

happened and they continued on up the talus. The brother and older man did not find Larry and went past the ledge where he was. They continued on until they reached the ledge trail and followed it up. They were benighted and stayed on a ledge until three Rangers and one fire guard came to their aid. Mike met his father about 200 feet above the valley floor. The father and son came down together from that point.

Gee apparently died in the night from his injuries shortly after Mike left. He was dead when the rescue party reached the scene about midnight.

*Source:* Fredrick Anderson, Park Ranger

*California, Inyo National Forest, Shadow Lake Area.* On 24 August a party from "Outward Bound" from Pasadena left Agnew Meadow (8,600 ft.) and camped at a small lake (8,200 ft.) about two miles from the end of the road. A 17-year-old member of the party complained of not feeling well. The next day they continued towards Shadow Lake (9,000 ft.). Here the boy became progressively worse and lapsed into a coma in the late afternoon. He had been seen by a physician who diagnosed his condition as pneumonia and gave him an injection. The victim died in the night.

*Source:* Thomas H. Jukes

*Analysis:* This is probably a case of high altitude pulmonary edema. It indicates the potential hazard of going from sea-level to only moderate altitude and doing physical exertion without adequate time allowed for proper adaptation.

*California, San Bernardino Range, Mt. San Gorgonio.* On 23 December, Michael Daugherty (26), Charles Helfer (21), and Joseph Hara (50) were descending the route of ascent and the accident occurred about 500 feet below the summit on the North side. At the time of the accident the party was cramponning down a hard snow slope of no greater than 35° which connected the summit ridge with a wooded ridge separating two somewhat steeper (about 40°) couloirs. This was the only place on the climb (about 100 yards) that had any exposure. The rest of the climb either was on lower angle or heavily wooded. The party was descending unroped using crampons and ice axes.

About 100 feet above the upper end of the wooded ridge, the party was proceeding in file when the last member of the party (Hara) fell. This occurred about 3:00 p.m. The first two members of the party turned and saw Hara sliding downward on his back, feet first, with his ice axe firmly grasped in both hands and held above him. They both shouted to him to roll over in order to execute a self arrest. Hara appeared to make no attempt to do this and slid down into the broad couloir on the East side of the ridge, gaining speed and disappearing from sight.

Daugherty and Helfer descended the wooded ridge and found Hara, severely injured (probably from hitting rock and trees on the way down), in a small tree protruding from the snow toward the bottom of the couloir, approximately 500 feet below where he fell. They cut a platform in the snow and removed Hara from the tree, placing him on the platform. Helfer then proceeded to the roadhead and summoned aid while Daugherty administered first aid. Hara died at approximately 4:00 p.m.

*Source:* Michael Daugherty, Charles Helfer, and David Harrah