Katsui Jinnohara was born on January 29, 1917, in Paia, Maui. He was the son of Enkichi and Yoshi (TANJI) Jinnohara. He was educated at Paia School and Maui High School on Maui. Before entering the service, he was employed as a clerk for Otani Fish Market in Honolulu.

On November 14, 1941, Katsui Jinnohara was inducted into the Army in Honolulu (Serial number 30102018). He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu; Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; and Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served with the 298th Infantry Regiment and the 100th Battalion, E Company in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria, and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

Sergeant Katsui Jinnohara was killed in action near Scapoli and Colli, Italy, on December 2, 1943, during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign. He is interred at the Maui Veterans Cemetery in Makawao, Maui.

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