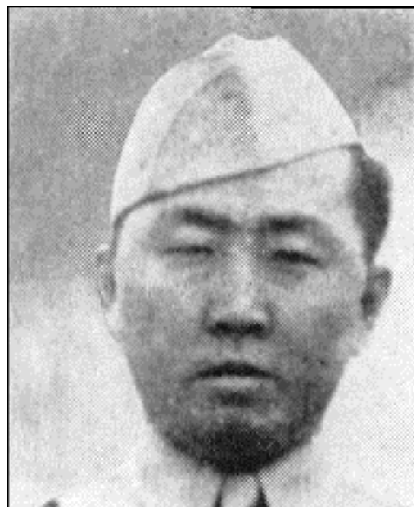


## **Pfc Iwao Morita**

August 1, 1908 - November 5, 1943



Iwao Morita was born on August 1, 1908, in Hanamaulu, Kauai. He was the son of Tosaku and Taka Morita. He was educated at Hanamaulu School, Kauai. Before entering the service, he was employed as a laborer for the County of Kauai, Hawaii.

Morita (SN 30100439) was inducted into the Army at Lihue, Kauai on December 10, 1940.

He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served with the 299th Infantry Regiment and the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, Company F, in the Hawaiian Island, continental United States, Algeria, and Italy.

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

Pfc. Iwao Morita was killed in action at Santa Maria Oliveto, Italy during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on November 5, 1943.

He is interred at the Kauai County Cemetery in Lihue, Kauai.

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