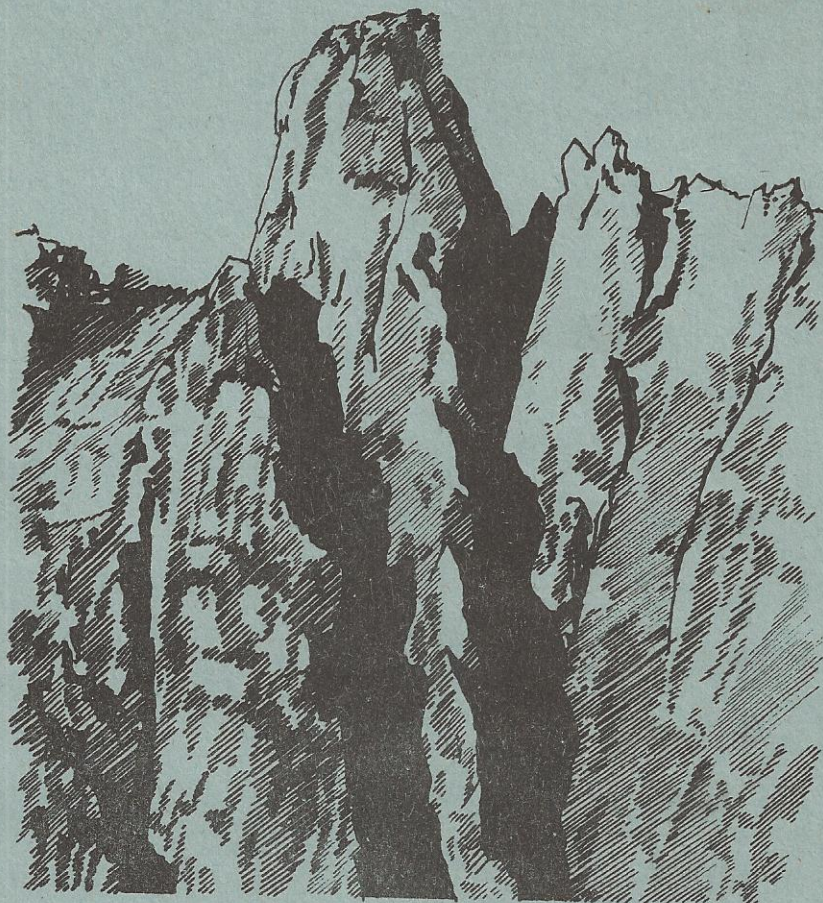


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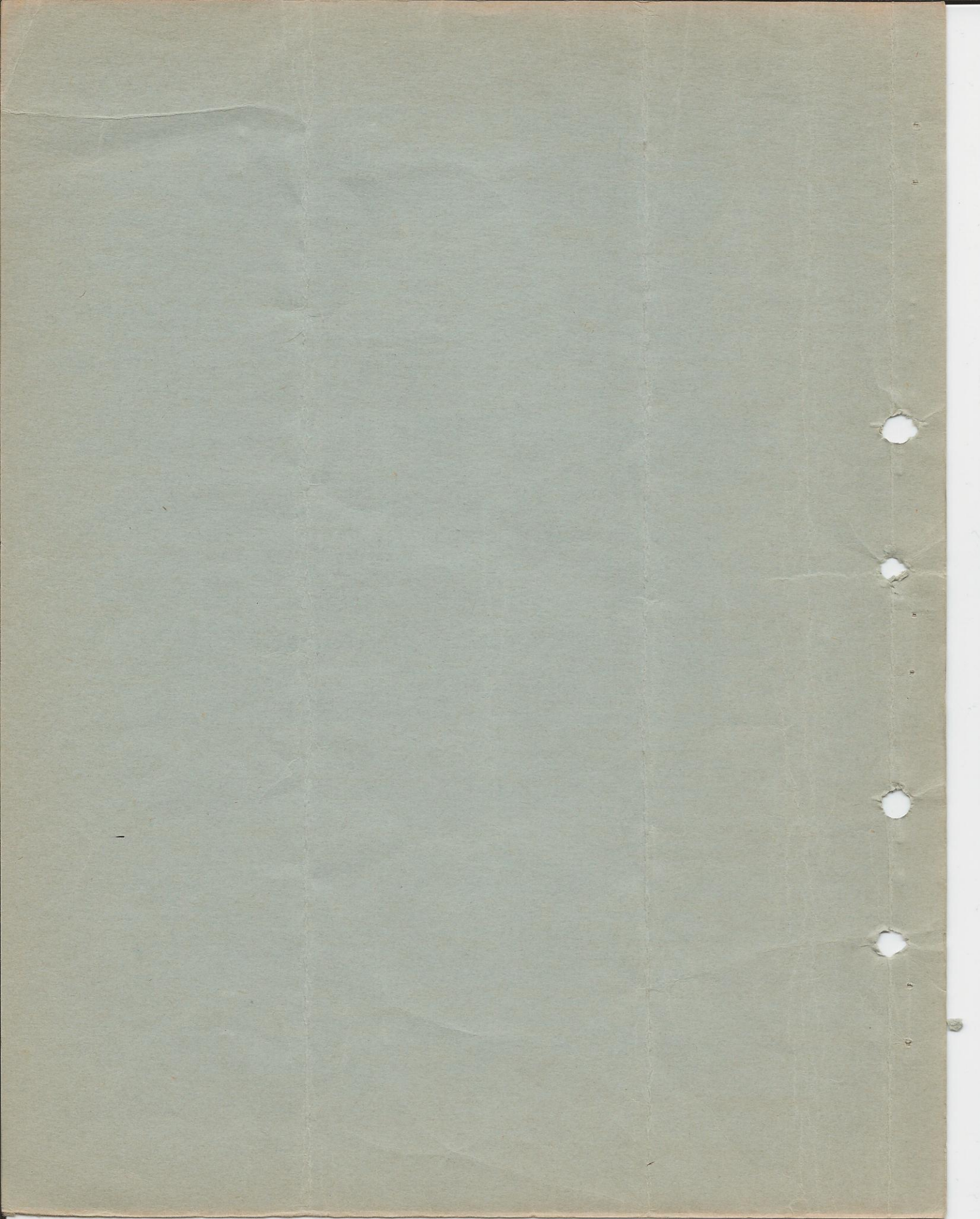
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Once again, another eventful Easter Vac. has come and passed - unfortunately all too quickly; once again the weather put on its best behaviour and we enjoyed glorious sunshine nearly every day. Few people on trips escaped from the night-haunting curse of coldness, but from the trip reports and on hearsay, we can conclude that everyone had "a marvellous time". The trip leaders on these and other trips are to be praised for the organisation and leadership, also for their reports by which other members may learn of the trip members' deeds and/or misdeeds.

To those who will be going mountaineering in the May Vac., all the best; those who are working or studying, there are still the weekends and in particular the Queen's Birthday long weekend, in which you can relax and let down your back hair. Come along and join in the fun! OXO!

Trips Programme - as in previous circulars - also see the Club Notice Board.

People intending to sign on Club Trip lists should note the following:-

1. All members are requested to pay trip deposits as soon as the list is signed. Preference will be given to those who have paid deposits.
2. Any person signing on a Club Trip list and withdrawing from the trip in the week prior to departure is obliged to pay the specified deposit unless expressly excused by the Trip Leaders.
3. Equipment Officers prefer applications for the hire of Club Equipment to be made as early as possible via the club letter box or Aikman's Road.

### FOR SALE:

- Reasonable offer - One pair thick pure wool army trousers. First class condition - owner washed them once and cannot get into them now. Used to be  $5\frac{1}{2}$  - would now fit a fairly tall, slenderly built person.

