Minoru Yoshimura was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, on December 7, 1919. He was the son of Kametaro and Toku (Hironaga) Yoshimura. He was educated at Fern School, Kalkaua Intermediate School, Farrington High School, Oahu. Before entering the service he was employed by E.E. Black, Ltd. Honolulu, as a laborer.

In November of 1941, he was inducted into the Army at Schofield Barracks, Oahu (Serial number 30101889. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served with the 298th Infantry Regiment and the 100th Infantry Battalion, B Company, in the Hawaiian Islands, United States, Algeria, and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal with Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the WWII Victory Medal.

Pfc. Minoru Yoshimura was killed in action in the Cassino to Anzio Campaign, Italy, on February 9, 1944. He is interred in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, Honolulu, Hawaii.

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