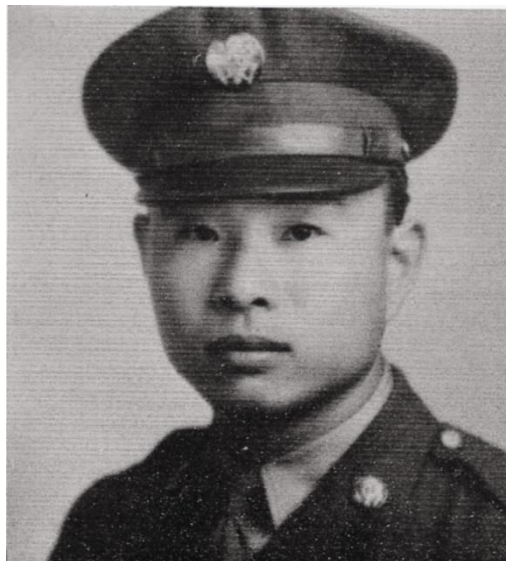


## **Eiichi Fred Haita**

**WWII  
Corporal  
442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team  
3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, I Company  
U.S. Army  
October 14, 1915 – April 21, 1945  
Havre, Montana**



Eiichi Fred Haita was the son of Bunsaku and Hana Haita. He had one brother, Haruyuki. He received his elementary and high school education in Japan as well as the United States. The U.S. high school he attended was Seattle's Garfield High. Eiichi's parents and brother returned to Japan but his desire was to stay in the U.S.

His pre-World War II employment was with the Northern Pacific Railroad and as a lumber laborer in Snoqualmie, Washington.

Eiichi served in the Army at Fort Riley, Kansas and ultimately with Company I, 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT during action in Italy and France. Eiichi was killed in action on April 21, 1945 in Fosdinovo, Italy.

Corporal Eiichi Haita's awards include the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star, Victory Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Medal and the Purple Heart.

After the war, from Japan, Eiichi's parents made a request to the U.S. government that his remains be sent to them in Kumamoto. The U.S. granted that request.

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