

## **Pfc Chester Takumi Fukunaga**

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Chester T. Fukunaga was born in Kukuihaele, Hawaii, on February 8, 1915. He was the son of Takuro and Kazue (Shimizu) Fukunaga. He was educated at Waialua Elementary School, Leilehua High and Intermediate School, Oahu. Before entering the service, he was a bookkeeper at Standard Motors, Ltd., Honolulu, Oahu.

In November 14, 1941, he was inducted into the Army at Wahiawa, Oahu (Serial No. 30101861). He trained at Mana, Kauai and Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served with the 299<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment and the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, Company F, in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria, and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pfc Chester T. Fukunaga was killed in action on November 5, 1943, at Santa Maria Oliveto, Italy, during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign, and is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Honolulu, Hawaii.