

Flyer's Body Found in Utah

High up in the mountain fastness, 32 miles from Cedar City, Utah, the body of Maury Graham, Western Air Express mail pilot who crashed his ship in a blizzard January 10, was discovered late yesterday.

Word to this effect was flashed to Western Air officials here shortly before midnight last night by Maj Richard McDonald, who has been conducting the search for the missing flyer.

The body, still encased in a heavy flying suit, was discovered by Maj. McDonald and Sheriff Leigh. McDonald, a brother-in-law of Graham's wife, said there was no doubt as to the identification.

32 MILES FROM CITY

The spot where the body was found, in Zion canyon, was 32 miles from Cedar City, Utah. Graham's wrecked mail plane, with its \$300-000 cargo of mail intact, was discovered 12 miles from Cedar City three weeks ago by two shepherders.

Crashing during a blizzard on January 10, Graham is believed to have been unhurt in landing. There was five feet of snow on the ground on the day of the tragedy.

The fact that the body was found 20 miles from the plane and farther away from Cedar City than the plane offered mute evidence that Graham, lost in the blizzard, was wandering away from civilization when death overtook him.

INACCESSIBLE SPOT

McDonald was unable to say whether Graham had starved or frozen to death.

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HOLD FINAL RITES FOR GRAHAM

Fellow pilots, war buddies and friends of Maurice Graham, veteran Western Air Express pilot and World War ace, whose plane crashed in the Kanarra mountains during a blinding snowstorm last January and whose body was found Wednesday, 17 miles southeast of Cedar City, Utah, today paid final tribute to his memory.

Funeral services conducted jointly by the Christian Science church and the Masonic lodge, of which Graham was a member, were held at 3 p. m. at the Wee Kirk o' the Heather, Forest Lawn Memorial park.

And then at dusk, with the motor of an airplane droning a fitting requiem through the sky lanes where Graham flew the night mail, Fred Kelly, Graham's fellow pilot and friend, was to scatter the ashes of the one-time great soldier and pilot along the trail he knew so well.

Giving Graham back to the clear star-studded skies that he loved was to be done in accordance with the wishes of his widow.

As a final honor to their dead companion, all Western Air Express pilots in the air at 3 p. m. the hour for the funeral services, throttled down the motors of their planes and glided in silence for 15 seconds.

One of the notable flying accomplishments of Graham's which will go down in history was his finding while serving in the aviation forces during the World War, of the Lost Battalion.

Body of Maury Graham, L. A. Mail Flyer, Found in Utah

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plane disappeared January 10, there was never any let up in the search. The finding of the plane spurred the hunt for Graham, a hunt which ended yesterday.

The spot in which the body was found was said to be almost inaccessible, except by foot. Some time this morning, a crew will get out from Cedar City and bring the body back, Western Air officials said last night.

Immediately upon receipt of the news here, a plane was dispatched to Cedar City to return the body to Los Angeles after it is brought in from the mountains to the Utah city.

Word of the discovery of her

All during the time of the search Mrs. Graham adhered stanchly to the belief that her husband was still alive.

When the wrecked plane was found, she said: "They've found the plane. Now the thing to do is find Maury. I am sure he is still alive. I have never given up hope and never will."

After news of the finding of the body was received, Western Air officials decided to have one of their pilots, a pal of the dead flyer, break the news to his widow, and two children.

The country in which Graham crashed is very rough and for a