

The work of the Aerial Experiment Association was suddenly interrupted on the 17th of September, 1908, by the lamentable death of Lieut. Selfridge in the accident to the Wright Brothers flying machine at Washington, D.C.

On Friday, Sept. 18, the Chairman accompanied by Mr. F. W. Baldwin, left Baddeck for Washington where they arrived Sunday, Sept. 20, and were joined by Mr. G. H. Curtiss and Mr. J. A. D. McCurdy from Hammondsport, N.Y.

On Monday, Sept. 21, a meeting of the Aerial Experiment Association was held at 1331 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C.

Mr. McCurdy was elected Secretary of the Association, and resolutions were passed relating to the death of Lieut. Selfridge, and a resolution of sympathy for Mr. Orville Wright.

On Friday, Sept. 25, Lieut. Selfridge was laid at rest in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia; He was given an impressive military funeral. Three volleys were fired over his grave by his comrades in arms, and the ceremonies terminated with the bugle call "taps" or "put out the lights".

The Honorary pall-bearers represented the Army and Navy, the Aerial Experiment Association, and the Aero Club of America.

For the Army appeared Major Squier, Acting Chief Signal Officer, and Lieut. Winter of the aeronautical Dept. of the Army. For the Navy appeared Lieut. Creecy of the U S Marine Corps representing the aeronautical Dept. of the Navy.

The Aerial Experiment Association was represented by Alexander Graham Bell, Chairman, Mr. F. W. Baldwin and Mr. J. A. D. McCurdy (Mr. Curtiss was unable to attend).