

Climbing Section. In 1983, the American Alpine Club presented them with the Angelo Heilprin Citation for service to the Club and to mountaineering.

Ruth Dyar Mendenhall died suddenly on March 22, 1989 after a brief illness with the flu. She requested that her ashes be scattered near John's at a special spot in the mountains. Throughout her life, with all her pleasure in people, her home and her writings, she felt, as she expressed at the end of her first book, "The peaks, the snows, the ink-black skies; the waters, winds and wild flowers; the trails and campfires—all will call you back."

VIVIAN MENDENHALL

ED LINK
1914-1989

Ed (Hazel E.) Link, an AAC member since 1945, died of cancer in Seattle on April 14, 1989. He was 74. Hiking and skiing trips with his Boy Scout troop provided Ed's first mountain experiences when he was in his early teens. Later, with friends from scouting, he began to explore the summits of these mountain ranges. Ed was one of America's skiing pioneers. A member of the Sahale Ski Club in the 30s, he was an active competitor in races sponsored by it and other early ski and outdoor clubs, including the legendary Silver Skis Race from Camp Muir to Paradise on Mount Rainier.

During his military career, he made significant contributions to mountaineering and skiing. Here his path crossed or joined for a time that of many members from those communities. Drafted into the Army in 1941, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1942 and served in a tank unit commanded by General George S. Patton. Because of his background, he was reassigned to the 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment. He was soon in charge of a succession of climbing and skiing schools at Mount Rainier, Mount Hale, Colorado, and Seneca Rocks, West Virginia.

In 1943, he commanded an American detachment to the Mountain School Central Mediterranean Forces in Italy. He served with the 10th Mountain Division from 1944 through to the end of the war. In 1945 he was the Winter Sports Officer for the European Theater, establishing winter sports programs for U.S. occupation troops. While in Italy, he climbed a new route on the Gran Sasso and made the first ascent of Corno Piccolo. After leaving the service as a major in 1947, he worked as a civilian sports director for the Army's Garmisch Recreation Center. In 1948, he provided skiing expertise for CBS radio coverage of the St. Moritz Olympics.

Ed was recalled to active duty in 1951 and placed in charge of rock-climbing training at Fort Carson, Colorado. As a lieutenant colonel, he saw tours of duty in Korea and in Japan, where he established the Mountain and Cold Weather Training Command. He also coordinated the preparation and publishing of the U.S. Army Skiing Manual. Ed returned to the Alps in 1958 and climbed the Matterhorn. After four years of ROTC work at the Wentworth Military

Academy, Wentworth, Missouri, he spent a year as a military advisor in South Vietnam. In 1962, Ed received what was to be his last military assignment as deputy post commander of the Yakima Firing Center. Here he was able to resume mountaineering and skiing, not only recreationally, but also as an instructor and a competitor, in the mountains of his youth.

Immediately after Ed's retirement from the military in 1966, Governor Dan Evans (AAC) selected him for the position of Washington State Civil Defense Director with the additional responsibility of supervising the establishment of a state-wide search-and-rescue program. From 1968 to 1980, he was president and general manager of the Crystal Mountain Ski Resort; he helped bring a World Cup event there in 1972. Ed continued to be active in ski racing in retirement. He served as technical director for FIS World Cups, taught FIS technical delegate symposia, was a three-time national champion in veteran racing and placed in international competition. He received numerous recognitions from ski professional organizations.

Ed is survived by his wife Eddi (Edna), two sisters and a brother, three daughters, a son from a previous marriage and two grandchildren. His son Robert climbed Kangchenjunga in 1989.

FRED C. STANLEY

EINAR NILSSON
1901-1989

Einar Nilsson, a retired electrical engineer, died of pneumonia on December 13, 1989, aged 88. He was born in Malmö, Sweden, and for forty-four years worked for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company before retiring in 1966. For the past eighteen years, he lived in Carmel, California.

During World War II, Einar worked in the Special Forces Section of the Military Planning Division of the Office of the Quartermaster General, where he was extremely resourceful and popular. A big man, with black hair, flashing eyes and an eager grin, Einar was always imaginative, practical and ready to help others. As a valuable member of the Alaskan Test Expedition of 1942, he made the third ascent of Mount McKinley while testing Army clothing and equipment. His ingenuity was continually proved on this expedition. On one occasion high on the mountain when an extra pair of snowshoes was needed, he *made* snowshoes from scraps of wood and extra shoelaces. Einar's love of wild country and the mountains was very basic to his character.

He joined the American Alpine Club in 1943. He was a life member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, of the Sierra Club and the Save-the-Redwoods League and a member of the photographic workshop of the Carmel Foundation.

His wife Annie survives him, as well as his daughter Cece Waldron and two grandchildren.

ROBERT H. BATES