

Pfc Kaoru Naito
January 19, 1920 - October 23, 1943



Kaoru Naito was born in Lihue, Kauai on January 19, 1920. He was the son of Saichi and Kuniyo (Kogawa) Naito. He was educated at Lihue School and Kauai High School, Kauai. Prior to induction into the Army, he was a deliveryman for W.A. Ramsey, Ltd. in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Naito (SN 30102025) was inducted into the Army in Honolulu, Oahu on November 14, 1941. He was trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 298th Infantry Regiment. He was later assigned to Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and at 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 Defense Service Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pfc. Kaoru Naito was killed in action near Alvignano, Italy in the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on October 23, 1943.

He is interred at the National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu, Hawaii.

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