



Personal info

Full name

DOLAN, Russel Eugene

Date of birth

1923

Age

unknown

Place of birth

North Dakota

Hometown

Spokane, Spokane County, Washington

Military service

Service number

39475057

Rank

Private

Unit

**F Company,
2nd Battalion,
513th Parachute Infantry Regiment,
17th Airborne Division**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

3 April 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
D	6	27

Immediate family

Members

William L. Dolan (father)

Mary C. (Regan) Dolan (mother)

Olive J. Dolan (sister)

Jane Dolan (sister)

James L. Dolan (brother)

More information

Pvt Russel E. Dolan enlisted in Seattle, Washington on 5 June 1944.

According to his enlistment record he was born in 1923 but actually he was 17 years old when he was killed. He had been overseas only since January 1944.

Account on his death (quoted from "The Skymen" by Kirk B. Ross):

"The company moved out cautiously - it was almost impossible to see through the dense growth of trees. As they neared the battle area, F Company was pinned down by tree burst artillery, a couple of men were hit. Cuthberson was stung by shrapnel on the sleeve where he wore his watch, but it didn't penetrate. However, Pvt Russel E. Dolan, a seventeen year old from Washington state who had been on point, was killed instantly."

Photos



Source of information: Tom Verheijden, The Spokesman-Review - 19 April 1945, www.ancestry.com - Family Tree, http://www.ww2-airborne.us/units/513/513_honor.html

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