

making an airdrop on a small glacier 3½ miles to the southwest. Our objective was the unclimbed peaks surrounding the two forks of the Orford River. This unexplored region lies south of the Southgate River and east of Bute Inlet. We fortunately found an access to the drop by climbing up the valley of the first creek emptying into Icewall Creek from the west. Base Camp was set up in the large saddle above the south fork of the Orford River. Extremely stormy weather plagued us during our eleven-day sojourn, with only one cloudless day allotted us. In spite of the weather, we all made four first ascents. "Nanitch" (7750 feet), a peak just to the north of Base Camp was ascended by a broad snow slope. We next climbed "Mamook" (7700 feet), lying to the south of camp, by the north shoulder. The third peak climbed was "Kalaka" (7800 feet). This peak, just to the north of "Nanitch" was ascended by the south ridge. Our final ascent was of "Tolo" (8100 feet), a large peak two miles west of "Nanitch" by the east ridge.

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Nusatsum, Bella Coola Region, Coast Range. In June Ed McClanahan and I made a new route on Nusatsum. (First ascent, 1952, by W. and D. Long, R. Skinner.) We ascended the 6500-foot-high north couloir, 4000 feet of it ice with a tricky little icefall in it. The top 1400 feet of the mountain were delightful, easy rock climbing. We had tried this 8444-foot giant before. In the fall of 1968 we were mercilessly beaten back by miserable storms and crevasses. Nusatsum had been previously climbed two or three times via an easterly route solo by a most likeable garage mechanic, Frank Cooke, the only true mountaineer of the Bella Coola Valley.

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Interior Ranges

Climbs in the Western Cariboos. In August Alex Fabergé, Don Hubbard, Linnea Stewart, Art Wilder, my wife Nancy, our one-year-old daughter Mai-Britt and I helicoptered into a 5700-foot Base Camp at Tranquility Lake, three miles east of 9800-foot Mount Quanstrom, the highest peak of the large glaciated area just west of the Raush River. We made the second ascent of Quanstrom on August 6 via the northeast buttress and east ridge. Except for a short ice climb on the buttress this was the same route followed by the first-ascent party of Campbell and Bimm on August 3, 1967 (according to a message found in the summit cairn). The next day