



The Southwest Bartizans route (on Mt. Tiedemann) follows the crest of the thin blade of rock between the two steep couloir-glaciers and continues above the right border of photograph. The visible summit is Combatant (3,756m), and its most prominent buttress has been climbed via the Belligerence route (1,200m, VI 5.11 A3+, Child-Collum-Mascioli, 1994). The next buttress left is Perseverance (1,000m, VI 5.10c A2/3, Cusick-Kearney, 2000). Jia Condon

col and climbed two new 5.11 pitches to the left of the Beckey-Patterson route. The next day Guy and I climbed the Chilton-Must route on Mt. Stiletto (highly recommended). Guy was still amped and soloed the Ice Chimney route on the north face of Stiletto. The weather was changing, so we called in Mike King and flew back to Bluff Lake, after only being in the hills for 10 days.

This was an eye-opening trip for me, as I see how important it is to be able to jump on decent weather when the opportunity presents itself. The challenge now is to create flexibility so I can pursue these windows of opportunity, and find a partner who can do the same.

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Mt. Winstone, Passport Couloir. Forrest Murphy, Don Serl, and I climbed the Passport Couloir (TD-) on Mt. Winstone in the Tchaikazan Valley, British Columbia (www.bivouac.com/ArxPg.asp?ArxId=1247) over a long weekend in September. Climbed on the 22nd, this new route takes the obvious couloir left of the National Pillar.

From below the bergschrund, 200m of simul-climbing, followed by three belayed pitches, led to the base of the serac band. This we tackled on the far left, next to the rock. A 50m pitch (WI3) was followed by 20m of WI4-. Another two pitches on which we moved together led to the summit ridge and the end of technical difficulties. The summit itself was another half hour along the ridge.

We took four hours to approach from a BC just above treeline, and eight hours from bergschrund to summit. The lengthy descent, which involves traversing around the peak, took just under seven hours to BC.

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