

Pvt Takemitsu Higa
April 16, 1919 - December 1, 1943



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Takemitsu Higa was born in Kahaluu, Oahu, on April 16, 1919. He was the son of Giro and Kama (Kisaba) Higa. He was educated at Waiahole Elementary and Intermediate School, Mid-Pacific Institute, Oahu. Before entering the service, he was a farmer.

In May 21, 1942, he was inducted into the Army at Schofield Barracks, Oahu (Serial No. 30101109). He trained at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served with the 100th Infantry Battalion, Company B, in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pvt Takemitsu Higa was killed in action on December 1, 1943, at Castelnuovo, Italy, during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign, and is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Honolulu, Hawaii.