

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION



THE WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL



Lewis H. May

63-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1181684

66th Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Oregon

Died: 19-Jul-1944

Buried at: Plot E Row 14 Grave 17

Normandy American Cemetery

Colleville-sur-Mer, France

Awards: Purple Heart

**Extract from 66th Armored Field Artillery Battalion After Action Report for the period
11 July 1944 to 18 August 1944:**

On 18 July 1944,
Bn fired harassing fires and 2nd Lt L.W. May was assigned to the 53rd Inf as forward
observer and later to the 10th Inf Bn. Lt Reggio was assigned to the 53rd Inf Bn and
later to the 10th Inf Bn as forward observer. Due to poor ground observation most
of the fire was unobserved. Lt L.W. May was killed in action on the 19th of July 1944
while serving with the 10th Inf Bn. Sgt Nicholson, his reconnaissance Sgt continued
firing after Lt May was hit, and completed the mission. Mortar fire was very heavy
in the front line. Sgt Nicholson and Pvt Shanks carried Lt May back from the front
line but had to leave him due to enemy shelling.