Also one proofed outer sleeping bag cover or "bivouac" bag. Made to fit a Paddy's "Kiandra" - style bag this "bivvy" bag is made of proofed japara, completely waterproof underneath (no groundsheet needed) and breathes slightly on the upper side. Worth 30/-. Reasonable offer accepted.

Enquire : Frank Hicks per club letterbox.

### FOR SALE:

Kodachrome	10 ASA,	20 exposure	32/6
"	"	36 "	50/-
Kodachrome II	25 ASA,	20 "	32/6
"	"	36 "	50/-

Fred Mitchell : JB 5270.

TETANUS INJECTIONS

Members are advised that due to delays in administering the first injection and the length of time before the next two shots - the course will be postponed. The present committee anticipates rearranging the injections to commence in Orientation Week 1963.

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AIKMAN'S ROAD

Due to lack of any suitable storage facilities, the club would very much appreciate any gifts of old, very old furniture suitable for filing maps, journals, papers, books and stationery. Transport will be arranged - just drop a note in the club box.

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Another Quote from the Quoter of most Quotable Quotes.

Overheard at the recent climbing course lecture for beginners.

" ..... anyhow if you start to get into trouble, just reach up - go like hell, and somehow or other, if you're lucky - you'll get up there."

Thank you "Doctor".

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A Scout Hat was found after the Baw Baws trip. Anyone claiming the above, please contact Max Corry at FJ 5620.

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24 HOUR WALK

This popular and most enjoyable walk is to be held on Saturday, 14th July.

If you have some bright ideas as to the area in which the Walk might be held, preferably having had previous 24 Hour Walk experience, as well as some means of private transport, you can become an organiser of this important event. If you cannot, or think you cannot, survive walking for 24 hours you can at least have the pleasure of seeing the streams of exhausted people arriving at a Hash House after walking through your chosen area, being reinvigorated by a generous repast prepared by you and your team, and see them setting off again with lightened step (if not stomach).

We expect the Club letter box to be overflowing with applications for these estimable positions - addressed to the Secretary, M.U.M.C.

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CLUB DINNER

Don't forget the Club Annual Dinner - Saturday 23rd June. This is a function you cannot miss. Approximate cost will be 25/-.

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TRIPS PROGRAMME

Weekend May 26th-27th Mt. Buffalo. Leader Peter Morgan.  
Walking trip, climbing for those interested. Very scenic area should not be too difficult.

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Queen's Birthday long weekend June 2nd-3rd-4th	Leader Chris "Doc" Davis. Traditional fun fiesta in the playground of the Grampians. Climbing, walking - the lot!
Weekend June 9th-10th	Sugarloaf Weekend. Leader : Lindsay "Scales" Ingram. Follow-up to climbing course. Bro. Gerry Jacobson will lead a weekend walk through an area which has much native flora and fauna.
Friday, 15th June	Men's Lounge, 7.45 p.m. Easter trip slide night. Bring your slides for everyone to see <u>you</u> in action.

Details regarding time and place for the departure of these trips as well as the approximate cost will be posted on the Club noticeboard at some future date.

If it is imperative that details be known early, contact the leader via the club letter box on the first floor of the Union Building.

Trip to Nullabour Plains Caves, Jan. 1963

It is proposed to run a trip to the Nullabour Caves in Jan 1963. This trip will be organised and run by Mr. Bill Kenewell of Adelaide, under the guidance of a caverneering enthusiast well acquainted with the caves. It is proposed to explore two new caves.

Mr. Kenewell will pick up all passengers in Melbourne, supply all food and water and transport for three weeks and return passengers to Melbourne.

The cost of this three week trip will be £75-0-0. Passengers must bring their own personal camping gear. Deposits of £25-0-0 must accompany each booking, the balance to be paid by November 1st. Deposits will be refunded to November 1st only. After that date no refund may be made unless a substitute passenger is available.

For enquiries, further information and bookings, contact Colline Muir, 480 Barkers Road, E. Hawthorn, E.3. Phone 80 4127. Early enquiries will be appreciated.

