

to Mount Monolith. On the 15th and 16th we climbed straight up the east face of the neighboring peak to the south. A gendarme and rotten rock of great difficulty kept us from making from there the first ascent of Mount Monolith. The neighboring tower had already been ascended, as shown by the cairn on the top.

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North West Territories—Logan Mountains

Citadel, Capricorn, Southern Section. On August 3 Kristian (Del) Langbauer and I landed by float-plane on the west end of Lonely Lake. We made new routes on the east ridge of Citadel (NCCS III, F7) and the north ridge of Capricorn (NCCS IV, F8, A2). Descent down the south face of the latter was unexpectedly trivial. We made third-class ascents of the Gemini Twins from their common col; we had thought them unclimbed but found cairns on top. We failed on the impressive east face of Guardsman after a day of climbing disagreeable, wet, moss-crammed cracks on what appeared from below to be the approach. The weather was uniformly bad but not atrocious, which apparently explains the obnoxious growth which provided pull-ups on moss clumps or low-angle, greasy, jungle moves.

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Lotus Flower Tower. Frenchmen Guy Abert and Jacques Fouques from August 25 to 27, 1975 made the fourth ascent of the southeast face of Lotus Flower Tower. They climbed mostly free, using aid on only a few pitches.

Lotus Flower Tower, New Route, 1975. In August of 1975, the Colorado climber Bill Putnam and I visited the Logan Mountains. Our objective was the impressive unclimbed face on Parrot Beak Peak in the Cirque of the Unclimbables, previously attempted by Galen Rowell et al. We had climbed three-quarters of the face when a 40-foot fall resulted in a broken knee-cap and forced a retreat. We found extremely rotten rock and difficult protection. Two weeks later we were able to climb a new route on Lotus Flower Tower which ascended the prominent buttress left of the Frost-McCarthy-Bill route. We had extraordinarily good rock and the climb went 70% free: NCCS VI, F9, A3. Three days were required, including the descent. We picked up candy wrappers, presumably left by the 1975 Swiss party as they rappelled. We also carried out a full haul-bag of their garbage from the Cirque. Such house-keeping practices in North American wildernesses are to be regretted.

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