

Pfc Kinji Saito

May 17, 1919 - August 22, 1944



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Kinji Saito was born in Waipahu, Oahu, on May 17, 1919. He was the son of Kiyoji and Koto (Konno) Saito. He was educated at grade school, Fukushima, Japan. Before entering the service, he was a farmer.

In March 24, 1941, he was inducted into the Army at Schofield Barracks, Oahu (Serial No. 30100891). He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu; Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served with the 298th Infantry Regiment, 100th Infantry Battalion, 1st Battalion, Headquarters Company, in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart, 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pfc Kinji Saito was killed in action on August 22, 1944, at San Lorenzo, in Italy during the Rome-Arno campaign, and is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Honolulu, Hawaii.