Mr. Kenewell reserves the right to cancel the trip if conditions of roads and weather warrant it.

Trip Report                      THE TEMPLE : April 7th-8th

This magnificent rock face, about 700' high, lying north west of Dunkeld, was visited this weekend by a party consisting of Lyn Cody, Gwynn Davies, Ian Guild, Chris Davis, Pete Smith, Jeff ("Juff") Shaw and Rodney Coles. On the Saturday 3 climbs were done. Chris and Juff climbed the "Catwalk", an exposed route of severe standard. The wall was climbed to the first terrace, from where they took the left hand one of the twin chimneys offering the most feasible route up the wall to the second tier. From here an easy scramble led to the top.

Peter, Lyn and Gwyn climbed on the northern buttresses, finding some interesting exposed climbing on previously unexplored ground.

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Ian and I climbed on the northern end of the face - an exposed wall climb of similar standard to the "Cat Walk" and named "Budda's Wall" by Bob Jones who first climbed it in 1960.

The right hand chimney was climbed from the first terrace. This was the crux of the whole climb and it was led confidentially by Ian. On emerging from this airy crack, we were confronted with the sight of the doctor sunbaking on a ledge above us offering "advice and helpful hints".

The party returned jubilantly to camp on Saturday night, fully intending to leave early and go up to Mt. Rosea. However, the early 1 p.m. start precluded any possibility of climbing, so a pleasant afternoon was spent on the Elephant's Hide above Hall's Gap.

The formation of the Temple sandstone is interesting and unusual, consisting of alternate protruding and incut horizontal strata. The general verdict was that the height and vertical nature of the rock combined with the exposure, certainly made the Temple one of the most enjoyable and interesting faces in Victoria.

R. Coles

### FRENCH TEAM AT 25,400 FT

Katmandu, Tues. - A 14 man French expedition has conquered Mount Jannu, 25,400 ft., in eastern Nepal, according to reports reaching Katmandu today. The expedition is led by 41 year old Lionel Terray, who was a member of a 1959 team forced back when within 300 ft. of the summit.

(AAP report in the Herald, 9.5.62)

".....The ice was very hard, and it was necessary, as Lauener observed, to cut steps in it as big as soup tureens, for the result of a slip would in all probability have been that the rest of our lives would have been spent in sliding down a snow-slope, and that that employment would not have lasted long enough to become at all monotonous....."

(From the diary of Leslie Stephen's ascent of the Southern Eiger-Joch, a pass leading to the Rhone Valley, in 1859).

### DEATH CLIMBS

Tokyo : The mountain climbing craze has given Japan a new national record - 160 killed and 277 injured in mishaps in 1961.

(An AAP report in the Sun, 7.5.62)

!! IMPORTANT !!

CHANGE IN ARRANGEMENTS

VAN TRIPS

It is regretted that owing to lack of co-operation by members, the club is forced to adopt the following procedure.

1. Booking is solely by phone to Fred Mitchell.
2. Only the trip leader will fill in names on the trip list posted on the board.
3. Fred will give a quote for the trip price and this amount must be paid in full to the trip leader before boarding the van.
4. There will be a cancellation fee of 15/- for people withdrawing later than one week before the trip leaves.

Phone Fred :

Day MY 1111 Ext. 44. 8.30 - 12.30 and 1.30 - 5.30

Weekend and Evening JB 5270

For private transport trips booking is as before by filling in the list on the noticeboard.

It is announced that Bob Jones is leaving for England on the 24th May! Since he has been so uncertain for so long, the production of an actual date seems to indicate some basis of truth.

