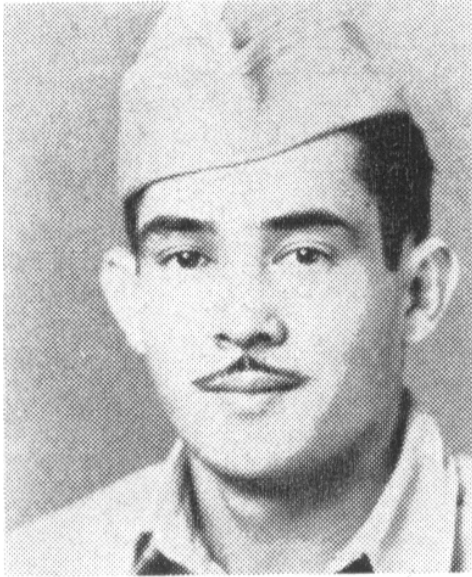


Pfc. Eddie Kamechu Higa
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Eddie K. Higa was born in Pepeekeo, Hawaii, on February 11, 1919. He was the son of Kotatsu and Ushiya (Shiroma) Higa. He was educated at Pepeekeo Elementary and Intermediate School, Hilo High School, Hawaii. Before entering the service, he was a carpenter as Hawaiian Pineapple Co., Ltd., Honolulu, Oahu.

In November 12, 1941, he was inducted into the Army at Hilo, Hawaii (serial no. 30101746). He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu; Camp Paukukalo, 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; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal; American Defense Service Medal; American Campaign Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal; and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pfc. Eddie K. Higa was killed in action on July 9, 1944, near Pomoja and Leghorn, Italy, during the Rome-Arno Campaign. Pfc. Eddie K. Higa is interred at the Veteran's Cemetery, Hawaii.

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