

Pfc Yutaka Kawamoto

July 20, 1913 - November 29, 1943



Yutaka Kawamoto was born on July 20, 1913, in Mountain View, Hawaii. He was the son of Sakuichi and Misao (Nakano) Kawamoto. He was educated at Mountain View School, Hawaii. Before entering the service, he was employed as a janitor at Mountain View School, Hawaii.

Kawamoto (SN 30101164) was inducted into the Army in Hilo, Hawaii on March 25, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 299th Infantry Regiment. He was later assigned to Company C, 100th Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

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, Combat Infantryman Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medals, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pfc. Yutaka Kawamoto was killed in action near Scapoli, Italy, during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on November 29, 1943.

He is interred at the Veterans Cemetery, Island of Hawaii.

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