Isami Tomita was born in Kaheka, Paia, Maui on February 23, 1916. He was the son of Tokuji and Kin (Abe) Tomita. He was educated at Paia School, and Maui High School. Before entering the service he was employed by the Maui Agricultural School as a laborer.

In December of 1949, he was inducted into the Army in Wailuku (Serial number, 30100205). He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu; Camp Paukukalo, Maui; Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; and Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served 299th Infantry Regiment in Hawaii, and in the 100th Infantry Battalion Headquarters Company in the United States, Algeria, and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, 1 Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the WWII Victory Medal.

Pfc Isami Tomita was killed in action on July 9, 1944 in the Rome-Arno Campaign in Italy. He is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, Honolulu, Hawaii.