Yoshinobu Takei was born on July 12, 1916, in Puunene, Maui. He was the son of Inotaro and Wari (Nishi) Takei. He was educated at Puunene School, Maui High School, Maui, and the Mid-Pacific Institute, Oahu. Before entering the service, he was employed as a Fisherman.

Takei (SN 30100184) was inducted into the Army at Wailuku, Maui on December 8, 1940. He took basic training at Schofield Barracks, Oahu and subsequently advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

Takei served with the 299th Infantry Regiment in Hawaii and later transferred to Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion for advance combat training. He served in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria, Africa and the Italian Campaign.

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

Pvt. Yoshinobu Takei was killed in action at Leonardo, Italy during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on October 21, 1943.

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

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