

**Pvt Yutaka Nezu**  
**January 25, 1919 - January 10, 1944**



Yutaka Nezu was born in Waimanalo, Oahu, on January 25, 1919. He was the son of Toyosaku and Fuku Nezu. He was educated at Kalihiwaena School, Kalakaua Intermediate School in Oahu. Before entering the service, he was a carpenter at Waimanalo Plantation Co., Ltd., Oahu.

Nezu (SN 30100514) was inducted into the Army at Waimanalo, Oahu on December 10, 1940. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 298<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. He was later assigned to Company B, 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi

He served in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria, Africa and Italy.

He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, 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.

Pvt. Yutaka Nezu died of wounds near San Vittore, Italy, during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on January 10, 1944.

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

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