

Interior Ranges

Gladshiem Peak, Valhalla Group, Southwest Face, Selkirks. On September 10, Craig Martinson and I climbed a new route west of the three existing ones on the south and southwest faces of Gladshiem, highest of the Valhalla peaks. The first roped pitch, in a steep dihedral, proved dirty and awkward; I found the only good protection was a small tree at the end. Craig had similar problems on the next run-out, with deceptive difficulties. The moss then ran its limit, the rock was more bubbly and the cracks superb. Five interesting continuous pitches, the last ascending through a narrow chimney slot, brought us to easier terrain. We reached a broad, open gully 200 feet higher, where we unroped before scrambling on to the summit. NCCS III, F8.

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Mount Amon-Ra, East Face, Purcells. Lured by accounts of dizzying, steep, sound quartzite on the walls of the Egyptian Peaks, west of the Jumbo-Karnak massif and on the Glacier Creek-Jumbo Creek watershed, Craig Martinson and I hiked to timberline on September 15. Next morning we toyed with two "first pitches" and liked neither. Convinced that we'd like better the east fact of Amon-Ra, the highest in the group, we spent an hour hiking to its base. Here we were delighted with excellent rock, steep but well-broken (class 4 and up to F5). Ours was apparently the second ascent of the peak and the first by this route. Scars left by the timbering industry are a sad memorial to money-hungry man.

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Apostelens Tommelfinger, Suikarsuak, South Greenland. The French Alpine Club's expedition was led by Marceau Agier and composed of M. and Mme Bernézat, C. Bourleaux, B. Clouet, S. Jouty, J. Michaud, Y. Morin, Dr. H. Muler, F. Pelatan, B. Renard, G. Vellay and me. From July 20 to August 20 we were in the region of the Tasermiut and Lindenows Fjords. Our objectives were to climb the Apostelens Tommelfinger and the two Suikarsuak and to make the Lindenows-Tasermiut crossing. We climbed the three peaks by very lovely routes. We had also hoped to explore the mountains northeast of the Nûp Gangerdlus Fjord but ice prevented our crossing from Nanortalik to Augpilagtoq. The price of renting fishing boats had risen very much from 1975. We advise future parties to fix prices by letter ahead of time or use their own transport to get from Nanortalik to Tasermiut. Two of the routes we climbed were done without previous information