

interspersed with more normal pins, brought us over a blankish, overhanging section and up to cracks which led to the summit which we reached at dusk. NCCS V, F7, A4. UIAA V+, A4.

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*Commissioner Buttress.* Ranger Rock, or Manure Pile Buttress as it is more commonly known, is frequented for its fine low-angle face climbs such as After Six and Nutcracker Sweet. In March, Joe Faint and I climbed a steep buttress about 500 feet to the right of Nutcracker Sweet, almost entirely in jam-cracks and chimneys. The first pitch follows an easy chimney to the bottom of a short but difficult overhang (F9). Above, a longer but easier section (F8) leads to the base of a series of flakes which are followed (F6) to the base of twin cracks in the back of a wide chimney. This exhilarating pitch is continuous F7 on clean rock broken only by the two cracks. From the top of the buttress, two pitches of easier climbing lead to the top of the rock. NCCS III, F9.

GALEN ROWELL

*North Peak, North Face.* Although a route existed up a gully on the north side of the 12,242-foot peak, Barry Hagen and I were quite surprised to find that the steep 800-foot north face proper was untouched. In July we began our route from the north glacier, almost directly beneath the summit. The first three pitches were rather sustained fifth class, tapering to easier fifth and fourth class on the low-angle upper face. NCCS III, F8.

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*Mount Conness, North Ridge.* The north ridge of Mount Conness (12,590 feet) is a mile long cleaver dropping vertically on the east to the Conness Glacier and falling away at 70° for thousands of feet on the west. Barry Hagen and I apparently completed a new route in July when we found no record in either the summit register or the climbing guides. The climbing varies from walking on a level crest to exposed small-hold face climbing on the summit ridge. The granite is among the firmest in the Sierra, making the ascent both safe and pleasurable. NCCS II, F6.

GALEN ROWELL

*East Tooth, East Face.* The Three Teeth of Sawtooth Ridge offer an impressive view from the west, but from the east they are even sheerer and less recognizable. The east faces of the Middle Tooth and East Tooth merge into one imposing 700-foot wall. In June, Fred Beckey, Jim Jones, and I made the first ascent of this face in a half day. The climbing is all