

Mount Rainier via the Emmons Route, the following day. A continual downpour of rain and high winds throughout the night forced them, however, to abandon the summit attempt. After breakfast it cleared somewhat, and they decided to go out and do a little glacier work and take pictures.

Charles Doan, an experienced man, was leading one rope team comprised of Earl Doan and Alan Van Buskirk. He was being belayed by the second man, who in turn was anchored by the third, as he climbed up an arm of snow that afforded a better view of the crevasse. Suddenly he saw the snow start to crack behind him. He called a warning to his companions, turned and jumped back. His weight and jump onto the remaining portion of the overhang caused it to collapse also, and Doan fell 20 to 25 feet to the fill-in below.

His left leg was pinned by the falling ice and snow, and he could not free himself. Help was summoned from other members of the party. A man was lowered into the crevasse and chopped Doan free of the snow and ice. Both men climbed out, using the Bilgiri technique. The rescue took about 45 minutes.

Mr. Doan's injuries were bone and muscle bruises on the left leg and left shoulder. He was able to walk out unaided.

Washington, Mt. Rainier National Park—On August 4, Mr. Nicholas Peters (22) injured himself while glissading on the Nisqually Glacier. He suffered a puncture-type wound above the right ear from the spike of his ice axe. Bleeding was serious and he was evacuated by a National Park Service rescue team with wheeled stretcher.

Washington, Mt. Rainier National Park—On August 4, Mr. Robert Berg (18) slid down a snowbank into morainal debris while descending to Nisqually Glacier to assist with rescue of Nicholas Peters (see above). Injuries consisted of lacerations of left elbow and right leg. Mr. Berg was improperly shod for such travel.

Washington, Mt. Rainier National Park—On August 8, Mr. Stephen Staff (18) fell while climbing Pinnacle Peak. Injury consisted of a laceration of right wrist, requiring eight stitches. Cause of accident unknown.

Washington, Mt. Rainier National Park—On September 5, Mr. Sam Raether (24) was rescued from east wall of Nisqually Glacier moraine after being stranded for six hours. He was removed by National Park Service rescue team at 11:30 p.m. No injuries. Inexperience and unequipped climbing on rotten rock contributed to this incident.

Washington, Mt. Rainier National Park—On September 5, Mr. David Fredenburg (25) was struck in the face by bounding rock at 1:30 a.m. while climbing from upper Cowlitz Glacier onto Cowlitz Cleaver below Camp Misery. Rock was dislodged by fellow climber above. Injury consisted of cut through upper lip, extending to base of nose. Delayed warning of rock danger may have contributed to accident.

Washington, Mt. Rainier National Park—On September 6, Mr. Gordon Tebb (23), a Mount Rainier professional guide, was struck a glancing blow on the head by a falling rock while belaying climbers descending to

Gibraltar Ledge. He was knocked unconscious for several minutes. No other injury. Rockfall was extensive.

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Table I

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total Number of Reported Accidents</i>	<i>Number of Deaths</i>
1947	15	11
1948	28	15
1949	17	9
1950	30	8
1951	18	4
1952	35	14
1953	25	12
1954	31	8
1955	27	5

TABLE II

Geographical Districts	Accidents	
	1947-1954	1955
Atlantic States—North	14	1
South	2	0
Central	—	2
Colorado	32	4
Utah	4	0
Wyoming	19	3
Montana & Idaho	6	1
Arizona & Nevada	5	0
California	23	4
Oregon	17	3
Washington	20	9
Alaska	4	0
Practice Cliffs—all areas	7	2