

S/Sgt Toshio Murakami **July 1, 1920 - July 9, 1944**



Toshio Murakami was born on July 1, 1920, in Wailuku, Maui. He was the son of Shigeru and Motoye (Mabe) Murakami. He was educated at Wailuku Elementary School, Wailuku Intermediate School and Baldwin High School, Maui. Before entering the service, he was employed as a defense worker at the Territorial Airport Contractors, Maui.

Murakami (SN 30103084) was inducted into the Army at Wailuku, Maui on February 23, 1942. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 299th 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 Salerno, Italy 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.

S/Sgt. Toshio Murakami was killed in action near Castellina Marittima, Italy during the Rome-Arno Campaign on July 9, 1944.

He is interred at the Makawao Veterans Cemetery in Makawao, Maui.

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