

Analysis. Sometimes we might forget that hanging glaciers, even ones far above us, on occasion send down ice blocks. (Source: E. Whalley.)

FALL IN RIVER—*British Columbia, Rocky Mountains, Blaeberry River.* Mountain climbers frequently have to cross rivers, and occasionally drown in them as a result. We are reminded of this by the following accident which was serious and could have been fatal.

Peggy Ostlund was crossing a bridge over the Blaeberry River on July 24, 1976, on her way from the ACC General Mountaineering Camp, after having looked for a better crossing and not finding one. The bridge had three logs and a loose rope tied at both ends. Her boot slipped between two of the logs and her foot was locked in place. She then lost her balance and fell upstream and was swept under the bridge by the swift current, still holding the rope, which was useless. She grabbed one of the logs and tried to free her pack, which was pulling her under and threatening to drown her. She got the shoulder straps free but could not unbuckle the waist strap. In the attempt, her hand slipped off the log and the pressure of the water on her body freed her trapped leg and she was swept downstream. Finally, after many attempts, she pulled herself out of the water in a small cove. (Source: Peggy Ostlund.)

Analysis. Crossing swift streams is dangerous and should not be done alone. Climbers should be familiar with proper techniques. Waist straps should always be unbuckled. (Source: Peggy Ostlund.)

FALLING ROCK—*British Columbia, Bugaboo Range, West Buttress of South Howser Tower.* Thom Nephew (26) was prospecting the ridge approach to the West buttress of South Howser Tower at about 1330 hours on August 16, 1975, for an intended climb. He touched a large and apparently solid boulder, which then fell against his chest and legs, pinning him to the ground and causing a punctured lung, four broken ribs, and severely bruised flesh. The boulder was described as 4' × 3' × 1 1/2'-2', and weighed about 3000 pounds. Slippery rocks caused by recent rain could have contributed to its movement. He called for help, and his two companions, who were some way behind, found him after 8-10 minutes. One companion went for help, and Nephew was evacuated by helicopter at about 1640 hours. (Source: Joanne Gill.)

HIT BY AVALANCHE—*British Columbia, Rocky Mountains, Fisher Peak.* Chris Sadleir and Bob Bauman (23) and Mavis Bauman were approaching the summit of Fisher Peak on June 6, 1976, when a warm front engulfed the mountain and raised the air temperature by 15-20 degrees F. The weather forecast had been clear and cold. They immediately turned back because of