

## **Pfc Taro Tonai**

*May 5, 1919 - January 26, 1944*



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Taro Tonai was born in Waikapu, Maui, on May 5, 1919. He was the son of Hiromu and Yuki (Higashi) Tonai. He was educated at Makawao School, Kamehameha III School, and Wailuku Intermediate School in Maui. Before entering the service, he was employed by the United States Army as a carpenter.

In November of 1941, he was inducted into the Army in Honolulu (Serial number, 30102151). He was trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu; Camp Paukukalo, Maui; Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; and Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served with the 299<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment in Hawaii and the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, C Company, in the continental United States, Algeria, and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pfc Taro Tonai was killed in action near Cassino, Italy in the Cassino -Anzio Campaign on January 26, 1944. His remains were not recovered.