



**John W O'Connor**

**KIA 7 May 1945**

**Army SSG**



John W. O'Connor was killed in action on 7 May 1945 on Okinawa. He served with the 307<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 77<sup>th</sup> Division.

*The 307th Infantry Regiment moved into the line on Okinawa on April 29, on the top of the Maeda Escarpment known as Hacksaw Ridge. The Japanese were determined to hold the ridge, and decimated American platoons until just a few men remained. Much of the fighting was hand-to-hand combat and particularly ruthless. The Americans finally took Hacksaw Ridge on May 6. – Description of the battle that John likely died in.*

It is possible that John was wounded in the Hacksaw ridge action and succumbed to his wounds on the 7<sup>th</sup>. He is buried in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu.

John lived on Main St. with parents George and Emma, siblings Elle and John, as well as married sister Rose Cameron and her husband Robert. John married Irene Mullen, but she died while he was in service.

John worked at Beattie Manufacturing prior to service.