

## **Pvt George Yeiichi Tahira**

September 6, 1919 - November 1, 1943



George Yeiichi Tahira was born in Kahuku, Oahu, on September 6, 1919. He was the son of Sakubei and Yone (Yokoyama) Tahira. He was educated at Kuhio School and Lunalilo School, Oahu. Before entering the service, he was employed as a shipwright at Tanimura Boat Shop in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Tahira (SN 30102319) was inducted into the Army at Schofield Barracks, Oahu on November 15, 1941.

He served with the 298th Infantry Regiment in Hawaii and later transferred to Company B, 100th Infantry Battalion for advance 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 Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medals, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pvt. George Yeiichi Tahira died of wounds near Ailano, Italy, during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on November 1, 1943.

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

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