Herman Takeyoshi Teruya was born in Ninole, Hawaii on April 10, 1919. He was the son of Ushi and Kame Teruya. He was educated at Ninole School in Hawaii, and Washington Intermediate School, and McKinley High School in Oahu. Before entering the service he was employed by the Star Markets, Ltd. in Honolulu as a grocery clerk.

Teruya (SN 30102311) was inducted into the Army in Honolulu in November, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 298th Infantry Regiment. He was later assigned to Company D, 100th Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria, Africa and Italy.

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

Sgt. Herman Takeyoshi Teruya was killed in action near Cassino, Italy in the Cassino to Anzio Campaign on January 25, 1944.

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

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