

## **Pvt Sadao Matsumoto**

August 8, 1925 - June 4, 1944



Sadao Matsumoto was born in Olaa, Hawaii on August 8, 1925. He was the son of Tokuichi and Asayo (Komatsu) Matsumoto. He was educated at Waimanalo Elementary and Intermediate School, Parker High and Elementary School, and the Honolulu Vocational School in Oahu. Before entering the service, he was employed as a mechanic for the U.S. Army.

Matsumoto (SN 30105687) was inducted into the Army in Honolulu, Oahu on March 21, 1943. He trained for combat at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion in Company C, in the continental United States and Italy.

He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, American and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medals and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pvt. Sadao Matsumoto died of wounds near Lanuvio, Italy, during the Rome-Arno Campaign on June 4, 1944.

He is interred at Olaa, Hawaii.

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