

another 170 feet to a second ledge over the ocean. The other soldiers, Pvts. Richard Ramos and Ray Knight, also stationed at Camp Roberts, froze to the side of the massive rock after Armstrong fell. A fourth soldier, Pvt. Harold Curtis, was with the group but was not in danger. Morro Bay firemen, led by Chief Frank Phillips, rescued Armstrong from the ledge by climbing to the spot and lowering him with a rope. According to Phillips, the young soldier would have fallen to his death in the ocean if he had slipped another foot. The north side of Morro Rock, where the rescue was effected, is steep and has a shale and moss surface. If care is not used, the shale dislodges and lets climbers fall. Fire Chief Phillips said Morro Rock had been climbed many times, but that great care is required. About a year ago a young man fell to his death in the ocean while trying to scale the the rock.

Source of information: quotation from newspaper account.

Analysis. Inexperience and lack of ropes on an exceedingly treacherous cliff over the sea.

California: (5) Donner Summit, Mt. Lincoln (8,700 ft.)

On 25 August 1950 Mrs. Eleanor Fischer suffered a broken back in a mountain climbing accident near Sugar Bowl. She was paralyzed from the waist down in a fall suffered on the south face of this peak. There were four persons in the party, including Mr. Fischer. The slip occurred on the descent above an icy 250-foot slope down which Mrs. Fischer rolled, crashing into a pine tree at the bottom. Rescue workers took her to safety, using a wicker basket, a toboggan and ropes.

Source of information: newspaper account and Mountaineering Committee of the Sierra Club.

Analysis. Another case of a person unroped while descending a steep ice or snow slope.

Utah: Arches National Monument. A 19-year-old New Yorker fell to his death on 29 May 1950 as he neared the top of Landscape Arch. Visitors are not allowed to cross the arch since it is only six feet thick at one point.

Source of information: newspaper accounts.

Analysis: This is definitely **not** a mountaineering acci-