

Golden Bear Mine and an airstrip. The following morning, Day 23, we moved north. A deep, narrow valley separated us at the "end" of the icecap from a more interior glaciated landscape ahead. Initially the descent was fun, but it became difficult. Eventually, we arrived on the lower narrow glacier and made camp. The next day, we arrived at the pass that separates the Whiting and Chutine drainages. On variable snow, we boot-stepped, kicked, skied and ice-axed from the Chutine valley up onto the southern slopes of dominant P 2779m. A long, steep gully led to easier ground and the summit. P 2715m stood waiting to the north. On May 31, Day 25, I took a higher meadow route while the others stayed lower on the glacier. We all met on a small glacier west of P 2715m. We made our way to the 1920-meter col, 2 km northwest of P 2715m. The climb was straightforward with some tiring trail-breaking and one section of steep ice. On Day 26, it rained and we did not move. On Day 27, we broke camp in a drizzle and headed down the glacier to the northeast, hoping to break out to some visibility. We descended to near the glacial tongue and headed up a ridge to the north over old moraines and lovely meadows that smelled gorgeous. From the ridge crest we went down to near the toe of the next glacier north and up to camp on a col 1¼ km northwest of P 2440m. The 28th and last day of the trip was crisp and clear. We skied over very hard snow to the base of the west ridge of P 2440m, a great peak to finish off with, rubbly at times but aesthetic. Below snaked the Samotua River. We skied down the glacier to the northeast from camp to near its tongue at 1160 meters. Beautiful greens and "life:" birds chatting and chirping. We had several rather difficult creek crossings. Thrashy bush-and-alder bashing and boulder fields ensued. Eventually we arrived at gravel flood plains, an airstrip and mining equipment. From the Golden Bear Mine headquarters, we were allowed to use the radio and contact Ron Janzen, who ferried us out.

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Aleutian Islands. An expedition of the Nagano Prefecture Alpine Association of Japan to the Aleutian Islands was led by Ichiro Yoshizawa, a different person from the one of that name who has been a member of the American Alpine Club. From July 14 to August 11, they made a number of ascents: on Unalaska Island, Makushin (2036 meters); on Akutan Island, Akutan (1296 meters); on Unimak, Shishardin (2869 meters) and Isanotski (2471 meters); on Umnak, Vesvidov (2149 meters) and Lecheshnoi (1982 Meters); on Atka, Koroguin (1533 meters) and Kruchev (1451 meters). More details and a photograph appear in *Iwa To Yuki* of February, 1994.

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Mount Berge, East Ridge and East Face, Glacier Park Wilderness. On June 23, about five miles up the Buck Creek Pass trail, Garth Ferber and I glimpsed