

through a bottleneck in the couloir before the light failed. Here a judicious selection of route was necessary, to keep us out of the glazed avalanche chute.

By 2.00 A.M. we were willing once more to sit on a rock ledge. Eventually, we found one which would accommodate us on the E. side of the couloir. We dozed there until five o'clock. With return of daylight, we discovered that we were only a short distance above a series of scree terraces. We quickly descended over these to the yellow band, which we then followed back to our camp near Fan Glacier (9.30 A.M., July 26th). The sleeping bags were recovered from the 9000-ft. bivouac later in the day.

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*First Ascent of Mt. Willerval.* Mt. Willerval (10,400 ft.) is situated on the S. side of the Alexandra River Valley between Amery and Ridges Creeks, about seven miles W. of the Banff-Jasper Highway. The peak was climbed on 12 July 1951 by A. E. Creswell and Fred Ayres. Our approach was along the Alexandra River, then S. up Amery Creek Valley nearly to its head, where we were directly under the towering E. cliff of Willerval. The cliff continued S. and E. in a sweeping curve, completely enclosing the upper valley. We surmounted this wall by means of a talus slope whose upper tip connected with a band of ledges running horizontally southward along the face of the wall for about 500 ft. to the hanging glacier between Willerval and Mt. Monchy, next peak S. From the rock saddle above the glacier, we continued N. for three-eighths of a mile along the western base of the summit tower of Willerval to its N.W. corner, where a broken area enabled us to reach the summit snow field. From here it was an easy walk on snow to the top. Descent was by the same route.

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*Unnamed Peak N. E. of Mt. Erasmus.* This mountain (about 10,400 ft.), prominently visible from the Banff-Jasper Highway N. of the Saskatchewan Bridge, was climbed on 28 June 1951 by A. E. Creswell and Fred Ayres. It stands just across the river from the highway, three-quarters of a mile N.E. of Mt. Erasmus, and rises 5600 ft. above river level. At 4.45 A.M. we forded the N. Saskatche-