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Thomas Sunao Kuwahara was born on May 22, 1923, in Wainaku, Hawaii. He was the son of Yasuta and Tsuma (Okazaki) Kuwahara. He was educated at Hilo Intermediate School, Hilo High School, Hawaii. Before entering the service, he was employed as a stevedore for McCabe, Hamilton & Renny, Honolulu, Oahu.

Thomas Sunao Kuwahara was inducted into the Army on March 25, 1943, at Schofield Barracks, Oahu (Serial number, 30105683 ). He trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served with the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team and the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, Company A, in the continental United States and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, American and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medals, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pvt. Thomas Sunao Kuwahara was killed in action on June 2, 1944, during the Rome-Arno Campaign. He is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Honolulu, Hawaii.