

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.

*Montana, Glacier National Park, Mt. Henkel.* On June 20, James E. Moylan (17) and Douglas L. Krueger (18) climbed Mt. Henkel (8710 ft.). They ate their lunch on the summit and started back down at 12:20 p.m. taking a different route that Moylan had selected. Moylan was in the lead. Krueger relates that they spoke of climbing another peak that same day so they couldn't have been very tired. At about 1:15 p.m., after going down over a series of rock ledges, they realized that their route was not the best and they could go neither right nor left to find a better one. At this point Krueger was working his way down a chimney while Moylan was moving around a ledge. Moylan, for some reason, fell about 20 ft. and Krueger, seeing him fall, moved to the same spot and also fell. Both were now on the same ledge but out of sight of each other. They talked to each other. Krueger then relates that he seems to remember Moylan sliding off the ledge. Krueger evidently "passed out" at this point thinking Moylan had gone for help. He "came to" early in the morning of the 21st, when he heard a rescue crew. Two 3-man rescue teams had been out since 3:30 a.m., and, led by Supervisory Park Ranger L. W. Dale, located Krueger at 6:33 a.m. It took about 45 minutes to evacuate him to the Swift Current Motel. Ranger Dale states that the terrain was easy without ropes and consisted of a series of rock ledges or steps. He states that he could see no reason why the two boys should have had trouble descending other than a careless slip on loose shale. The search continued for the body of Moylan which was found at 4:40 p.m. at a point about 500 ft. below and slightly to the east of where Krueger was rescued. It took about a half-hour to evacuate Moylan's body to the road. Krueger was taken to the hospital at Cardston, Alberta, Canada, and later in the day to the Whitefish, Montana, hospital. He suffered compressed fractures of his third and fourth lumbar vertebrae and assorted cuts and minor bruises. The weather was ideal for such a climb, being partly cloudy and warm. Winds with gusts up to 30 m.p.h. were blowing both days. It is not believed that the winds played a part in causing the falls. One of the rescuers received a bruised foot.

*Source:* Fred W. Binnewies, Charles R. Wasen, Lyle H. McDowell.

*Montana, Ravalli County.* In mid-June, Thomas Peterson (15) and Gene Saycuich (23) were climbing in a mountain range in Ravalli County in pursuit of pictures and game. They had covered considerable territory and when they decided to return they took a short-cut. They descended a steep chute not realizing that the bottom was sheer. When they reached this point they decided to spend the night since they could go neither up nor down. A third member of the party returned by a more orthodox route and alerted a rescue party that came in the next day and removed them from their predicament. No injuries were sustained.

*Source:* John Cain, Sheriff, Hamilton, Montana.

*Montana, Cabinet Range, Snowshoe Peak.* On July 22, Gerald Challinor (20), and Jack Carabin (19) were descending Mt. Snowshoe after a successful ascent. Descending by a different route than they had ascended they came to a glacier that they had to cross. Carabin tried to go around the glacier on wet rocks, slipped and slid down the steep ice and struck