

S/Sgt Atsuo Sahara

June 1916 - August 22, 1944

Atsuo Sahara was born in June 1916, in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was the son of Daijin and Nami (Fujii) Sahara. He was educated at Kaiulani School, McKinley High School on Oahu. Before entering the service, he was a tile layer for Lewers & Cooke, Ltd., in Honolulu.



Sahara (SN 30102274) was inducted into the Army in Honolulu on November 14, 1941. He took basic training at Schofield Barracks, Oahu and subsequently advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served in the 298th Infantry Regiment in Hawaii and later transferred to Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion during advance combat training. He served in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria, Africa and the Italian Campaign.

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

Staff/Sgt. Atsuo Sahara was killed in action near San Lorenz and Leghorn in Italy during the Rome-Arno Campaign on August 22, 1944.

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

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