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Lei Seijiro Yamashiro was born on November 21, 1918, in Lahaina, Maui, he was the son of Shusei and Hana (Kamita) Yamashiro. He was educated at Mid-Pacific Institute, Oahu; Maui High School; and Baylor University, Texas. He married Frances Ting, of Honolulu, on September 9, 1938. He had a daughter, Leora Haruko. Before entering the service, he was employed as a bill collector.

Lei Seijiro Yamashiro was inducted into the Army on March 25, 1941, at Wailuku, Maui (Serial number, 30101315). He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu; Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; and Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served with the 299th Infantry Regiment and the 100th Infantry Battalion, Company C, in the Hawaiian Islands, Algeria, and Italy. 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.

S/Sgt Lei Seijiro Yamashiro was killed in action near Lanuvio and Rome, Italy, on June 2, 1944, during the Anzio to Rome Campaign. He is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Honolulu, Oahu.