ACCIDENT REPORT 1960

'Mountaineering' (journal of the British Mountaineering Council) for September 1961 reports the following figures referring to people who have suffered physical injury as a result of accidents:

Districts	Killed	Injured	Exposure & Exhaust	Total	Walking	Climbing	Caving
Lakes	12	12	-	24	13	11	-
Scotland	12	24	-	36	16	20	-
Wales	10	24	4	38	21	17	-
Pennines	-	8	3	11	3	6	2
Others	1	1	-	2	-	-	2
<u>Totals</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>4</u>

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THE JAWBONES - morning after the night before

He (Sampson) "No, no, I can't get up there. It's too hard."

She : "But it must go. Go on, I led the first pitch."

He (Sampson) "Let's just sit on this ledge".

.....

She : "We've been here for hours now. What happened to the others?"

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The day was glorious. The Jawbones basked in brilliant sunshine. A cooling breeze just managed to part the boughs.

"I feel rotten" said the Beast. The Scaly One grunted his agreement whilst the others snored on monotonously.

We all arrived at the Jawbones full of enthusiasm and though the bash from the road somewhat damped our enthusiasm, serious climbing was attempted in both the morning and afternoon. Highlight of the day was a successful climb of the "Traverse of the Gods" rated a mild v.s. in the V.C.C. Guide Book. Here the leader fixed a traversing rope used by the two seconds. Such a technique could allow others to test themselves on this unique climb. The protecting piton was found to be loose and should not be taken for granted.

### Ascents

<u>Route</u>	<u>Party</u>
Direct	L. Ingram, D. Hatt
Jerryopot (by 3rd pitch variation)	I. Guild, R. Coles
Traverse of the Gods	D. Hatt, I. Guild, R. Coles

### GERYON

The last issue of 'Skyline' (Launceston Walking Club) published a list of parties known to have climbed the various peaks of Geryon, up to 13.3.61. Over the last twelve months the following ascents were also made (from entries in the Pine Valley logbook):

- 2.4.61 South Spur and South Peak by Arnold Rowlands and Neville Ludley (L.W.C.)
- 2.11.61 South Spur by Harvey Hamilton, Dave Rudder and Brian Belt (Australian Outward Bound School).
- South Peak and Foresight by Hamilton and Rudder.
- North Peak by Hamilton - solo ascent from Foresight gap onto south wall of North Peak, then veering west, followed by an 'interesting chimney climb' for about 20 feet to a sling over a rock, then a scramble to the summit. Descent by same route. The climb was classified as V.Diff, touching on Severe.
- 26.12.61 Foresight by Keith Lancaster, Dave Pinkard, M. Morwood, Hugh Johnstone and Peter Johnstone (L.W.C.)

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- 27.12.61 First ascent of East face to Foresight by Bob Jones and Bernie Lyons (M.U.M.C., V.C.C.), in 9 hours (15 pitches). Climb classified as severe.
- 31.12.61 North Peak and South Spure by Doug Cox, Dennis Bewsher and Michael Cox.
- 11.1.62 South Spure by Mike Kirkham, Rod Coles, Peter Smith, Bill Abud, Lynn Cady and Gwynn Davies (M.U.M.C.).  
South Peak by Mike Kirkham.
- 7.2.62 North Peak by Kevin Westren, E. Field, Marcia Litchfield and D. Litchfield (Sydney Rockclimbing Club).
- 28.2.62 North Peak by Rosemary Arnold, Juliet Hillman, Lindsay Hackett and Fred Mitchell (M.U.M.C.)
- 1.3.62 South Spur by Juliet Hillman and Fred Mitchell.  
South Spur and Foresight by Doug Cox and Peter Sands (Tas. University Mountaineering Club).

F.J.M.

### THE EIGER NORTH WALL

A summary of tragedy and triumph .....

#### 1935-1958

Following the first ascent of the great North face of the Eiger in 1938 by Heinrich Harrer, Andreas Heckmair, Ludwig Vorg, and Fritz Kasperek, a further 12 ascents were made in the 20 year period up to 1958. A total of 25 attempts, involving 70 climbers, had been made to bring the number of successful ascents up to 13. The price paid for these ascents was 17 climbers killed, and numerous injuries as related in Harrer's book "The White Spider".

