

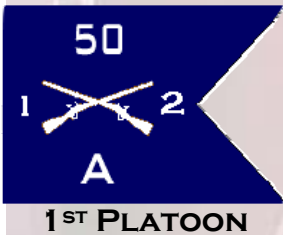


1ST
FIELD FORCE
VIETNAM



1ST BATTALION
50TH INFANTRY

"A" COMPANY



1ST PLATOON



CORPORAL



INFANTRYMAN

BURTON E. SMALL

2nd Platoon, "A" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry
Private First Class, E3, Posthumous Promotion to CPL, US479608529, MOS 11B10
Home of Record: Wapello, IA

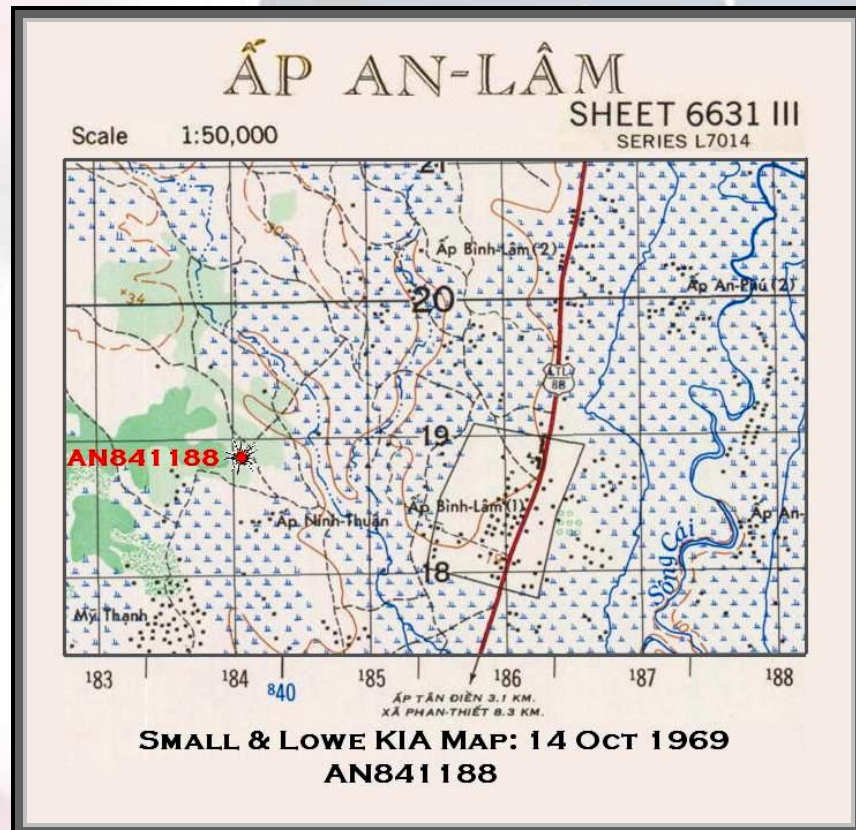
Date of Birth: April 21, 1949, Age at time of loss: 20, Single
I Field Force Vietnam, Binh Thuan Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: August 8, 1969, Date of Casualty: October 14, 1969, Days in Country: 67
Casualty Type A1, OED, Panel 17W - Row 078

Burton Small was killed as the 2nd Platoon of "A" Company entered an area in a Bamboo forest that was literally covered with Booby traps. Besides Small, Sergeant J. Lowe was killed in this landscape that was marked by the Communists "Keep Out".

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.

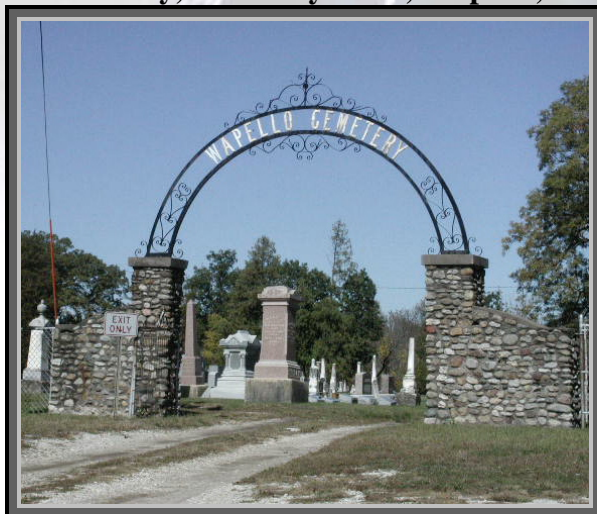


A map of the location (AN841188) is shown below:



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Burton Small is buried at Wapello Cemetery, Cemetery Road, Wapello, Louisa County, Iowa (Photo below):



AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF BURTON SMALL:



Combat Infantry Badge



HQ I FIELD FORCE VIETNAM

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 914

22 NOVEMBER 1969

CORPORAL BURTON SMALL DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 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. CORPORAL SMALL'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.

