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.

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