

James H. Rowe, Jr.

In your issue of November 30 there appear certain excerpts from a memorandum submitted to Senator Meade by Mr. Norman Littell, a dismissed employe of the Department of Justice.

Mr. Littell casts serious aspersion upon the integrity of Lieut. James H. Rowe, jr., U. S. N. R., formerly First Assistant to Attorney General Biddle.

To those who know Lieutenant Rowe, and are familiar with his outstanding public service, no comment would be necessary. It may fairly be said that, to those who know either or both of them, Lieutenant Rowe's character and reputation are far beyond Mr. Littell's capacity for injury.

Unfortunately, the general public is not well acquainted with the men involved, and for that reason many people may be inclined to prejudge the matter on the basis of Mr. Littell's self-serving declaration. This danger is accentuated by the fact that Lieutenant Rowe, during the period of his valuable public service, sought always to avoid self-promoting publicity.

Therefore, your readers will want to know that Lieutenant Rowe, though a father and well above the age at which men are being drafted, has been serving for many months on active and hazardous combat duty in the Pacific Naval Theater.

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