

Pvt Masami Fukagawa
September 2, 1915 - November 6, 1943



Masami Fukagawa was born in Honolulu, Oahu, on September 2, 1915. He was the son of Tadajiro and Kinu Fukagawa. He was educated at Elementary School, Oahu. Before entering the service, he was an electrician foreman.

Fukagawa (SN 30101127) was inducted into the Army at Honolulu, Oahu on March 25, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu. He was later assigned to Headquarters Company, 100th Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria, Africa and Italy.

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

Pvt. Masami Fukagawa was killed in action near Venafro, Italy during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on November 6, 1943.

He is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu, Hawaii.

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