Sakae Murakami was born on February 8, 1919, in Honakaa, Hawaii. He was the son of Chiyozo and Toi (Nagata) Murakami. He was educated at Kaapahu School and Honokaa High and Elementary School, Hawaii. Before entering the service, he was employed as a carpenter with the Oahu Railway & Land Co., Ltd., Honolulu.

Murakami (SN 30101887) was inducted into the Army at Waipahu, Oahu on November 14, 1941.

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

He served with the 299th Infantry Regiment and the 100th Infantry Battalion, Company C, in the Hawaiian Island, 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. Sakae Murakami was killed in action at Sant’ Angelo d’ Alife, Italy, during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on October 23, 1943.

He is interred at the Veterans Cemetery in Hilo, Hawaii.

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