

Island Leader's Body Is Found

PRETORIA.—A search party yesterday found the body of 23-year-old Mr. J. W. Smalberger, the leader of the South African weather station staff on Gough Island, who had been missing for more than a week, Mr. D. Joubert, Secretary for Transport, announced last night.

Mr. Smalberger was first missed on Wednesday of last week after starting on a 2½-mile walk across the tiny, mountainous island. Heavy snow and rain during the past six days hampered searchers.

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The weather cleared slightly yesterday and the team found Mr. Smalberger's body near the top of South Peak, high in the mountain range.

Mr. Joubert said that the team reported from the island that it would be impossible to move the body back to base because of the rough terrain.

Mr. Smalberger's stepfather had agreed to the burial on the island of the body, which showed no sign of injury.

The Deputy Secretary for Transport, Mr. H. S. van der Walt, has called for a full report of the circumstances of Mr. Smalberger's death.—(Sapa.)