

Natural thickening of the blood due to adaptation to high altitude and additional possible thickening due to dehydration caused by insufficient fluid intake can increase the tendency to frostbite in climbs of this type. (Source: R. Reader)

CEREBRAL AND PULMONARY EDEMA

Yukon Territory, Mt. Logan, East Ridge

On July 16, 1980, Kluane Park Headquarters received word that one member of a four-man party required evacuation from the 12,500-foot level on the east ridge. Michael Kowalski had developed symptoms of cerebral and pulmonary edema and had been brought down to this level by his party. Further descent was impossible because of terrain, party size and patient condition. Kowalski was winched off the ridge by helicopter by Kluane National Park Warden Service on July 19 and taken to Whitehorse General Hospital. (Source: R. Frey, Kluane National Park)