

Terry (43), Bruce Terry (17), and Gregg Terry (10) were descending the east face of Teewinot. The weather and climbing conditions were good. The party, descending by the regular route, had split into two groups. Highest on the mountain were the Andrews, who had a rope. The Terry group had descended to the slabby area above and north of the Worshipper pinnacle when Parshall Terry found himself unable to climb up or down a short slabby pitch. He jumped-down about 3 feet to a grassy ledge, lost his footing and fell and rolled approximately 80 feet to the moat of the central snowfield. F. Andrews was summoned by the shouts of Bruce Terry and climbed down and into the moat where he found Parshall Terry dead from a skull fracture and a possibly broken neck. The party descended to Jenny Lake and notified the Jenny Lake Ranger Station. The Grand Teton National Park Rescue Team evacuated the body of Parshall Terry on the following day.

*Source:* Frank R. Oberhansley, Superintendent, Grand Teton National Park.

*Analysis:* The regular east face route on Teewinot has long been recognized as one of the less technically difficult routes for those who would climb a major peak in the Teton Range. This is particularly true in August when the climbing is generally 3rd with occasional 4th class rock—depending upon the route finding ability of the party. The exposure on the route however, is deceptive due to slabs which are separated by a succession of horizontally traversing ledges. With these relatively broad ledges stepping down below a descending party there is a temptation to relax caution. This is apparently what happened in this case. The party separated leaving Terry without a rope when he needed one. Jumping down, of course, is always a dangerous practice.

*Wyoming, Grand Teton National Park*—On September 8, Jim Bjorken (24), Dick Blankenbeckler (25), and Tom Creese (24) were climbing the Grand Teton. At about 10 a.m., when the party was above the notch behind the Molar Tooth, showers appeared to be moving in the regions to the S.W. of the mountains. As the ascent continued storm clouds formed over and around Grand Teton with increasing frequency. At about 3 p.m. on the descent from the summit, the party took cover in a small cave above the Owen Rappel to await an improvement in the weather. After several close lightning strikes, a strike occurred just above the cave. All three men received burns but only Blankenbeckler was knocked out. The other two men gave Blankenbeckler artificial respiration for half an hour before he fully regained consciousness. By 5:30 p.m. the weather had cleared and the party had regained sufficient strength to continue the descent unaided.

*Source:* William Siri.

*Analysis:* Short of retreating from the mountain at the first sign of bad weather, the climbers appeared to use sound judgement when the electrical storm approached.

*Washington, Mt. Rainier*—On August 31, Marcel Schuster (40), former European guide, and Naydine Nutley (20), both from Yakima, Washington,