## Pfc Albert Mitsuo Sunada March 15, 1917 - October 31, 1944



Albert Mitsuo Sunada was born in Kalihiwai, Kauai, Hawaii on March 15, 1917. He was the son of Deo (Fukuda) (Sunada) Ito. He was educated at Waimea Elementary and Waimea High School on Kauai. Prior to his induction into the Army he worked as a laborer for the Road Construction Department of the County of Kauai.

He was inducted into the Army on December 10, 1940, at Lihue, Kauai (Serial Number, 30100471). He was trained at Mana, Kauai; 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, United States, Algeria, Italy, and France. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, 1 Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Badge with 1 Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster, 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 Albert Mitsuo Sunada was killed in action in Belmont, France, on October 31, during the "Lost Battalion Rescue". He is interred at the Kauai County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Kauai, Hawaii.

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (GO NO. 10, HQ 6<sup>th</sup> Army Group, 22 Feb 45) ALBERT M. SUNADA, 30100471, Private First Class, Inf, Co C, 100<sup>th</sup> Bn, 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in the the vicinity of Bruyeres, France from 15 to 17 October 1944. When the 100<sup>th</sup> Bn was fighting in thickly wooded terrain, the enemy laid continuous artillery and mortar barrages, causing frequent casualties. Private Sunada, battalion runner, time after time guided ammunition carriers and litter teams to his company CP. He delivered important information of enemy minefields obtained from captured prisoners through a route subjected to frequent shelling and enemy infiltration and successfully accomplished every mission assigned to him. Next of kin: Mrs. Deo Sunada (Mother), Kalihi-Kai, Hanalei, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

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