Minoru Tokuyama was born in Honolulu, Oahu on April 10, 1924. He was the son of Tasaburo and Owaru Tokuyama. He was educated at Washington Intermediate School and McKinley High School in Oahu. Before entering the service he was employed by the Consolidated Amusement Co. Ltd., in Honolulu, as an usher.

In March of 1943, Minoru Tokuyama was inducted into the Army in Honolulu, (Serial number, 30105327). He trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi in the continental United States. He served with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, 100th Infantry Battalion Medic Company, in the United States and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pvt Minoru Tokuyama was killed in action near Capriati, Italy in the Salerno to Cassino Campaign, on November 29, 1943, and is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, Honolulu, Hawaii.

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