

tion of the descent. Reisinger was taken directly to St. John's Hospital in Jackson.

*Source:* F. Douglas McLaren, District Ranger.

*Analysis:* Loss of control on a voluntary glissade.

*Wyoming, Grand Teton National Park, Symmetry Spire.* On July 7, Bill Byrd of the Exum Mountaineering concession was guiding Joe Roundtree (23) and Jerry Kelly (21) on the Southwest Ridge. They had completed about two thirds of the Ridge and Byrd was belaying Roundtree from above when the rope apparently jammed in a crack and some slack rope accumulated. Roundtree attempted a long step and lost his footing in the movement; he fell about 10 ft. before the rope held him. During the fall he swung into the rock striking his right hand in such a manner that he fractured a small bone near the wrist. Byrd was able to get the injured climber safely down without other assistance.

*Source:* F. Douglas McLaren, District Ranger, GTNP.

*Analysis:* Loss of footing and fall.

*Wyoming, Grand Teton National Park, Mt. Wister.* On July 10, Jack Miller (36) and Joan Miller (32) were making an ascent of Mount Wister via the Northeast couloir. When they were about half-way up the couloir, Mrs. Miller attempted to warn Mr. Miller of some falling snow; however, he was hit with a large ball of snow. After the snow had passed he turned to see if Mrs. Miller was all right when a rock came down and hit Miller on the back of the right hand severing a tendon and fracturing a small bone in the wrist. They were able to make the descent unassisted and went directly to St. John's Hospital in Jackson, Wyoming.

*Source:* F. Douglas McLaren, District Ranger.

*Analysis:* Falling rock and snow.

*Wyoming, Grand Teton National Park, Symmetry Spire.* On July 16, John Adams (18) and Marshall Conway (19) had registered for a climb on the Durrance Ridge but after they started they decided to do their climbing in an area considerably to the east of the Durrance Ridge. The area in which they were doing their climbing is considered to be more hazardous than the Durrance Ridge, because of the overhanging rock formations and the lack of adequate piton cracks. Most of the entire climb was far beyond the experience of either climber. At one point they had worked their way into a spot where they could go neither up nor down and called for help. These calls were heard by some hikers on the Cascade Canyon trail and one member of this party went to investigate the calls. A short time later Park Ranger Ronald Trussell came by on patrol and was informed of the situation by the hikers and he also went to investigate the trouble but was unable to make contact with the climbing party so he returned to the trail and went to Jenny Lake Ranger Station to report the incident. Park Rangers Leon Sinclair and David Dornan returned with Trussell to the location on the trail where the shouts were heard. They finally located the two climbers and were able to observe their de-

scent which at this time appeared to be progressing satisfactorily except they were unroped. The two climbers were starting down a steep section of rock going into a chimney when Adams slid down a steep section of rock intending to stop on a small ledge lower down, but when he reached the ledge he was unable to stop and fell down the chimney bouncing back and forth between the walls for about 80 to 100 ft., coming to rest on the ledge at the foot of the chimney and at the top of another. Ranger Sinclair and Dornan notified the Jenny Lake Ranger Station of the accident by radio and immediately started up to the injured climber. A rescue team was organized and the evacuation was completed to St. John's Hospital in Jackson by 11:30 p.m.

*Source:* F. Douglas McLaren, District Ranger.

*Analysis:* Slip on rock unroped and failure to follow route.

*Wyoming, Grand Teton National Park, Symmetry Spire.* On August 2, Barbara Tihen (23), Frank Gutmann, and Jerry Halpern were just completing an ascent of Symmetry Spire when Miss Tihen slipped on a rock causing her to fall about 2 ft. She fractured her left tibia and chipped another bone in the ankle. The other two members of the climbing party were able to assist Miss Tihen down without additional aid.

*Source:* Leon R. Sinclair, Park Ranger.

*Wyoming, Grand Teton National Park, Grand Teton.* On August 14, Tom Spencer (27), Ben Peterson (26), Lawrence Swanson (24), and Bonnie Darger (21) had completed an ascent of the Grand Teton and were just leaving the Lower Saddle on the descent when Spencer's right foot momentarily hung up on a rock. He gave the foot a quick jerk and heard a snap in his ankle. Spencer examined the ankle and assumed he had fractured one of the small bones, he wrapped the ankle tightly with gauze and was able to complete the descent with the aid of the other members of his party.

*Source:* Leon R. Sinclair, Park Ranger.

*Wyoming, Grand Teton National Park.* On August 18, Tom Brown (15) and John Wall (15) were practicing on the rocks just west of Hidden Falls. Brown was leading a pitch using a waist sling with a carabiner attached to the belay rope. Wall was belaying Brown and was out of sight when the belayer heard Brown call "falling" and waited for the shock to come on the rope. No shock came. David Johns had a group of climbers on the practice rocks and turned around in time to see Brown falling. Johns and Ron Cockrell, one of Johns' climbing partners, went to where Brown landed. He was severely injured by the 150-ft. fall and died shortly thereafter. The accident was reported to the Jenny Lake Ranger Station and the Park Rescue Team was dispatched at 3:30 p.m. The complete evacuation was accomplished by 5:30 p.m.

*Source:* F. Douglas McLaren; Bill Echo.

*Analysis:* Carabiner gate was forced open by twist in rope or rope came untied. There is further evidence that he may have fainted.