Sgt Tomio Imai  
February 13, 1919 - October 16, 1944

Tomio Imai was born in Haina, Hawaii, on February 13, 1919. He was the son of Toraki and Tori (Hiromoto) Imai. He was educated at Honokaa High and Elementary School, Hawaii. Before entering the service, he was an electrician at Honokaa Sugar Co., Hawaii.

Imai (SN 30100581) was inducted into the Army at Honokaa, Hawaii on December 10, 1940. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, 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, Africa and Italy.

He was awarded the Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Badge, 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Distinguished Unit Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, American Service Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Sgt. Tomio Imai was killed in action near Bruyeres, France, during the Battle of Bruyeres on October 16, 1944.

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

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