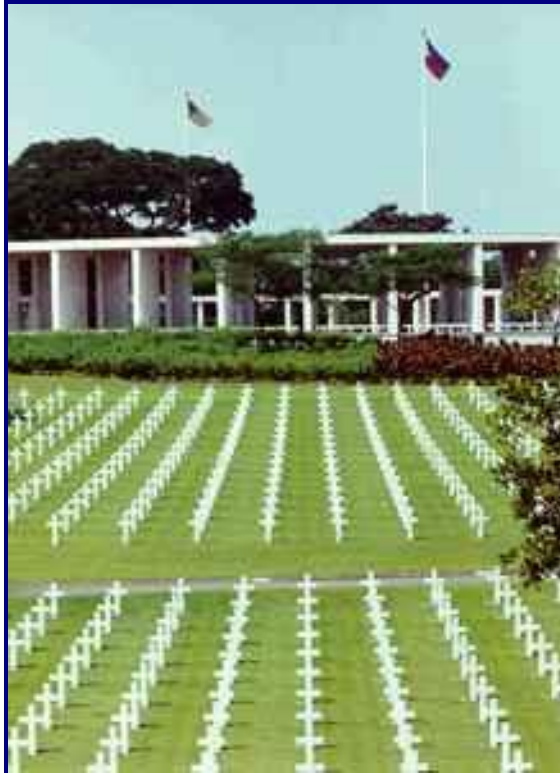


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THE WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL



Artemas J. Shell 18-42

Captain, U.S. Army

Service # 1165957

465th Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Arkansas

Died: 25-Oct-1944

Missing in Action or Buried at Sea

**Tablets of the Missing at Manila American
Cemetery**

Manila, Philippines

Awards: Purple Heart

He was serving with or attached to Composite Squadron 65 (VC65) and on board the USS *St. Lo*, formerly known as *Midway*, which had a short life of only one year during World War II. It was the first ship to be sunk by a Kamikaze. Of the 889 men aboard, 113 were killed or missing and approximately 30 others died of their wounds

One Mitsubishi A6M2 Zero crashed into the flight deck of *St. Lo* at 10:51 am. Its bomb penetrated the flight deck and exploded on the port side of the hangar deck, where aircraft were in the process of being refueled and rearmed. A gasoline fire erupted, followed by six secondary explosions, including detonations of the ship's torpedo and bomb magazine. *St. Lo* was engulfed in flame and sank 30 minutes later.