

**Analysis**

While Murray described his friend as having a stable emotional state, and as being a giving person with a strong Christian/religious background, he also characterized Genereux as being impulsive and spontaneous. Genereux was intent on climbing Rainier, despite the poor weather, lack of equipment, and no experience on snow and ice. Murray said he had to continually talk Genereux into waiting to climb Unicorn—until they were prepared. (Source: John Roth, Ranger, Mount Rainier National Park)

**FALL ON SNOW, UNABLE TO SELF-ARREST, FALL INTO MOAT****Washington, Olympic Mountains**

On July 10, 1988, after descending about 30 meters from the summit of The Brother, I stepped into a footstep made by my sons who were descending immediately ahead of me. The snow collapsed under my foot, causing me to lose my balance. My ice ax would not stop me due to mushy snow conditions. I slid across a snowfield, rolled across some rocks, and stopped when I fell into a moat.

After a tricky rescue by the Olympic Mountain Rescue Team, and others (totaling about 300 person hours), Lynnae Mountford (48) was helicopter evacuated, after being belay/hoisted 200 meters to the summit, at 2300. (Sources: Lynnae Mountford, and *Bergtrage*, September 1988)

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July is a hazardous month in The Brothers because of snow conditions. The descent is very steep at the summit; even when conditions are at their best, it's risky. (Source: Lynnae Mountford)

**FALL ON ROCK, INADEQUATE BELAY****Washington, Cascade Mountains**

On July 26, 1988, Peter Potterfield (38) was leading around a corner on U-Gap when he fell after making an off route move. He had a sling over a rock horn for protection. He went 20 to 30 meters, landing on a small ledge, and resulting in multiple fractures (shoulder, elbow, wrist), lacerations and abrasions. (Source: Peter Potterfield)

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Cause of poor belay unknown. "Ultimate" climbing helmet saved my life. (Source: Peter Potterfield)

*(Editor's Note: There's more to this story. First, there is the rescue operation, which took place over the next day and evening and included a 12 hour descent and difficult helicopter landing. Then there is the recovery of the victim, who, in addition to the fractures, nearly destroyed his kidneys when he drank too much water. When he arrived at the hospital, one of the team of doctors and nurses looked at him and said, "You're all fxxxxxxx up!" Even after eight hours in the operating room and several months of therapy, his climbing days are over because of the permanent nature of the arm injury. He was an experienced climber (20 years) and former*