

Pfc Toshio Kawamoto

December 22, 1919 - January 9, 1944



Toshio Kawamoto was born on December 22, 1919, in San Gabriel, California. He was the son of Yaemon and Tome Kawamoto. He was educated at a Grade School in California for 1 year and attended grade school in Japan. Before entering the service, he was employed as a carpenter.

Kawamoto (SN 30102414) was inducted into the Army at Schofield Barracks, Oahu on November 15, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 298th Infantry Regiment.

He was later assigned to Company B, 100th Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and Camp Shelby.

Upon completion of combat training in the continental United States, he was dispatched overseas to Algeria, Africa and subsequently participated in the landing at Salerno, Italy and the Italian Campaign..

He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal with 1 Oak-Leaf Cluster, Combat Infantryman Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medals, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pfc. Toshio Kawamoto was killed in action near San Vittore, Italy during the during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on January 9, 1944.

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

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