

Month of Year	1952-1953	1954
January	1	1
February	1	1
March	0	0
April	4	4
May	5	2
June	0	4
July	17	3
August	18	9
September	7	5
October	5	2
November	2	0
December	0	0

ANALYSIS OF ACCIDENTS

A breakdown of the accidents that occurred during 1954 and the cumulative totals are presented as in the past years. No marked change is noted. The descent still seems to be more hazardous than the ascent. The proper use of rappels and glissading techniques must be taught to the climbers. If they have not been through a training period in these techniques they should not be allowed to use them on the club climbs, except during controlled training periods. The dangers of falling rock are more evident this year than before. Will Siri states that they have been using a strong plastic-impregnated helmet without a side brim. He further states that it has proved to be extremely comfortable and on several occasions wearers have been protected against falling rocks and have avoided head injuries in minor falls.

Failure of nylon shroud lines accounted for one accident this year. Mrs. Unsoeld pointed out that in the 1954 report insufficient emphasis had been placed on the ease with which nylon rope can be abraded. This is extremely important when nylon is used as a rappel sling.

Benjamin G. Ferris, Jr.	Weston, Mass., Chairman
William L. Putnam	Springfield, Mass.
Hans Kraus	New York, N. Y.
Hassler Whitney	Princeton, N. J.
Arnold Wexler	Washington, D. C.
John F. Fralick	Detroit, Mich.
John de LaMontagne	Boulder, Colo.
Edward R. LaChapelle	Alta, Utah
Ome Daiber	Seattle, Wash.
Russell McJury	Portland, Ore.
William Siri	Berkeley, Calif.
James Bonner	Pasadena, Calif.
Maynard M. Miller	Cambridge, England

ACCIDENTS 1953 NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

Montana, Mission Range, Grey Wolf—On May 31, 1953, Bob Pfeiffer, Martin Holznagel, Martin Faulkner, and Frank Hefferlin made an attempt on grey Wolf (9000 ft.). When they reached the 8000 ft. level it was 3:00 p.m. so they decided to turn back. They descended the first 1500 ft. rapidly with a sitting glissade in snow soaked with water from a recent