

BRANSCOM, DOUGLAS GEORGE

July 18, 1959-August 4, 1976

The Wyoming Adjutant's office said this week Douglas G. Branscom of Wheatland died as a result of a tractor accident at Camp Guernsey late Wednesday afternoon, August 4, 1976.

The youth, son of Chief Warrant Officer and Mrs. George A. Branscom, was a temporary summer employee at the camp where his father is employed as a full-time Army National Guard Technician. Young Branscom was pronounced dead on arrival at the Wheatland hospital.

Officials said the youth was operating a tractor with a grass mower at the camp's ammunition dump. He apparently was mowing grass on an incline when the tractor overturned, pinning him beneath it. A security guard observed the accident and summoned aid.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 7, 1976, at the Wheatland High School Auditorium with Rev. Elliot Graves and John Thalken officiating. Interment was at the Wheatland Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Richard Jackson, Allen Cochran, Wayne Ownes, Bill Ertman, Clay Branscom and Bob Hitt. Schrader-Prell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Honorary pallbearers were FFA members.

Doug was born July 18, 1959 in Laramie. He had been a resident here since 1967. An active student, he had been Sentinel of FFA and on the FFA judging teams. An eight-year 4-H member, Doug had attended National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago in 1974 and was very active showing his livestock at fairs, etc. He was a past member of Demolay.

He is survived by his parents, his grandmother, Mrs. Ethel Wellman of Newcastle, and a brother, Alan Branscom.