

Leaving an airstrip on Portage Creek some 20 miles north of Deborah on June 15, we spent three days reaching Base Camp (5000 feet) at the head of Gillam Glacier. Our route continued through a series of icefalls directly south of Base Camp. A second camp was above the worst of the icefalls at 7200 feet on a small plateau walled on two sides by ominous black cliffs topped by overhanging ice walls, which several times dropped large ice chunks; we spent as little time as possible here. In two days we brought loads up from Base Camp and then moved west to camp in a small col at 9500 feet between the north ridge and a 9730-foot peak. Because of cornices and highly fractured rock, it took nearly eight hours to cover the first 800 feet of the north ridge to nearly 10,000 feet. We put in sparingly 600 feet of fixed line out of our meager 1000-foot supply. (We should have brought 3000 feet.) A four-day snowstorm tied us down. On June 30 our schedule and food supply forced us back to Base Camp and to Portage Creek where our Tanana Air Taxi plane met us on July 5.

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*Arrigetch Peaks, Brooks Range, Alaska* — A group of ten from Hampshire College spent three weeks from June 9 through July 1 in the cirque where the 1964 party made its Base Camp, the first valley south of Arrigetch Creek. Besides the climb of Shot Tower (see article in this *Journal*), the following first ascents were made (see map, *A.A.J.*, 1970, 17:1, p. 70): Badile (east ridge from the south) by Ed Ward and Dave Roberts on June 20; Disneyland (southwest face) by Ward and Roberts on June 27; and "Tasmania" (a 5800-foot satellite just east of "Australia" — the main peak on the ridge between the Camel and Disneyland) by Ward, David Vicario, Roberts, and Cindy Cattell on June 18, also by Vicario and Alice Bissell on June 25. Of the three, Disneyland was the hardest. The following second ascents were made (all first ascents by the 1964 party): East Maiden, by Sharon and Dave Roberts, Vicario, Bissell, Nancy Lord, and Kathy Garber, on June 13; West Maiden, by Ward, Cattell, Tom Griggs and Bob Hefner on June 13, also by Hefner, Vicario, and Bissell on June 21; and Citadel, by S. and D. Roberts on June 25. Hefner, Griggs, Cattell, and Lord also made a four-day, 25-mile exploratory circuit through the next valley south, passing beneath scores of attractive unclimbed peaks. We had temperatures up to 78° F. at Base Camp, and 18 straight days without rain. The expedition ended with an eight-day, 150-mile kayak and raft trip down the Alatna River from Takahula Lake to the native village of Allakaket, during which we battled the worst mosquitoes I had seen in nine Alaskan summers — so thick that as we paddled we heard them as a constant drone in the bushes alongside the river.

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