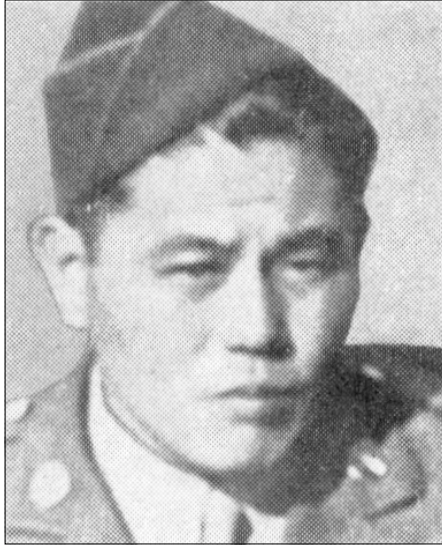


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Masao Hatanaka was born on July 14, 1914 in Honolulu, Oahu. He was the son of Iwakichi and Kiju (Iriguchi) Hatanaka. He was educated at Kuhio School, Washington Intermediate School, and McKinley High School on Oahu. Before entering the service he was a stonemason.

On March 25, 1941 Masao Hatanaka was inducted into the Army at Schofield Barracks, Oahu (Serial No. 30 100 986). He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 298th Infantry Regiment and later at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi with the 100th Infantry Battalion, Company B. He saw service in the Hawaiian Islands, the continental United States, Algeria, and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, the Asiatic-Pacific, American, and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medals, and the World

War II Victory Medal. Sgt Masao Hatanaka was killed in action near Santa Maria Oliveto, Italy on November 5, 1943 in the Salerno to Cassino Campaign and is interred in a private plot.