

(16), left around mid-morning to climb some of the couloirs of snow that still existed on the east side of the mountain above his family's house. He carried a small pack, a lunch, flashlight, and an ice-axe fashioned from a miner's pick. As near as can be determined he reached the 10,500 foot level that afternoon and while crossing a rock ridge (very loose rock) slipped and fell approximately 30 feet and struck his head on a rock causing it to flip and break his neck and fracture his skull. Medical examiner and investigating highway patrolman determined he was killed instantly. He was reported missing that night, and a search was organized the next morning. His body was found five days later.

*Source:* Lamont E. Heaps.

*Analysis:* According to his parents and fellow associates, the victim was well acquainted with survival in the outdoors. He was a hiker and had recently become interested in mountaineering, snow climbing and glissading. His interest led him to fashion an ice-axe from a miner's pick for use on the snow patches above the family cabin. His equipment was working boots with crepe soles, canvas pack, and pick.

*Washington, Mt. Shuksan.* On 19 August James Sinclair (30), and Heather McPherson (26), were ascending the summit pyramid by the usual route. At this point they were overtaken and passed by a large party of climbers. One of these dislodged a large rock that crushed Heather's hand. Despite extent of injury she did not go into shock. Sinclair administered first aid and they descended without any further incident.

*Source:* R. Culbert.

*Analysis:* (ed) Whenever parties pass or overtake each other, care must be exercised to prevent dislodging rocks on other climbers.

*Washington, Mt. Baker.* On 25 May John Dallmeyer (27), Mario Strim (30), Margaret Secrett (28), and Judy Small (26), had been skiing on Mt. Baker and decided to climb to the summit. The party was last seen on the summit of Mt. Baker in a rising storm. They had ascended in ski boots and using ski poles. They were roped together and apparently fell during the descent. They slid about 75-100 feet and then over a 20-25 foot drop. Dallmeyer was probably killed in this fall by landing on his back. Judy was injured and placed in a bare snow-hole that the other two must have dug out with their hands. Judging by the thickness of the ice on the walls, she probably survived that night. The bodies of the other two were found together near by. It appeared that Margaret collapsed trying to get out of the cirque and Mario either stayed with her to protect her from the wind or collapsed trying to revive her.

*Source:* R. Culbert, Hal Foss.

*Analysis:* The rescue party was working under very poor conditions, and it is difficult to piece together a complete story. Only one pack was examined and it was found to contain wine and beer and no jacket. The bodies were dressed in sweaters and anaracks or wind shells, but no really warm jackets.

All were competent skiers, but only John appears to have had much