

## **Jim Reeves** **"Rodger Young"**

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On July 31st 1943 a bloody round in the battle for the  
Solomon Islands  
Was being fought in the tangled jungle of the island of  
New Georgia  
This is the story of one of the young men who fought  
and died there  
This song is respectfully dedicated to those heroic  
infantrymen  
Who like Roger Young have sacrificed their lives  
That their nation might remain forever free

Oh, they've got no time for glory in the infantry  
Oh, they've got no time for praises loudly sung  
But in every soldier's heart in all the infantry  
Shines the name, shines the name of Roger Young

Shines the name - Roger Young  
Fought and died for the men he marched among  
In the everlasting glory of the infantry  
Shines the name of Private Roger Young

Caught in ambush lay a company of riflemen  
Just grenades against machine guns in the gloom  
Caught in ambush till this one of twenty riflemen  
Volunteered volunteered to meet his doom

Volunteered Roger Young  
Fought and died for the men he marched among  
In the everlasting courage of the infantry  
Was the courage of Private Roger Young

It was he who drew the fire of the enemy  
That a company of men might live to fight;  
And before the deadly fire of the enemy,  
Stood the man, stood the man we hail tonight.

Stood the man, Roger Young,  
Fought and died for the men he marched among;  
Like the everlasting spirit of the infantry,  
Was the spirit of Private Rodger Young.

On the island of New Georgia in the Solomons

Stands a simple wooden cross alone to tell  
That beneath the silent coral of the Solomons  
Sleeps a man sleeps a man remembered well

Sleeps a man Roger Young  
Fought and died for the men he marched among  
In the everlasting glory of the infantry  
Lives the story of Private Roger Young

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