Pfc Hiroshi Motoishi
April 21, 1920 - March 20, 1944

Hiroshi Motoishi was born on April 21, 1920 in Hakalau, Hawaii. He was the son of Yoshiaki and Koura (Kobataka) Motoishi. He was educated at Hakalau Elementary and Intermediate School and Hilo High School, Hawaii. Before entering the service, he was employed as an electrician at the Kataoka Electrical Appliances, Honolulu, Oahu.

Hiroshi Motoishi was inducted into the Army on November 15, 1941, Honolulu, Oahu (Serial number, 30102220). He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu; Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; and Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served with the 298th Infantry Regiment and the 100th Infantry Battalion, Company D, in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria, and Italy. 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 Motoishi was killed in action on March 20, 1944, near Cassino, Italy. He is interred at the Veterans Cemetery, Hawaii.

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