

Pfc Arthur Akira Morihara

April 10, 1914 - October 23, 1943



Arthur Akira Morihara was born on April 10, 1914, in Kealahou, Hawaii. He was the son of Usaku and Umeyo (Nishioka) Morihara. He was educated at Konawaena High and Elementary School, Hawaii. Before entering the service, he was employed as a laborer at the E.E. Black Ltd., Honolulu, Oahu.

Morihara (SN 30101508) was inducted into the Army in Honolulu, Oahu. He took basic training at Schofield Barracks, Oahu and subsequently advanced combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served with the 298th Infantry Regiment in Hawaii and later transferred to Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion during advanced combat training. He served in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria, Africa 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. Arthur Akira Morihara was killed in action near Cassino, Italy, during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on October 23, 1943.

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

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