded to us during our recent bereavement.

Mrs. Kane Okamoto

Tsumura of 11-8-B, Doami, eldest son of Mrs. Machi Doami of 28-1-E, lived in San Francisco prior to evacuation.

Baishakunin for the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Ichiro Uyeda and Rev. and Mrs. Tetsuro Kashima.

## PATIENT SENT TO S.F.

Tekatsuka Fujii was added to the list of patients