

cumbed from the altitude into a state of "semi-collapse," unable to help himself. The summit attempt, for the time being, was abandoned, and the party was forced to manhandle Oldham through a descent of several thousand feet over varied terrain, using a variety of skills. He was evacuated by airplane within a few days. Mr. Oldham recovered at the lower elevations.

Source: Richard J. Stenmark, Mt. McKinley National Park.

Analysis: There were no apparent reasons why this incident occurred. This could happen to anyone, and this situation merely affirms the possibility of occurrence; and that a party must be prepared and have the knowledge to rescue its own men, if possible.

Alaska, Mt. McKinley (3). On July 3rd John Hinde (34) and two others of the British Joint Service Expedition approached the summit of Mt. McKinley in the early morning. They were feeling the cold but not unduly and only a short distance remained, and they proceeded to the summit. The men returned to camp, and after warming up, Hinde apparently knew one big toe had been frozen. The toe required partial amputation upon reaching civilization.

Source: Richard J. Stenmark, Mt. McKinley National Park.

Analysis: The party report indicated a "crampon strap must have restricted the circulation to that particular toe."

Addendum: Two members of the British Joint Service Expedition party suffered snowblindness as a result of wearing only amber ski-type goggles that did not give sufficient protection to the eyes.

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