

bivouac on the rocks before finishing the remaining 2900 feet on the following day. Upon reaching the rock band, we were forced to continue due to the lack of a bivouac site. The blue ice ran directly into the steep rock band, eliminating any chance of carving a platform. By this time, the wind had picked up and the weather began to move in and so we pushed on hoping to find a more suitable bivouac site. The steepness and blankness of the face ultimately forced us to continue climbing into the dusk and finally to traverse off the face at 13,000 feet. We holed up in a snow cave that night and the following day while the storm raged outside. On the third day we climbed the 800 feet to the summit on the east ridge and then scurried back to the safety of our cave for the remainder of the day. The fourth day, we chose to descend the east ridge, battling 40- to 50-mph winds, in order to reach Base Camp below. Another three days of this continuous storm kept us buried in the snow cave there. When the weather finally broke, the Trident Glacier, moraine and surrounding tundra had been blown clear of snow, which made our three-day ski to the Black Rapids Roadhouse a true epic.

JOHN BAUMAN

*Ragged Peak, Central Alaska Range.* On August 17, Robin Bayer, Logan Colby, Scott Benson and I made the first ascent of Ragged Peak (9160 feet), via the north ridge in eight hours round-trip from the Brooks Glacier.

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*Mount Torbert and Other Peaks, Tordrillo Mountains.* Alaskans Tom Choate, Gary Lawton, Jerry Minick and I climbed in this range, which is visible from Anchorage. Lowell Thomas, Jr., one of the 1964 first-ascent party of Mount Torbert, flew us to the icecap feeding the Triumvirate Glacier on May 20. On May 21, we climbed the north peak of Torbert (11,100 feet) via the north ridge and then reached the main peak (11,413 feet) via the connecting ridge and plateau. We had to dig a snow cave for shelter on the descent and returned after 39 hours en route. After stormy weather, we made a ski ascent and descent of P 11,100 at the north end of our icecap on May 26. The next day, Choate and I climbed P 9644 via its southeast ridge, ten pitches of snow and ice. Excepting Torbert, we believe all our climbs were first ascents.

KEN ZAFREN

*P 6039, P 6744, P 6855, P 6151, Chugach Mountains.* On June 3, Bob Jacobs, Jeanie Nelson, Will Martin and I were dropped off by wheel-skied aircraft in an unnamed glacial valley five miles southeast of the junction of the Bremner and Tana Lobe Glaciers. Because of snow conditions we did all our climbing at night with beautiful sunsets and sunrises. On July 4, we climbed P 6039 from the south, an easy warm-up from our 3500-foot Base Camp. On June 5, we moved camp to 5200 feet across the valley to the southwest. After a