

Pvt. Eiji Hidaka

Dec. 2, 1918 - Nov. 2, 1943



Eiji Hidaka was born in Honolulu, Oahu, on December 2, 1918. He was the son of Kilo and Fuku (Yamashita) Hidaka. He received a grade school education in Wakayama, Japan. Before entering the service, he was a fisherman.

Hidaka (SN 30102145) was inducted into the Army at Honolulu, Oahu on November 15, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Maui, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served with the 299th Infantry Regiment and the 100th Infantry Battalion, Company C, in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria, and Italy.

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

Pvt. Eiji Hidaka died of wounds near Alvignano, Italy, during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on November 2, 1943.

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

****** The parents of Put Eiji Hidaka had elected to repatriate to Japan and found themselves behind barbed wire fence with the mainland Japanese. Put Eiji Hidaka of Co. C, 100th Infantry Battalion upon completion of his training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi was allowed to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. Fuku Hidaka, resident of I-1-C Topaz Relocation Center in Utah before he was shipped overseas to Algiers in September 1943. When the death of Pvt. Eiji Hidaka on November 2, 1943 in Italy was announced, the Topaz Times noted in December 11, 1943 that the Hidaka's residence was the Tule lake Segregation Center.*

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