

Abram Brant

Private

Company D

Born – 1849 (New York City, NY)

Died – October 4, 1878 (Camp Ruhlen, Dakota)

Grave location – Unknown – possibly Post Cemetery, Fort Meade, Sturgis, SD

He enlisted on September 27, 1875, in St Louis by Lt. William Thompson. He listed his previous occupation as civil engineer. He had hazel eyes, light hair, a fair complexion, and was 5' 5 7/8" tall. He is listed elsewhere as Abraham B. Brant.

During the Battle of the Little Bighorn he was involved in the hilltop portion of the fight. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for bringing water to the wounded under a most galling fire. He died on October 4, 1878 in camp near Camp Ruhlen, Dakota, of accidental gunshot wounds to the abdomen, by his own hand. He was shot while handing his revolver to the First Sergeant. He died the night before he was to receive his Medal of Honor. It is supposed that he was buried with it.

His actual gravesite at this time is unknown. Local historian Rocky Boyd has a theory on the location of Brant's grave. A photo of the supposed spot appears in Douglas Scott's excellent book, CUSTER'S HEROES. The photo of Brant's grave location on my website is a reproduction of the photo in that book that I took by merely lining up the site and taking a photo from roughly the same location.