

and she continued to fall and tumble for several hundred feet down the snowfield. The other members of the party descended to where she stopped and determined that she had been killed during the fall. The party then returned to the valley and reported the accident to the Park Service. A 10 man rescue team was dispatched at daylight the next morning to evacuate Mrs. Rosenberg's body to the Lower Saddle where it was picked up by helicopter and brought to the valley.

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

*Analysis:* It is believed that possibly Mrs. Rosenberg did not understand exactly what Mr. Newcomb had meant when he asked her to stay where they were or that she might not have heard him.

The area where the accident occurred is not exposed and nearly all the parties travel through it unroped, and normally only the guided parties rope up for the section below that has a slight amount of exposure.

*Wyoming, Devil's Tower.* On 6 September John Peterson (52), Dr. Roland Fleck, David Johnston, and David Peterson were climbing Devil's Tower. Peterson was standing on top of "Leaning Tower" column belaying Dr. Fleck some 60 feet above through a fixed eye-bolt and three carabiners when a flake, estimated at 18 inches by 5 inches by 1 inch fell, possibly dislodged by a rope, from a few feet below Fleck. Fleck heard a sound, cried "ROCK!" Peterson locked belay in crotch with his right hand, instinctively raised left hand to ward off falling rock which caught his left hand between the rock and his *hard hat*, causing injury. Upon recovery from the blow and before swelling occurred, fracture was determined by manipulating his hand. Whereupon Peterson, aided and accompanied by Johnston, rappelled two rope lengths and climbed down to Tower trail where he waited while Dr. Fleck and Peterson's son David completed the climb to the summit and descended to trail. Peterson then was taken to Sundance Hospital for treatment.

*Source:* John D. Peterson.

*Analysis:* It is doubtful that the accident was avoidable in the preventive sense. Consequences could have been more grave and possibly fatal without the use of hard hats which all climbers are required to wear on any climb on Devil's Tower.

*Washington, Mt. Rainier.* On 2 August Miss Onyon (22), a member of the Peace Corps Training group, was descending en glissade (sitting) from Glacier Vista via a steep snow chute to the Nisqually Glacier. She lost control of her descent on the fast snow and punctured her left leg in the fall with her ice axe pick. Guides Lute Jerstad and Dick McGowan stopped the bleeding and effected an evacuation up the snow chute. Ranger Tony Andersen brought an Akja to the scene and the evacuation was completed by Jerstad and Andersen to Paradise.

*Source:* Jack C. Melill, Park Ranger.

*Analysis:* Miss Onyon, a member of a large training group (39) was receiving instruction in mountain survival and climbing. Adequate instruction and precautions were observed by competent instructors and a slope