

col—no difficulty. On the other side the peak drops off very abruptly, as also on the Bow side. We lay on the warm rocks and watched it storm over the Louise and Ottertail groups and then built a cairn and left a record. We completed a rather strenuous day by breaking camp and backpacking down to the road.

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[The writer of the foregoing, our only member thus far in the Merchant Marine, sends his letters from the South Pacific and adds: "It is quite a change from the mountains to the sea, but give me the former any time. It has been my first trip to the tropics and it has all been very new. I have seen 14,000 ft. peaks from the ship, but the climate in spite of it being fall is continuously hot and humid and not very conducive to physical exertion. It is strange not to see even a crystal of snow on peaks of that height—the vegetation appears to go right to the top. There are said to be some higher, 16,000 ft. ones that are perpetually snow-capped, but I have not been able to see them. There has been no temptation to get far from the beach on account of snipers."]

*Stairway and Aries Pks.* 1944 first ascents by Mr. and Mrs. D. Measuroll, J. M. Thorington, *E. Feuz, Jr.* From Howse Pass, camp was established at timberline in the N. fork of Ebon creek, this stream being the true source of Blaeberry River. Stairway Pk. was ascended in 4 h., following which a descent into the S. fork of the creek led to the ascent of Aries Pk. Total time from camp, 13 h. Owing to improved trails it is now possible to take horses from the Saskatchewan forks to Howse Pass in six hours.

The six peaks of the watershed between Mt. Breaker and Howse Peak have been referred to (*A. A. J.* iv, 495), Aries Pk. (9900 ft.) being the highest. The canoe route there described is now thought to be inadvisable, since the ascent from Mistaya Lake will at best bring one to the Breaker-Ebon col, from which a considerable descent and a long round are necessary to reach the remaining summits.

Aiguille Pk. appears to be the most difficult of the group and may require artificial aids. From Ebon Creek a grand and evident new route can be made on Howse Pk.

Ebon Pk., Midway Pk. and Mt. Synge are not attractive objectives, having ugly shale slopes on their western sides, although rising boldly above the main eastern escarpment.

The summits ascended are splendid viewpoints, the watershed from Columbia to Assiniboine being visible, the Clearwater peaks, Bugaboos and southern Selkirks being included in the panorama. The Freshfield and Forbes-Lyell areas are seen to particular advantage, while the eastern precipice above Cirque and Chephren Lakes is spectacular.

*The Freshfield and Lyell Glaciers* were remeasured on July 27 and 31, 1944, by Mr. and Mrs. D. Measuroll, J. M. Thorington and