

the glacier is steep enough to make a good glisade; *Castle Mountain* (7410 feet) is ascended up the crumbly southwest ridge to the extremely crumbly limestone of the turreted summit area; *Wellsung Mountain* (7610 feet) is climbed up the north-northeast ridge from the obvious notch on the ridge. It is pleasant mixed climbing on rock and ice with short rock steps to the notch. From there it is class-4 rock to the top; *Kiev* (7600 + feet) on the border of the Gates of the Arctic Park, is a long haul from Galbraith Lake to the glacier under the north face. From the glacier, I ascended the ice headwall to a point on the snowy north ridge just below the summit rocks. There was 50° ice with class-3 rock at the top. The north ridge can also be reached from the glacier to the west; *Bunny Ears* (6200 + feet, 3.2 miles northwest of Castle Mountain) were both climbed from the notch between them. There is good rock on the west side of the north ear.

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*P 9875, University Range.* Bob Jacobs first saw P 9875 in 1975 during an exploratory hike up the Chitistone River. The view of this peak up Toby Creek is breathtaking. The 4500-foot north face is Eiger-like in appearance but rises to a sharp, corniced summit. On September 6, I flew to Glacier Creek and hiked up to 4500 feet along the Twaharpies Glacier. The next day Jacobs flew over to check my location before he landed and began to hike up to meet me. I moved camp to 5800 feet at the foot of the icefall which flows off the east face of the peak. I then climbed through the icefall and to 7200 feet to reconnoiter. Bob arrived at camp moments after my descent. On September 8, we climbed through the icefall to my high point and then up the glacier to 8000 feet. From there we went up 45° to 50° snow and rock to join the south ridge at 9300 feet. We worked along the narrow ridge, having to cross the ridge when the cornice changed directions. The last 350 feet were up 45° snow and ice on the summit pyramid.

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*Mount Chitina, St. Elias Mountains.* On September 20, Donnie Hunton and I were dropped off at Hubert's landing strip at 2000 feet and hiked along the Chitina Glacier. September 21 and 22 were spent crossing the Chitina Glacier and moving camp to 4400 feet on the west ridge of Mount Chitina. The National Center for Earthquake Research has a solar-powered transmitter at 4800 feet on the ridge. On September 24, we climbed the low-angled snow slopes above 5700 feet to the corniced summit (2568 meters, 8424 feet). The mountain lies at the confluence of the Logan and Chitina Glaciers, 30 miles west of Mount Logan. I believe this was the first ascent of the mountain.

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*Chilkat and Takhinsha Mountains.* In June and July, Chuck Warren, Gil Dewart, Walt Price, Marty Mushkin, Ed Kerwin, Linda Bolte, George Barnett