Pvt Satoshi Furukawa  
March 29, 1923 - April 13, 1945

Satoshi Furukawa was born on March 29, 1923, in Waikapu, Oahu. He was the son of Sakutaro and Nami Furukawa. He was educated at Wailuku Elementary School, Baldwin High School in Maui. Before entering the service, he was employed as a clerk at the S. Furukawa General Store, Maui.

Furukawa (SN 30112511) was inducted into the Army at Wailuku, Maui on September 15, 1944. He trained at Fort Hood, Texas. He served with the 100th Infantry Battalion, in the continental United States and Italy.

He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Distinguished Unit Badge and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medals, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pvt. Satoshi Furukawa was killed in action at Castello (Poggio), Italy, on April 13, 1945.

He is interred at the Makawao Veterans Cemetery, Makawao, Maui.

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