Ross K. Fujitani was born in Kealakekua, Hawaii, on August 14, 1919. He was the son of Senzaemon and Teru (Fujii) Fujitani. He was educated at Konawaena High and Elementary School, Hawaii. He married Mildred Kimiyo Tanna on September 15, 1941 and had a son, Cedric. Before entering the service, he was a carpenter at Hilts Laboratories, Ltd., in Honolulu, Oahu.

Fujitani (SN 30100137) was inducted into the Army at Schofield Barracks, Oahu on December 9, 1940.

He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served with the 298th Infantry Regiment, 100th Infantry Battalion, 1st Battalion, Co. C in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria, Italy, and France. He received a battlefield commission, near Rome, Italy (serial no. 01691718).

He was awarded the Purple Heart, 1 Bronze Cluster to Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

2d Lt. Ross K. Fujitani was killed in action near Bruyeres, France, during the Battle of Bruyeres, on October 18, 1944.

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

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