

## **Pfc Mitsugi Muronaka**

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Mitsugi Muronaka was born in Papakou, Hawaii, on March 19, 1917. He was the son of Hachitaro and Rica (Ouchi) Muronaka. He was educated at Kalaniana'ole Elementary and Intermediate School, Hawaii. Before entering the service, he was employed as a carpenter.

Mitsugi Muronaka was inducted into the Army on November 12, 1941, at Hilo, Hawaii (Serial number, 30101760). He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu; Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; and Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served with the 299<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment and the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, Company C, in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria, and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medals, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pfc Mitsugi Muronaka was killed in action near Cassino, Italy, on January 24, 1943, during the Cassino to Anzio Campaign. He is interred at the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, Hawaii.