Goichi Nagao was born in Ninole, Hawaii, on January 26, 1918. He was the son of Kenichi and Tei (Nakasara) Nagao. He was educated at Hilo High School, Hawaii. Before entering the service, he was a laundry worker.

In February 7, 1942, he was inducted into the Army at Honolulu, Oahu (Serial No. 30102693). He trained at Schofield Barracks, Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, 100th Infantry Battalion, Company C, in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pvt Goichi Nagao was killed in action on August 30, 1944, near Badia and Leghorn, Italy, during the Rome-Arno campaign, and is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Honolulu, Hawaii.

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