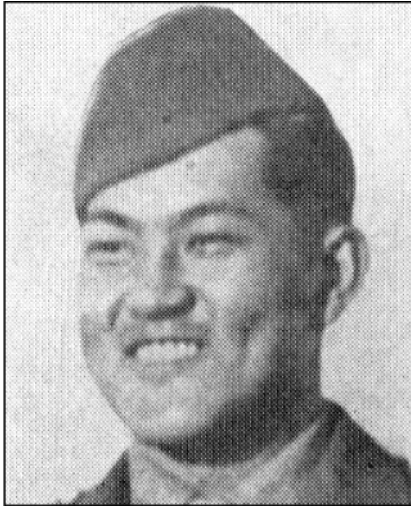


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Hitoshi Nakai was born in Papaikou, Hawaii, on January 26, 1918. He was the son of Fujigusu and Seki (Yamano) Nakai. He was educated at Papaikou School, Hawaii. Before entering the service, he was a mechanic at Onomea Sugar Co., Hawaii.

In March 24, 1941, he was inducted into the Army at Hilo, Hawaii (Serial No. 30101204). He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu; Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; and Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served with the 299<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment and the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Company B, in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria, and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pvt Hitoshi Nakai died of wounds on January 24, 1944, near Cassino, Italy, during the Cassino to Anzio campaign, and is interred at the Veterans Cemetery, Hawaii.