Masayoshi Ogata was born in Hakalau, Hawaii, on November 22, 1914. He was the son of Kaichi and Shima (Kanemoto) Ogata. He was educated at Hakalau Elementary and Intermediate School, Hawaii, McKinley High School, Honolulu Vocational School, Oahu. Before entering the service, he was an electrician at Hakalau Plantation Co., Hawaii.

In March 24, 1941, he was inducted into the Army at Hilo, Hawaii (Serial No. 30101169). 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 D, in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria, and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Man Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Sgt Masayoshi Ogata was killed in action on January 25, 1944, near Cassino, Italy, during the Cassino to Anzio Campaign, and is interred at the Veterans Cemetery, Hawaii.

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