

Pfc Hiroshi Matsukawa

March 7, 1918 - December 1, 1943



Hiroshi Matsukawa was born in Hilo, Hawaii on March 7, 1918. He was the son of Matsutaro and Tona Matsukawa. He was educated at Hilo Union School, Hilo Intermediate School, and Hilo High School, Hawaii. Before entering the service, he was employed as a truck driver.

Matsukawa (30101446) was inducted into the Army in Hilo, Hawaii on June 28, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 299th Infantry Regiment. He was assigned to Company A, 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 for 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. Hiroshi Matsukawa was killed in action near Scapoli and Colli, Italy during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on December 1, 1943.

He is interred at the Veterans Cemetery, Hawaii.

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