Robert Nobuaki Hayashi was born on May 14, 1923 in Honolulu, Oahu. He was the son of Kiichi and Riki (Iwabuchi) Hayashi. He was educated at Aliiolani School, Stevenson Intermediate School, and Roosevelt High School on Oahu. Before entering the service he was a steel metal worker for the U.S. Army.

On April 3, 1943 Robert Hayashi was inducted into the Army at Honolulu, Oahu (Serial No. 30 104 652). He trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi and served with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, 100th Infantry Battalion, Company C in the continental United States and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. Pfc Robert Hayashi was killed in action near Cecina and Leghorn, Italy on July 2, 1944 in the Rome-Arno Campaign and is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, Honolulu.

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