

is graded II, 4th Class. Descent was by the same route. On July 3 we ascended P 4200, 890/495, while measuring a boulder field. The next day we made the first ascent of P 4200 ("Bicentennial Peak"), 890/474, by a 1500-foot, approximately 45° snow gully on the north side; descent by the same route. In the Valley of the Lakes off Kingnait Fiord, we climbed on July 26 P 3700, 205/708; and P 4200, 200/710. This east face route is NCCS II, F6; descent was by a rotten, south gully involving two rappels. During August 5 to 7 we hiked from this valley to Pangnirtung Fiord, making the first passage of the Turnweather Glacier's east col. On August 19 we attempted the normal route on Mount Asgard, accompanied part way by H. Burrows. The poor route conditions made us retreat after gaining the col. Burrows attempted Tirokwa Peak on August 25. The 1976 summer weather was poor (mean monthly temperature about 10° F. lower and precipitation double the ten-year norm), knee-deep snow persisting into August at the 3000-foot level. During late July muggy conditions bred intolerable hordes of mosquitoes in the Kingnait area.

PHILIP S. MARSHALL, *Three Corner Round*

*Mount Turnweather and Other Peaks, Cumberland Peninsula, Baffin Island.* In July Clark Gerhardt and I visited the Cumberland Peninsula. Since the ice was breaking up when we flew into Pangnirtung on June 29, we could not use canoes or snowmobiles to travel 18 miles up the fjord to Canada's new Auyuittuq National Park. By chance, a film crew helicopter was in the area and so we flew to the cirque north of Mount Turnweather, just outside the park. On July 4 we climbed Turnweather via the 1500-foot snow and ice gully to the Turnweather-Guardian col and the east buttress. By connecting devious chimneys, dikes and flakes, we reached the top of the steep summit tower, using only a few nuts for aid. We descended to the southeast, bivouacked and circled back to the col. On July 12 we climbed an inviting buttress immediately west of and facing Turnweather. This eight-pitch climb provided the best rock and the most difficult climbing of the trip. We moved camp up the Weasel Valley, planning to visit the Asgard area. However, across the valley from Mount Thor an unnamed peak capped by a beautiful bullet-like dome caught our fancy. On July 21 we climbed 25 pitches up the jumbled east face and then swung to the north side for the final five or six pitches on the upper dome.

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*Ellesmere Island.* The 1976 Ellesmere-Makinson Expedition arrived in Grise Fiord via Kenn Borek Air from Resolute on July 27; our goal was exploratory mountaineering in the high arctic. The party consisted of Curt Saville, George Wallerstein, Peter Rogers, John Stix, Caroline