



Personal info

Full name

WATKINS, Joseph M

Date of birth

12 March 1922

Age

22

Place of birth

Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania

Hometown

Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania

Military service

Service number

7021450

Rank

Private First Class

Unit

**F Company,
2nd Battalion,
506th Parachute Infantry Regiment,
101st Airborne Division**

Awards

Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster

Death & Grave

Status

Died of Wounds

Date of death

23 September 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Henri-Chapelle

| Plot | Row | Grave |
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Immediate family

Members

Harry W. Watkins (father)

Eleanor F. (McCrohan) Watkins (mother)

Edward F. Watkins (brother)

George Watkins (brother)

Harry Watkins (brother)

More information

Pfc Joseph M. Watkins joined the Regular Army on 11 January 1940.

He was severely wounded by shell fragments during Operation Market Garden in the vicinity of Veghel, Holland on 22 September. He died a day later in the 24th Evacuation Hospital, that was stationed in Leopoldsburg, Belgium.

He was buried the same day at the Temporary American Military Cemetery at Fosse, Belgium. He was disinterred on 19 August 1948 and his remains were prepared and placed in a transfer box on 24 August 1948. He was given his final resting place at Henri-Chapelle on 24 November 1948.

Photos



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