

out late on July 10 just before the weather returned to its more normal stormy state. Personnel: David Cummings, Al Ellsworth, Sam Grubenhoff, Adam Kolff, Kees Kolff, Greg Talbott, Dan Weld, Silas Wild (leader).

DANIEL WELD

*Tombstone Mountains, Yukon Territory.* Last summer, I made four trips to Canada's Tombstone Mountains, which lie about 60 kilometers northeast of Dawson City, Yukon, where I was living at the time. With Myk Kurth (Canada), Ian Marriott (U.K) and Mark Senyk (Canada), I attempted a number of climbs in this beautiful range of steep walls and sharp needles. The scenery there is spectacular. We completed a few routes on some of the easier ridges and smaller faces at the head of the Grizzly Valley, toward the north end of the range, and also explored a number of possibilities around Tombstone Mountain, at the south end of the range. We made several feeble attempts on some of the highest peaks and largest walls (including the North Face of Mount Monolith, 7,100 feet, and the dramatic 2,000-foot East Face of Tombstone Mountain, 7,191 feet), but prudently retreated before we could get into too much trouble. Poor quality rock, either very crumbly or highly fractured, was predominant. The largest faces all look to involve fairly difficult and committed climbing on steep rock of dubious quality.

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*Various Ascents in the Waddington Range.* May can be pretty fine in the Coast Mountains, but it can also be pretty darn bad. Last May was the finest ever, and an unusually large number of climbing parties happened to be on hand to enjoy the fruits. Jim Elzinga and I had planned to link up with John Harlin and Mark Jenkins for simultaneous ascents of separate new routes on the unclimbed true south face of Mount Waddington, but they encountered such untypically clement weather on their walk-in that they were on their summit day by the time we flew in. We spent a day lazing about together after their descent, then they headed out and we headed up. We climbed the long, straight couloir lying right of the main rock buttress at the center back of the Buckler cirque; this couloir is remarkably prominent from the southeast (see Don Munday's early photo of "Mystery Mountain from Mount Munday" in *The Unknown Mountain*, for instance). Four hundred fifty meters of firm 50° névé led to a cul de sac with a 30 meters Grade 4 waterfall pitch. Another two pitches of snow and easier ice in a gully and a couple ropelengths up steep snow brought us out onto the normal Southeast Ridge route only a couple hundred meters east of the base of the summit tower. The weather was miserable and we bailed (*Towers Couloir*, 700 meters, III WI4). A couple days later we climbed a wonderful, moderate but