Chieto Nishitani was born in Kohala, Hawaii, on February 23, 1918. He was the son of Toichi and Konobu Nishitani. He was educated at Washington Intermediate School and McKinley High School, Oahu. Before entering the service, he was a laborer for the Army.

Nishitani (SN 30102216) was inducted into the Army at Honolulu, Oahu on November 15, 1941. He took basic training at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, and subsequently advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served with the 298th Infantry Regiment in Hawaii and later transferred to Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion, during combat training in the continental United States. Upon completion of training he was dispatched overseas to Algeria, Africa and subsequently participated in the landing at Salerno, Italy in the Italian Campaign.

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

Pfc. Chieto Nishitani died of wounds in Italy during the Rome-Arno campaign on July 15, 1944.

He is interred in Japan.

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