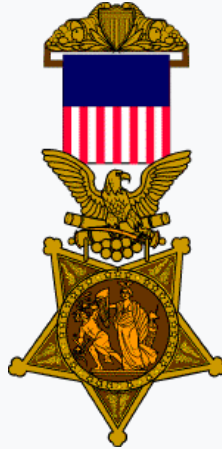


William C. Bryan



Born	September 9, 1852 Zanesville, Ohio, United States
Died	March 27, 1933 (aged 80) Santa Monica, California, United States
Allegiance	United States of America
Service/branch	United States Army
Years of service	1874 - 1901
Rank	 Captain
Battles/wars	Indian Wars <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Battle of Powder River
Awards	 Medal of Honor
Spouse(s)	Lucy B. Wetzel (1873 - 1933)

William C. Bryan (1852-1933) was a United States Army soldier who received the Medal of Honor. His

award came for gallantry during the American Indian Wars.

William C. Bryan was born on September 9, 1852, in Zanesville, Ohio. He enlisted into the United States Army at St. Louis, Missouri in 1874, and was made a Hospital Steward. Bryan was assigned to the Department of the Platte, commanded by Brigadier General George Crook.

In February 1876 he was attached to the Medical Company of the Big Horn Expedition under the direction of Assistant Surgeon Curtis E. Munn. Bryan accompanied the expedition into Montana Territory during March of 1876. On the seventeenth, he was riding with Company K of the 2nd United States Cavalry when the troop was ordered by Colonel Joseph J. Reynolds to charge and capture an encampment of Northern Cheyenne and Lakota Sioux.

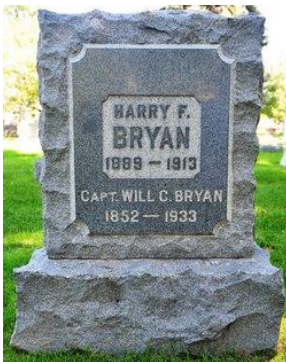


The Powder River looking north on the battlefield

In the opening actions of the Battle of Powder River, Bryan's horse was killed under him. He continued to fight on foot, carrying two wounded soldiers to safety, inevitably saving them from capture. For these actions, Hospital Steward William C. Bryan was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1899.

Bryan was later promoted to the rank of captain and retired from the Army in 1901. He married Lucy B. Wetzel (1873-1945).

Captain William C. Bryan died on March 27, 1933 in Santa Monica, California. He was buried in Fairmount Cemetery in Denver, Colorado.



Rank and organization: Hospital Steward, Medical Company. Place and date: At Powder River, Montana, March 17, 1876. Entered service at: St. Louis, Missouri, United States. Born: September 9, 1852, Zanesville, Ohio. Date of issue: June 15, 1899.

Citation:

"Hospital Steward Bryan accompanied a detachment of cavalry in a charge on a village of hostile Indians and fought through the engagements, having his horse killed under him. He continued to fight on foot, and under severe fire and without assistance conveyed two wounded comrades to places of safety, saving them from capture."