

## **Pvt Mitsuo Hiraki**

*February 24, 1920 - November 4, 1943*



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Mitsuo Hiraki was born in Honolulu, Oahu, on February 24, 1920. He was the son of Rikichi and Kiyo (Takata) Hiraki. He was educated at Kauluwela School, Honolulu Vocational School, Oahu. Before entering the service, he was a carpenter at Wallace S. Kiyota, Contractor, Honolulu, Oahu.

In November 14, 1941, he was inducted into the Army at Honolulu, Oahu (Serial No. 30102033). He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu; Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; and Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served with the 298<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment and the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, Company E, in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pvt Mitsuo Hiraki was killed in action on November 4, 1943, near Venafro, Italy, during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign, and is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Honolulu, Hawaii.