James Kiyoshi Kubokawa was born on May 19, 1919, in Honolulu, Oahu. He was the son of Seiyo and Ima Kubokawa. He was educated at Kaahumanu School, Washington Intermediate School, McKinley High School on Oahu. Before entering the service, he was employed as a machinist at the Hospital Purveyors Ltd., Honolulu in Oahu.

Kubokawa (SN 30101142) was inducted into the Army at Schofield Barracks, Oahu in March, 1941. He trained at Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 298th Infantry Regiment. He was later assigned to Headquarter Company, 100th Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

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

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

Pfc. James Kiyoshi Kubokawa was killed in action in France, during the Vosges Mountain-St. Die Campaign on November 2, 1944.

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

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