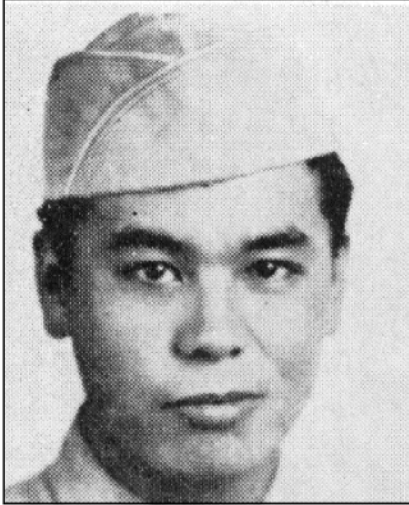


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Hirao Nakagawa was born at Makaweli, Kauai, Hawaii on April 12, 1922. He was the son of Toichi and Torayo (Sakai) Nakagawa. He was educated at Waimea Elementary School and Waimea High School. Prior to induction into the Army, Hirao was a truck driver for C.B. Hofgaard and Company., Hanapepe, Kauai.

He was inducted into the Army on March 12, 1943, at Hanapepe, Kauai (Serial number 30103629). He was trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi and served with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the 100th Infantry Battalion, Company B, in the United States, Italy, and France. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, one Bronze Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pfc Hirao (Emil) Nakagawa was killed in action near Seravezza, Italy, on April 6, 1945, during the Po Valley Campaign. He is interred at the Kauai County Veterans Cemetery, Kauai, Hawaii.