Pfc Moriichi Uyeda
February 1, 1915 - December 5, 1943

Moriichi Uyeda was born in Wahiawa, Kauai on February 1, 1915. He was the son of Hatsuyo (Yoshioka) Uyeda. He was educated at Koloa School and Kauai High School, Kauai. Before entering the military, he was employed by the County of Kauai as a laborer.

In March of 1941, he was inducted into the Army at Lihue, Kauai (Serial number, 30101375). He was trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu; Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; and Camp Shelby, Mississippi, in the continental United States. He served with the 299th Infantry Regiment, 100th Infantry Battalion, E Company, in the Hawaiian Islands, United States, Algeria, and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal and Ribbon.

Pfc Moriichi Uyeda was killed in action near Scapoli, Italy, in the Salerno to Cassino Campaign, on December 5, 1943, and is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Excerpts taken from In Freedom’s Cause: A Record of the Men of Hawaii Who Died in the Second World War (1949) with permission from The University of Hawaii Press.