Tsuyoshi Furukawa was born in Honolulu, Oahu, on September 5, 1917. He was the son of Kurakichi and Mutsu Furukawa. He was educated at Kaahumanu School, Hawaiian Mission Academy, Oahu. Before entering the service, he was a skilled laborer at Fuji Sake Brewing Co., Ltd., Honolulu, Oahu.

Furukawa (SN 30100115) was inducted into the Army at Schofield Barracks, Oahu on December 9, 1940. He took basic training at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, and subsequently advanced combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served with the 298th Infantry Regiment in the Hawaiian Islands, and assigned to Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion during advance combat training in continental United States before going overseas to Algeria, Africa and participate in the landing at Salerno, Italy in the Italian Campaign.

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

Pfc. Tsuyoshi Furukawa was killed in action on November 12, 1943, near Pozzilli, Italy, during the Salerno to Cassino campaign.

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

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