Toshiaki Fujimoto was born in Koloa, Kauai, on April 27, 1917. He was the son of Otomatsu and Kane (Ishizaki) Fujimoto. He was educated at Koloa School, Kauai. Before entering the service, Toshiaki was employed as a laborer by the Koloa Sugar Co., Kauai.

He was inducted into the Army in November 14, 1941, at Schofield Barracks, Oahu (Serial number 30102119). He trained at Schofield Barracks Oahu; Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; and Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served with the 299th Infantry Regiment and the 100th Infantry Battalion in Hawaii, Company D, the United States, Algeria and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the WWII Victory Medal.

Pvt Toshiaki Fujimoto was killed in action at Caiazzo, Italy, on October 18, 1943, during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign. He is interred at the Kauai County Veteran’s Cemetery.

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