Daniel Masayoshi Wada was born on February 3, 1917, in Anahola, Kauai. He was the son of Denshun and Yai (Yasuda) Wada. He married Mildred Shigeko Kudo of Honolulu on April 8, 1941. He had a son, Irwin Kiyoshi. Before entering the service, he was employed as an apprentice at the Alexander Bros., Ltd. in Honolulu, Oahu.

Wada (SN 30100302) was inducted into the Army at Honolulu, Oahu on December 10, 1940. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 298th Infantry Regiment.

He was later assigned to Company B, 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 and Italy.

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

M/Sgt. Daniel Masayoshi Wada was killed in action at Santa Maria Oliveto, Italy during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on November 5, 1943.

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

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