1952 was the record year - 6 ascents (20 climbers), while in 1950 an eighteen hour ascent of the face was made by Erich Waschak and Leo Forstenlechner.

#### 1959

Three men were lowered 1100 feet on steel cables to recover the body of Longhi from the face. He had perished with two others in 1957, the fourth member of the party - Corti - being rescued from above by cables.

#### 1961

September - the bodies of Gunther Nothdurf and Franz Mayer (from the same accident of 1957) were recovered. The position of their bodies indicates that they must have actually ascended the face to its summit and been killed while descending the normal route, about an hour from safety. Previously it was believed they had died on the face.

In March a party of three - Walter Amberger, Anton Kinshofer, and Anton Mannhardt (the fourth member - Toni Hiebeler - did not take part in the actual climb) made the fourteenth ascent of the face, after a 6 day battle. They also claimed the first winter ascent. This has yet to be recognised as such because of claims with supporting evidence that the party commenced their climb from one of the gallery windows and not from the actual cliff base. Heinrich Harrer - at a lecture in Christchurch (attended by 3 of our members) - stated that he did not accept the climb as a first winter ascent, though it was undoubtedly a tremendous feat.

Also in 1961 a Swiss party ascended the face and descended by the normal ridge route in a total of 18 hours.

For the year a total of 20 climbers from Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Poland and Czechoslovakia, reached the summit by way of the North face. Two other climbers are known to have perished.

Fred Mitchell

BAW BAW PLATEAU - 6th-8th April

The fact that few people in the Club have visited this area recently became apparent when no less than 48 people turned up for the trip. It was encouraging to note the number of new faces present.

Extremely cold temperatures met us as we arrived at Stronach's Camp site just before midnight. Everyone beat a hasty retreat to the sleeping bags and the other means that the mountaineers have for keeping warm.

A cloudless sky and much warmer conditions greeted us as we set off on the two mile scramble and 1000 foot climb to the top. Just below the top, the party split up into four groups; with the country dancing section comprising most of the rear group. Such was their apparent keenness for the dancing etc. that they were not sighted by the remainder of the party for the rest of the weekend.

After lunch on the slopes of Mt. Whitelaw, and pausing to admire the scenic setting of the ruins of the Whitelaw tourist hut, we reached Mustering Flat north-east of Mt. Phillack just before sunset. That night a sleeping bag test was conducted, as the temperatures dropped below freezing. Some succeeded in lasting out the night by lying around the fire.

An early start was made by most of the party next morning and after dumping our packs on the summit of Mt. Phillack, we made a quick trip to Mt. Baw Baw. Unfortunately the haze restricted the view, but Yallourn and the South Gippsland Hills were seen in the distance. Returning to Phillack and picking up our packs we pressed on to Talbot Creek where we had lunch. From there it is an easy climb to Mt. Erica from where the Gippsland Lakes could be seen on the horizon. After scrambling over and around the Mushroom rocks which are to the South-east and below the summit of Mt. Erica, the party drifted in; in drabs and drabs to Ezards No. 1 mill where the two vans were waiting.

The leader would like to express his thanks for the co-operation of all those present and especially those who acted as guides, sub-leaders, good Samaritans etc.

Gerry Jacobson

EASTER : HOTHAM - BOGONG

Shortly after Easter 1960 muttered words of "Hell on Bogong" were common place in the caf. Stories of rides in passing Jaguars and sleeping on piles of up to ten mattresses, were rife and so it was with much foreboding that a party of 32 crowded into their van which was to take them to Hotham Heights. were those who, in preference to facing the terrors of Victoria's mountain giant for a second time, waved goodbye in their comfortable lounge suits and frocks as they in turn waited to depart for the comforts of cattle stations, and tourist surrounded waterfalls in the heart of Victoria's agricultural Gippsland.

