

# JERE RHONE "JERONE" LOWE

2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon, "A" Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
Specialist 4th Class, E4, Posthumous Promotion to SGT, RA256807640, MOS 11B10  
Home of Record: Tallapoosa, GA

Date of Birth: April 2, 1949, Age at time of loss: 20, Married  
I Field Force Vietnam, Binh Thuan Province, Republic of Vietnam  
Start of Tour: March 13, 1969, Date of Casualty: October 14, 1969, Days in Country: 215  
Casualty Type A1, OED, Panel 17W - Row 078



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FIELD FORCE  
VIETNAM



1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION  
50<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY

"A" COMPANY



2<sup>ND</sup> PLATOON



SERGEANT

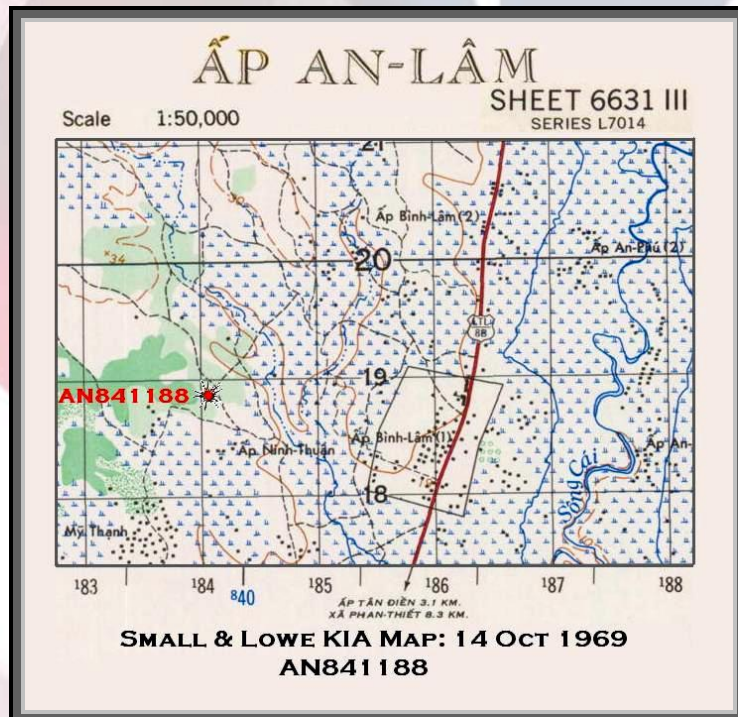


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SGT Lowe was killed as the 2nd Platoon of "A" Company entered an area in a Bamboo forest that was literally covered with Booby traps. Besides Lowe, Corporal Burton Small, [17W-078](#), was killed in this landscape that was marked by the Communists "Keep Out". 16 days later, a Company B man, Robert A. McMillin, [16W-043](#), was killed by a booby trapped grenade at the same location.

It was a common practice in the southern extremities of South Vietnam to try to entice American forces into these traps. Soldiers there learned to avoid these mine fields...but in southern II Corps where the 50th Infantry operated, hard lessons were learned by trying to "investigate" this area. The forest was named "Stitt's Woods" after the Forward Air Controller who called in an F-4 Jet Air Strike to obliterate the hazard. Sadly, two lives were lost here and 9 additional soldiers were wounded.

A map of the location (AN841188) is shown below:



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**Jerone Lowe is buried at Mt. Newley Baptist Church Cemetery, 4360 Stone Mountain Street, Tallapoosa, Haralson County, Georgia (Photos below):**



**Above Left: Mt Newley Baptist Church Cemetery;  
Center: Jere Rhone Lowe Headstone;  
Right: Historian Jim Sheppard pays respects in person**

**In 1992, a Memorial Park was named in honor of Lowe and another Tallapoosa man killed in Vietnam, Barry League. The Association is grateful to Veteran Sammy Robinson for his dedication to this and other memorials, and for supplying us with photos of Jerone Lowe.**



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# AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF JERE RHONE LOWE:



Combat Infantry Badge



HEADQUARTERS, I FIELD FORCE VIETNAM

GENERAL ORDERS

OCTOBER 1969

SERGEANT JERE RHONE LOWE DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 1969 TO OCTOBER 1969. THROUGH HIS UNTIRING EFFORTS AND PROFESSIONAL ABILITY, HE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED OUTSTANDING RESULTS. HE WAS QUICK TO GRASP THE IMPLICATIONS OF NEW PROBLEMS WITH WHICH HE WAS FACED AS A RESULT OF THE EVER-CHANGING SITUATIONS INHERENT IN THE COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATION AND TO FIND WAYS AND MEANS TO SOLVE THOSE PROBLEMS. THE ENERGETIC APPLICATION OF THIS EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE HAS MATERIALLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO ASSIST THAT COUNTRY IN RIDDING ITSELF OF THE COMMUNIST THREAT TO ITS FREEDOM. SERGEANT LOWE'S INITIATIVE, ZEAL, SOUND JUDGMENT AND DEVOTION TO DUTY WERE IN THE HIGHEST TRADITION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT ON HIM AND ON THE MILITARY SERVICE.



Bronze Star



Purple Heart



National Defense



Vietnam Service



Vietnam Campaign w/palm



Vietnam Gallantry



Jerone Lowe: photo taken sometime during 1969