

**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 .....	34	6
1956 .....	46	10
1957 .....	45	17

**TABLE II**

<b>Geographical Districts</b>	<b>Accidents</b>	
	<b>1947-1956</b>	<b>1957</b>
Atlantic States—North .....	22	3
South .....	2	2
Central .....	2	0
Colorado .....	45	7
Utah and New Mexico .....	5	3
Wyoming .....	29	6
Montana and Idaho .....	8	0
Arizona and Nevada .....	5	0
California .....	41	4
Oregon .....	22	1
Washington .....	39	19
Alaska .....	4	0
Practice Cliffs—all areas .....	14	4
<b>Terrain</b>		
Rock .....	156	28
Snow .....	74	17
River .....	1	0
Unknown .....	6	0
<b>Ascent or Descent</b>		
(River crossing not included here)		
Ascent .....	87	22
Descent .....	112	22
Unknown .....	35	1
<b>Immediate Cause</b>		
Fall or Slip on Rock .....	79	13
Loose Rock (handhold pulled out) .....	16	3
Failure of Piton .....	2	0
Falling Rock .....	22	5
Failure of Rappel .....	18	3
Slip on Snow or Ice .....	36	9

**TABLE II (Continued)**

	<b>Accidents</b>	
	<b>1947-1956</b>	<b>1957</b>
Fall into Crevasse .....	8	2
Loss of Control in Voluntary Glissade .....	15	3
Avalanche .....	8	1
Lightning .....	3	1
Failure to Follow Route .....	2	0
Stuck Rope .....	1	1
Skiing .....	1	0
Crampon pierced clothing and/or ripped by .....	3	0
Fall in River .....	1	0
Unsafe Campsite .....	1	0
Exposure and/or Exhaustion .....	2	3
Heat Prostration .....	1	0
Unknown .....	13	1
<b>Contributory Causes</b>		
Climbing Unroped .....	67	9
Climbing Alone .....	20	6
Attempt to exceed Abilities (inexperienced) .....	31	6
Darkness .....	7	1
Inadequate Equipment .....	4	4
Old Rope .....	7	1
<b>Size of Party</b>		
One .....	21	6
Two .....	59	9
Three .....	60	9
Four .....	22	10
Five .....	10	4
Six or More .....	37	7
Unknown .....	38	0
<b>Ages of Individuals</b>		
Under 15 .....	4	1
15-20 years .....	85	14
"Young or College Age" .....	40	1
21-25 .....	55	14
26-30 .....	26	8
31-35 .....	21	6
Over 35 .....	15	5
Unknown .....	21	2
<b>Affiliated with Climbing Group</b>		
Unaffiliated .....	55	13
Not Stated .....	90	8
Member of Mountaineering Club .....	94	24
<b>Estimate of Experience</b>		
None or Little .....	100	18
Moderate .....	38	20
Experienced .....	40	4
Unknown .....	60	3

**TABLE II (Continued)**

MONTH of Year	Accidents	
	1947-1956	1957
January .....	4	1
February .....	5	5
March .....	2	1
April .....	13	2
May .....	13	3
June .....	14	6
July .....	35	8
August .....	43	7
September .....	24	7
October .....	11	1
November .....	4	3
December .....	3	1