Robert Warne Hartwell, a son of Harold Warren and Deal Jennings Hartwell, was born December 1, 1919, in Park City, Utah. He grew up in Park City and enlisted in the Marine Corp on March 23, 1943.

Although, he was in the Marine Corp, 1,500 men of the 11th 155 mm Gun Battalion and the 5th 155mm Howitzer Battalion were attached to the Army’s XXIV Corp for the invasion of the Philippines at Leyte. He was the Liaison officer between the battery and the front line for the 11th 155mm Gun Battalion when he was killed on October 26, 1944.

At the time of his death he was survived by his parents, one brother, Jennings Hartwell and a sister, Elynor Ann Hartwell.

A United States Marine Corps' Amphibious Corps was composed of three reinforced Marine infantry divisions, three battalions of 155mm howitzer, three battalions of 155mm guns and an Antiaircraft Artillery Group of three antiaircraft artillery battalions.

His body was returned to the USA and buried in the Park City Cemetery. His remains were re-interred in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

He was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation postumously.