Henry S. Ikehara was born in Wahiawa, Oahu, on February 6, 1919. He was the son of Taro and Kame (Ige) Ikehara. He was educated at Kipapa Elementary and Intermediate School, Oahu. Before entering the service, he was a laborer at Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company, Ltd., Maui.

On June 30, 1941 he was inducted into the Army at Paia, Maui (Serial number 30101678). 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, Company E, in the Hawaiian Islands, the continental United States, Algeria, and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, American and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Cpl Henry S. Ikehara died of his wounds on January 26, 1944, in Cassino, Italy. He is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Honolulu, Hawaii.

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