

Pfc Minoru Tosaka
July 10, 1918 - November 5, 1943



Minoru Tosaka was born in Haiku, Maui on July 10, 1918. He was the son of Kamejiro and Taru (Sakai) Tosaka. He was educated at Paia School, Maui. Before entering the military, he was employed by the Maui Agricultural Co., Ltd. as a laborer.

Tosaka (SN 30101673) was inducted into the Army at Paia, Maui in June, 1941. He was trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Camp Paukukalo, in Maui with the 299th Infantry Regiment. He was assigned to Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

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

He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and Ribbon, American Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and Ribbon, and the World War II Victory

Medal.

Pfc. Minoru Tosaka was killed in action near Pozzilli, Italy, in the Salerno to Cassino Campaign, on November 5, 1943.

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

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