

the "white horn" itself while he traversed over 20 feet of vertical ice to the summit ridge. NCCS II or III, F4; 11 pitches; 15 hours from camp, 4½ on the climb.

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*Mount Bridgland, East Face.* A spell of dry, clear weather the third week of August provided the impetus for a trek up the valley of the Miette to seek a new route on the towering form of Mount Bridgland. By noon the next day, McCarty, Brian Leo, and I were high on the mountain, having spent many tiring and unpleasant hours scrambling and clambering up slabby lower walls—nothing difficult, but failure and a descent would then have been a minor nightmare. After several false starts directed at the impressive buttress above, we worked out a tortuous route with a number of interesting pitches to a sheer, wet headwall, the eastern culmination. Two continuous nearly vertical pitches, with a dramatic overhang which we climbed free, were the mountain's last defense. Close to sundown, we stood on the shattered summit, wondering how Frank Smythe and his party had had the nerve to climb this beast. By any route, Bridgland is an impressive ascent.

FRED BECKEY

### Interior Ranges

*Adamant Group, Northern Selkirks.* On July 16 and 17 Rob Taylor, Bill Thompson and I climbed the southwest ridge of Ironman in the Adamant group. The climb involved 1400 feet of mixed free and aid climbing on very solid rock. NCCS IV or V, F7, A2. This climb was a part of the British Columbia Mountaineering Club's summer expedition, which camped two weeks on the Austerity Glacier. Another new route was the south face of Austerity by Rob Kirby and Rich Miller.

RAY HILBORN, *British Columbia Mountaineering Club*

*Adamant, Gothic and Sir Sandford Groups, Northern Selkirks.* Twelve members and friends of the Dartmouth Mountaineering Club spent three weeks climbing out of Fairy Meadow and Great Cairn Cabins and a camp on the upper Austerity Glacier. Although food and equipment were brought in by helicopter, we entered and left the mountains on foot along Swan Creek. The new Mica Creek Dam, however, makes a boat necessary to reach the base of Swan Creek. The following new routes or variations were climbed: northwest face of Little Blackfriar on August 2 to 4 by T. Davis, P. Koch (This route follows the obvious crack system leading directly to the summit, trending left just below the top.), 17 pitches, NCCS V, F8, A2; south ridge of Adamant on July 31 by Davis, B. Gierke (The route starts from the Adamant-Blackfriar col and ascends the ridge, keeping to the right but well away from the

couloir of the first-ascent route.), NCCS IV, F7; west face of Ironman on August 3 by P. Gilbert, K. Swift, NCCS II, F6; north ridge of east summit of Adamant on July 28 by M. Field, Gierke (From Fairy Meadows the route ascends the snow ridge to the right of the Stickle-Adamant col. Instead of climbing the obvious snow slope on the west to gain the ridge, we climbed the rock at the very base due to a difficult bergschrund.), NCCS IV, F4; Pioneer Peak on July 7 by M. Paine, C. Winship (Route ascends a narrow ice gully to the left of the Colliver-Jones route.), NCCS III; northeast arête of Sentinel on July 25 by Field, R. Holsapple, Winship (The route begins to the left of Nester's route up the northwest couloir.), NCCS II, F3; west arête of Outpost Peak on July 25 by Koch, Gierke (The arête lies between routes 1 and 2.), NCCS II, F6; north ridge of Sir Sandford on August 7 by Davis, Gierke (From Great Cairn, the route ascends the rock buttress leading to the left edge of the hanging glacier on the north face and then up the ridge to the summit. Bad rock.), NCCS IV, F8.

B. GIERKE, *Dartmouth Mountaineering Club*

*"Paramount Peak", Farnham Group.* At 9900 feet "Paramount Peak" is the higher of two prominent rock peaks located at the southern extremity of the Farnham group and visible along parts of the Toby Creek road west of Invermere. On July 23 my wife Gretchen, our 4-year-old daughter Kara, and I approached the "Paramount" massif via an old mining jeep road that leaves the Jumbo Creek road at 4500 feet about a mile north of the first bridge over Jumbo Creek. Following this road over several steep overgrown and washed-out sections to about 5500 feet, we set up a high camp to the east of the jeep road just below some short cliffs and close to a small stream. The next day we headed east and upward through much fallen and burned timber to the large stream draining the southeast slopes of 10,100-foot Monument Peak. Leaving the lush meadows around the stream at about 5900 feet, we continued northeasterly up over meadows and talus slopes to the 9000-foot saddle west of "Paramount Peak" (6 hours from high camp). From here there was pleasant third-class climbing on the firm rock of the southwest ridge, along the sheer south face, with Kara rockclimbing the last 600 feet herself (1¼ hours to the summit). Realizing that we would not have time for the long traverse over to 9810-foot "Paradise Peak", we hurriedly built a cairn for our first-ascent record, and descended the same tedious route to high camp in 4½ hours just as the darkness settled in.

CURT WAGNER

*The "Egyptian Peaks", Commander Group.* In late July John Jeglum and I, together with our families, drove about 9 miles up the recently