**Pfc Kazuo Mito**  
*September 20, 1919 - November 30, 1943*

Kazuo Mito was born on September 20, 1919, in Honolulu, Oahu. He was the son of Sakuichi and Masuno Mito. He was educated at Likelike School and Kalakaua Intermediate School, on Oahu. Before entering the service, he was employed as a carpenter.

Mito (SN 30101604) was inducted into the Army at Honolulu, Oahu in June 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 298th Infantry Regiment. He was later 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 Salern, Italy for the Italian Campaign.

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

Pfc. Kazuo Mito was killed in action at Scapoli, Italy, on November 30, 1943.

He is interred at the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl in Honolulu.

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