

*Attempt on Mount Blackburn, Wrangell Range.* On June 24 Jack Wilson flew Don Houseley, Jim Scott and me from Chitina and landed us on the Nebesna Glacier at 7300 feet. From there on the north side of Blackburn (16,523 feet) we climbed the lower sections of the northeast ridge. Five days later we were well established on the ridge at 10,000 feet, but reconnaissance of the upper ridge proved that the technical difficulties on that part were too much for our small party. We made an attempt on the north ridge, but were again repelled, this time by the numerous crevasses, "bridged" by a foot of unstable, fresh snow.

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*Boundary Peaks, Denver and Meade Glaciers, Southeast of Skagway.* Twenty straight days of misery were spent by our party on the upper Denver and Meade glaciers from August 19 to September 7. In five horrible days, Ron Miller, Margaret Piggott, Mike Wiley and I reached in a white-out a point on the Denver Glacier that we hoped was at the foot of Boundary Peak 109. We made camp as the first real storm moved in. After three days of blizzard, August 27 broke clear and sunny at ten A.M. Above us was Peak 109. With renewed enthusiasm we climbed its rocky north-northwest ridge, over the north peak and south into a steep notch and then on to the highest point of snow on the 6930-foot south peak for a first ascent. Mike had to return home and we then saw him off the glacier to combat the wilderness for the next several days by himself. That same afternoon we climbed a beautiful 7100-foot peak with a 100-foot rock tower at its summit, down whose eastern and northern aspects cascaded a broken glacier. It is located 2½ miles south of Peak 109. We climbed the steep rock and snow west-northwest ridge. The following day, August 28, we headed north from camp to climb an easy Canadian peak (7150 feet), a mile east of Peak 109. From its south side on the Denver Glacier, we climbed to a high saddle on its southeast ridge and up this long easy rock crest to the top. August 29 was another typically fine day, heavy overcast and light snow. We retraced part of yesterday's route and crossed a low saddle on P 7150's east ridge and from there plodded hour after hour to the east-northeast across an endless white sahara at 5500 feet towards the 7000-foot peak 4½ miles east of Peak 109. We finally reached its virgin summit at five P.M. via the rocky west ridge. On August 31 in threatening weather we left camp for Mount Bagot (also officially designated as Boundary Peak 107). The government boundary description says the mountain