Pfc Matsusaburo Matt Tanaka
May 19, 1919 - June 26, 1944

Born May 19, 1919 in Seattle, Washington to Kichinosuke and Haruye Tanaka. Brother of Masahisa Mudd Tanaka and Chiyo (Okano). Attended Bailey Gatzert and Central Elementary Schools. Graduated from Franklin High School in 1938. Matt was inducted into the Army on March 9, 1942 and was stationed at Camp Robinson, Arkansas and Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana prior to volunteering for the 100th Infantry Battalion. Matt was killed in action in Italy on June 26, 1944 and interred in Evergreen-Washelli Cemetery. He was the recipient of the Combat Infantryman’s Badge, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Victory Medal, American Theatre Service Medal, and European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Service Medal.