

Pfc Jack Manabu Tanaka

August 31, 1916 - January 25, 1944



Jack Manabu Tanaka was born on August 31, 1916, in Pahala, Hawaii. He was the son of Chozo and Kano Tanaka. He was educated at Pahala High and Elementary School in Hawaii. Before entering the service, he was employed as a painter foreman for Hawaiian Agricultural Co., Ltd., in Hawaii.

Tanaka (SN30100577) was inducted into the Army in Hawaii on December 10, 1940. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 299th Infantry Regiment. He was later assigned to Company B, 100th Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

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

He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, 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.

Pfc. Jack Manabu Tanaka died of wounds near Cassino, Italy, during the Cassino to Anzio Campaign on January 25, 1944.

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

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