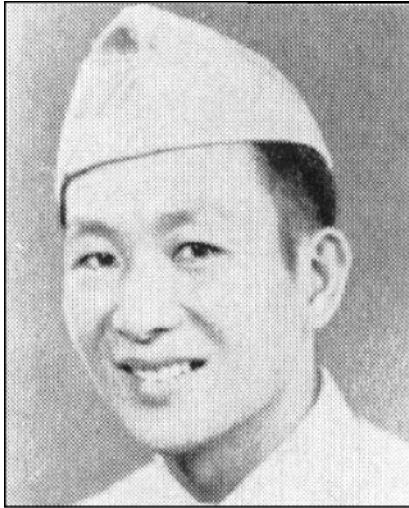


Pvt Tsutomu Nakano
April 18, 1918 - October 29, 1944



Tsutomu Nakano was born in Makaweli, Kauai, Hawaii on April 18, 1918. He was the son of Heisaku and Matsume (Nyogen) Nakano. He was educated at the Lihue School on Kauai, Hawaii. Prior to his induction into the Army, Tsutomu worked as a carpenter with the United States Army.

Nakano (SN 30103600) was inducted into the Army in Lihue, Kauai on March 10, 1943. He was combat trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

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

He was awarded the: Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pvt. Tsutomu Nakano was killed in action near Biffontaine, France during the “Lost Battalion” rescue on October 29, 1944.

He is interred at the Kauai County Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii.

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