

and return. Enroute they decided (apparently on the spur of the moment) to climb up into the rocks that were along the trail. After ascending a scree slope and near vertical cliffs and benches, Quinn slipped and fell about 200 or more feet down the rock chute up which they had just climbed. Quinn's companion was able to descend the hazardous terrain, hike to Ipsut Creek Camp-ground and give the alarm. Quinn was killed in the fall.

*Source:* George Petus, Mt. Rainier National Park.

*Analysis:* The men, totally inexperienced and inadequately equipped were attempting to climb terrain that would tax the ability of experienced men equipped with ropes and associated equipment.

*Washington, Mt. Rainier National Park, Edith Creek Cornice.* On 5 September Russ Montgomery (35) was practicing self-arrest with Guide Jim Ullin. Apparently he went off the cornice upside down and backward without checking to see if he had a safe run-out. Thus, he went head first, at a high rate of speed, into the rocks below.

*Source:* Anthony Andersen, Mt. Rainier National Park.

*Analysis:* If both Mr. Montgomery and Guide Jim Ullin had picked a safe area to practice self-arrest (where there was a good run-out) the accident could have been avoided. Also, a hard hat would have reduced injuries.

*Washington, Icicle Ridge, Ida Creek.* On 6 July Glenn Bruton (44) and Howard Anderson (42) were traversing down 2,300 yards above creek bottom. They stopped to rest. As they started again Anderson got a bit ahead. He looked back and saw Glenn start up and then return for some reason. When he started up again he went around the up hill side of a tree and as he came down he apparently did not, in true perspective, see a large rock there. He missed it while trying to step on it, lost his balance and fell in a tumbling, rolling manner some 2,300 feet to the creek bed. He was fatally injured.

*Source:* Hal Foss from Howard Anderson.

*Analysis:* Bruton had just got some new bifocals. He was having difficulty in placing his feet. He seemed to have most of his problems going up hill.

*Washington, Spokane, Tower Mountain.* On 22 May Frank Tavares (42) and his son Russell (Rusty), age 19, began a climb of the west face of Big Rock at approximately 6:00 p.m. PST. Rusty led to a point about 80 feet above the base of the route, anchored himself with a well placed piton, and then belayed Frank up to his position. Up to this point Frank's climbing was observed as being very smooth. Frank then took over the lead as Rusty remained on belay. At a point approximately 40 feet above and a few feet to the right of his belayer, Frank solidly drove an Austrian horizontal piton into a vertical crack under a large flake. He then moved up on to the flake and traversed diagonally on a delicate fingertip traverse for a distance of about 10 feet above and 40 feet to the right of the