Yutaka Fujii was born in Lihue, Kauai on August 21, 1911. He was the son of Teichi and Tatsu (Kobatake) Fujii. He was educated at Lihue School, Kauai. Prior to entering the service he was a Clerk at the Lihue Plantation Co., Ltd., Kauai.

Fujii (SN 30101400) was inducted into the United States Army in March, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served with the 299th Infantry Regiment and in Company C, 100th Infantry Battalion in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria, Africa, and Italy.

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

Pfc. Yutaka Fujii was killed in action near Cassino, Italy, during the Rome to Arno Campaign on January 24, 1944.

He is interred at the Kauai County Veteran’s Cemetery.

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