Richard T. Fujii was born in Kealakekua, Hawaii, on January 6, 1915. He was the son of Genzo and Hatsune (Motomura) Fujii. He was educated at Konawaena High and Elementary School, Hawaii. Before entering the service, he was a laborer at Hawaiian Pineapple Co., Lanai.

Richard T. Fujii (SN 30101430) was inducted into the Army at Lanai City, Lanai in June, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, with the 299th Infantry Regiment. He was assigned to Company B, 100th Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

Upon completion of combat training in the continental United States, he was dispatched overseas to Algeria, Africa and subsequently participated in the landing at Salerno, Italy and the Italian Campaign.

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

Pvt. Richard T. Fujii was killed in action at Castelnuovo, Italy, during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on November 30, 1943.

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

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR (POSTHUMOUSLY) - SECTION VI
Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual, posthumously:

RICHARD T. FUJI (30101430), Private, Infantry Company B 100th Infantry Battalion. For heroic achievement in action from 28 November 1943 to 30 November 1943, in the vicinity of Scapoli, Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mr. Genzo Fujii (Father), P.O. Box 254 Capt Cook, Kona, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii

By command of Major General Ryder 34th Infantry Division

Excerpts taken from In Freedom’s Cause: A Record of the Men of Hawaii Who Died in the Second World War (1949) with permission from The University of Hawaii Press.
Citation-copy from National Archives-NJAHS-San Francisco
Russell K. Shoho