

Crocker was found to have two broken bones in each ankle plus numerous cuts to the extremities, none of which was serious. He was in hospital for one week.

The weather remained excellent throughout the rescue. The temperature did not drop below freezing on any night.

Source: G. W. Crocker; Paddy Sherman.

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Maine, Monhegan Island Cliffs. On August 18, J. Robert Hamilton (36) and Fred Newcombe were doing a number of practice climbs on the cliffs of Monhegan Island. In mid-afternoon Hamilton was leading the second pitch of a climb. Newcombe, as belayer, was tied to a rock nubbin. Hamilton climbed first vertically then traversed where he placed a piton into a vertical crack. The piton sounded good as it was placed and he continued his traverse. He was out about 40 ft. when a handhold crumbled. He lost his balance on the vertical face and fell. The piton pulled out and he fell to the rocks below. Other persons in the vicinity went for help and he was evacuated by local personnel by boat to the mainland and then by ambulance to hospital. He suffered multiple fractures and contusions.

Source: J. Robert Hamilton.

New York (Adirondacks), Mt. Colden Dike. On September 11, B. Krumiak (20), K. Haight (20), and M. O. Rosenheimer (23) were descending Mt. Colden Dike. As Krumiak lowered herself over a large egg-shaped boulder it pulled loose. Both fell about 40 ft. She landed on a stone ledge in a tiny "stream," having received many abrasions and some head contusions. She was conscious all the time. Later medical examination disclosed a hairline fracture of shoulderblade. She walked down to the lake and was rowed to a ranger cabin for the night. She was carried out on a litter (made from pack frames and poles) next day.

Source: M. O. Rosenheimer.

Tennessee, Great Smoky Mountains National Park. On May 6, Charles Smith Sample (14) apparently attempted to climb a cliff above The Chimneys camp grounds. He apparently fell over 50 ft. and was dead when found.

Source: Newspaper clipping.

Colorado, Cliff near Tunnel 3, U.S. 6. On February 2, Kenneth Cooper (16), a member of a Boy Scout group, was climbing alone. He walked up to a downward sloping ledge that ended in an abrupt cliff. As he traversed the ledge his foot slipped and he fell. He suffered a broken pelvis. Evacuation was accomplished by other persons in the immediate area.

Source: Bill Davis and Kenneth Cooper.

Colorado, Cliff near Virginia Dale. On April 23, Charles Blackmon