

**TABLE III**  
**Miscellaneous Information**  
**Numbers Refer to Number of Persons Involved**

	1951-63	1959-63	1964	
	U.S.	CAN.	U.S.	CAN.
<b>Terrain</b>				
Rock .....	424	12	41	12
Snow .....	235	24	21	2
River .....	2	0	1	0
Unknown .....	0	0	0	0
<b>Ascent or Descent</b> (River crossing not included)				
Ascent .....	307	22	39	6
Descent .....	307	13	22	8
Unknown .....	46	1	2	0
<b>Immediate Cause</b>				
Fall or slip on rock .....	241	7	22	4
Failure of piton .....	13	1	5	0
Falling rock or object .....	64	4	4	3
Failure of rappel .....	34	0	5	1
Slip on snow or ice .....	97	10	6	0
Fall into crevasse .....	14	4	4	0
Loss of control in voluntary glissade .....	33	2	3	1
Avalanche .....	50	7	4	0
Lightning .....	16	0	3	3
Stuck rope .....	5	0	0	0
Skiing .....	2	0	0	0
Faulty use of crampon .....	5	0	0	0
Fall in river .....	2	0	0	0
Exposure and/or exhaustion ...	41	1	0	0
Heat prostration .....	2	0	0	0
Illness, medical .....	5	0	0	1
Exceeding abilities (inexperience) .....	15	0	1	0
Miscellaneous (incl. frostbite) ..	22	0	6	1
<b>Contributory Causes</b>				
Climbing unroped .....	169	8	20	1
Climbing alone .....	48	3	2	1
Attempt to exceed abilities (inexperience) .....	101	8	10	2
Darkness .....	8	0	2	0
Inadequate equipment .....	35	0	1	0
Old rope .....	3	0	1	0
Piton failure .....	13	1	0	0
Bad weather .....	11	0	4	5
Exposure and/or exhaustion ...	10	3	0	0

**TABLE III (Continued)**

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	U.S.	CAN.	U.S.	CAN.	U.S.	CAN.
Party separated .....	12	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Age of Individuals</b>						
Boys .....	6	0	0	0	0	0
Under 15 .....	22	0	2	1	1	1
15-20 years .....	219	7	20	5	5	5
“Young or college age” .....	12	1	0	0	0	0
21-25 .....	140	3	21	1	1	1
26-30 .....	65	8	7	3	3	3
31-35 .....	49	1	4	0	0	0
Over 35 .....	65	9	7	0	0	0
Unknown .....	63	7	2	4	4	4
<b>Unaffiliated with climbing groups</b>						
Unaffiliated .....	173	8	17	1	1	1
Not stated .....	221	2	20	3	3	3
Member of mountaineering club	267	26	26	10	10	10
<b>Estimate of experience</b>						
None or little .....	332	14	23	4	4	4
Moderate .....	175	12	15	4	4	4
Experienced .....	75	9	17	4	4	4
Unknown .....	78	1	8	2	2	2
<b>Month of year</b>						
January .....	14	1	2	0	0	0
February .....	35	0	5	1	1	1
March .....	25	0	1	0	0	0
April .....	38	1	2	0	0	0
May .....	53	0	7	0	0	0
June .....	71	2	7	0	0	0
July .....	150	19	12	10	10	10
August .....	120	12	10	2	2	2
September .....	62	1	8	0	0	0
October .....	29	0	6	0	0	0
November .....	35	0	1	0	0	0
December .....	16	0	2	0	0	0
Not specified .....	2	0	0	1	1	1