

Pvt Onso Chinen
December 23, 1917 - November 29, 1943



Onso Chinen was born on December 23, 1917, in Koloa, Kauai. He was the son of Kama and Muta Chinen. He was educated at the Hakalau Intermediate School on the big island of Hawaii. Prior to entering the service, he was a laborer at the Hakalau Plantation Co. (Island of Hawaii).

On June 29, 1941 Chinen (SN 30101451) was inducted in the United States Army. He took basic training at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 298th Infantry Regiment and subsequently advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby Mississippi.

Chinen was assigned to be a member of Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion. He saw service in the Hawaiian Islands, the continental United States, Algeria, Africa and in the landing at Salerno to the battle crossing the Volturno River in the Italian Campaign.

He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pvt Onso Chinen was killed in action in Scapoli, Italy during the battle crossing the Volturno River Campaign.

Pvt Onso Chinen is interred at the Veterans Cemetery, County of Hawaii.

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