Julie and I reached the pair after an hour. John handled himself well after taking painkillers, and we moved him to high camp in a few hours. The weather cleared and calmed beautifully in the afternoon of June 11, and John was successfully rescued by a Chinook helicopter. In Talkeetna he was diagnosed with a broken ankle and bruised ribs, from which he has recovered. Faure, Hopkins, and I descended with John's gear over the next two days, and flew out after a weather day at Kahiltna Base.

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Mount Foraker and Mount Crosson. On June 2, Doug Geeting flew Paul Barry, Jacques Boutet, Ron Rickman and me to the southeast fork of the Kahiltna Glacier, east of Foraker (17,400 feet). Our goal was the seven-mile-long Sultana Ridge, via Mount Crosson (12,800 feet). We placed camps at 10,100 feet and 11,300 feet on the Southeast Ridge of Crosson, at 11,700 feet in the prominent col west of Crosson, at 11,300 feet along the ridge, and at 12,100 feet at the base of Foraker's final summit ridge. Paul, Jacques and I summitted on June 13. Two days later we were flown back to Talkeetna.

DAVID HART, *Mountaineering Club of Alaska*

Mount Hunter, The Mystic Jewel. At midnight on June 19, Calvin Herbert, Mike Colocino and I climbed the initial 2,000 feet of *Rattle and Hum* to a protected bivouac and the beginning of our route on Mount Hunter's North Face. The climbing had been exposed to serac fall and huge avalanches so we were all quite relieved to be in a safe position. The next day, I led a 500-foot block of 70° ice over two tricky bergschrunds to the base of a steep couloir that defines the middle portion of the route. Calvin began leading up the couloir only to be greeted by a thunderous torrent of spindrift. He was barely able to hold on to his tools and place a screw and lower off. Shaken and distraught, we down climbed back to the previous bivouac. We began climbing the following day at 5 p.m. and just before reaching our previous high point Calvin was struck by a solitary ice brick in the back of the neck, causing us all to fear for our safety and carefully evaluate the situation at hand. Calvin broke a long, anxious silence by murmuring that it would be more dangerous to descend than to continue, then grabbed the rack of 15 ice screws and bolted up the couloir.

We swung leads for 2,500 feet of 70° to 90° ice climbing until Calvin found a bergschrund bivouac inside a 75° ice arête at 12,000 feet. The next

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The North Face of Mount Hunter. Routes, from left to right: Northeast Ridge (Takahashi-Sasada-Kosaka-Suzuki-Hamada, 1971); North Buttress Couloir (Grison-Tedeschi, 1984); *Wall of Shadows* (Child-Kennedy, 1994); *WPOD Route* (Bibler-Klewin, 1983, showing Newsom Start, 1980, near bottom of Buttress); *Moonflower Buttress* (finishing at top of last rockband on Buttress, Stump-Aubrey, 1981, showing *Moonflower Variation* to left of *WPOD*, midway up Buttress); *Deprivation* (Backes-Twight, 1994); West-of-North Buttress (Ireland-Bjornborg, 1980); Lowe-Kennedy Direct Start (Smith-Teare, 1993); Lowe-Kennedy Route (Lowe-Kennedy, 1971); *Mystic Jewel* (follows 2,000 feet of *Rattle and Hum*, Byerly-Colocino-Hebert, 1995); *Rattle and Hum* (Anker-Shaw, 1989). *Gardner Heaton illustration.*