

Pfc Shigenori Nakama
November 26, 1919 - April 6, 1945



Shigenori Nakama was born in Waimea, Kauai, on November 26, 1919. He was the son of Tokuichi and Goze Nakama. He was educated at the Waihole Elementary and Intermediate Schools, Kahuku Elementary and High Schools, and the Mid Pacific Institute, Oahu, Hawaii. Prior to his induction into the Army, Shigenori worked as a stevedore at the Castle & Cooke Terminals Ltd., Honolulu, Hawaii.

Nakama (SN 30102551) was inducted into the Army in Honolulu, Hawaii in February, 1942. He was trained at Schofield Barracks on Oahu and underwent advance combat training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served in Company B, 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team in the Hawaiian Islands, the United States, Italy, and France.

He was awarded the Silver Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal, 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pfc. Shigenori Nakama was killed in action near Seravezza, Italy during the Po Valley Campaign on April 6, 1945.

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

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