

Sgt Masao Nakanishi

January 20, 1919 - February 8, 1944



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Masao Nakanishi was born in Halaula, Hawaii, on January 20, 1919. He was the son of Sanzan and Tsuru (Oyafuso) Nakanishi. He was educated at Halawa School, Kohala High and Elementary School, Hawaii. Before entering the service, he was a mill worker at Kohala Sugar Co., Hawaii.

In December 10, 1940, he was inducted into the Army at Hilo, Hawaii (Serial No. 30100616). He trained at Schofield Bar-racks, Oahu; Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; and Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served with the 299th Infantry Regiment and the 100th Infantry Battalion, Company C, in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria, and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Sgt Masao Nakanishi was killed in action on February 8, 1944, near Cassino, Italy, during the Cassino to Anzio Campaign, and is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Honolulu, Hawaii.