Yes, it was undaunted that these intrepid people disappeared from Mt. Hotham into the swirling mists of Mt. Locke and as Dave strode nonchalantly out of view behind a hill, a calm settled over all the party. This was what we had come for.

We shall not mention the wind and snow and torrential downpour we survived. We shall not mention the stampede of wild horses which threatened to trample us at Dibbins Hut. Nor the parties lost on the featureless plain, whom we directed towards shelter along barely discernable gravel tracks. Nor the long dreary hours when time stubbornly refused to pass as we tramped forlorn endless miles towards our mountain goal. Not for us the easy life, the lifts in army vehicles, the sitting on rooftops, the gay parties of torch carriers. For us were the dusty plains, the rocky gorges, the peaks and summits.

And when the prize was ours we accepted it nobly and hurried home happy to forgive our former comrades for their idleness. We did not boast but listened quietly to their adventurous tales.

I would like to thank everyone on the trip, and the weather, for their cheerful co-operation at all times throughout the trip; if anyone can be singled out perhaps it is Fred Mitchell who led the way through the Big River Valley. But thank you to all.

Doug Hatt

P.S. The leader seems to have omitted from this list of horrors the rude wakening and disturbance of serenity which each morning at sunrise (brrrr) he carried out upon every member of his party, with unfailing thoroughness, to ensure an early start.

P.S.'d by one who suffered.

EASTER : WILSON'S PROMONTORY

Party : G. Allen, N. Rosengren, J. Griffiths.

In glorious weather our party spent 5 days alternatively bashing through the well known Wilson's Promontory scrub down the lower west coast between Refuge Cove and Waterloo Bay and on the rugged slopes of Mt. Wilson, swimming in crashing surf at Waterloo Bay and easy tramping along with hoards of tourists carrying luncheon hampers and bottles of soft and not so soft drink along the Sealer's Cove track.

We found the track to the Lighthouse an easy one to follow. Approximately adjacent to where the track from Tidal River via Oberon Bay meets the lighthouse track a rough path leads off to Waterloo Bay. It appears to follow the top of a long sand ridge before climbing over the Saddle between Mt. Wilson and Mt. Boulder. From here the track is indicated by white markers and occasional cairns. Approaching the beach the scrub in typical fashion thickens considerably and it is advisable to stick closely to the track. Waterloo Bay is perhaps the best beach on the Prom with continual surf breaking on beautiful white sand and has the advantage of being particularly isolated. Mt. Wilson can be climbed from Waterloo Bay via an extremely rocky and particularly scrubby ridge in about 3-4 hours without packs. From Waterloo Bay there is a faint track which roughly follows the coastline to a small beach. We spent 3 aimless hours before locating the faint track about one mile from Waterloo Bay so make sure to locate the track before bashing off and progress will be much faster. The route then lies over Kersop's Peak. There is no track to Refuge Cove but the scrub is not difficult. From Refuge to Sealers Cove and out to Oberon Saddle is by a good track and makes for fast walking.

Our trip was only marred by the fact that on the first night we discovered we only had one large spoon, one doubtful rusty sheaf knife and one fork between the three of us. Meals became a very complicated business and usually involved three sittings for each course. We'll certainly look up that check list for the next trip, Fred!

John Griffiths

EASTER : MOROKA TRIP

It was 12.45 a.m. as the van trundled to a halt in a ghostly moonlit clearing near Rosedale. The mumbled words of sleepy "mountaineers" looking forward to a comfortable gum bark bed changed abruptly as they caught sight of the surrounding phalanx of caravans, cars, tents etc. "No, No! anything but that" they cried. "Anything....?" said the van driver. "Anything! We'll never sleep in a caravan park - not on principle". With a rousing "oxo!" - anything was accepted and the party slept ten miles further on - by the roadside.

So much for the spirit of the Moroka trip. The first day's journey was also taken in good spirits. No blisters, backaches or backmarkers. Perhaps the fact that the van followed a new, very well surfaced forestry access road, which runs through almost to McFarlane's old hut site via the Tamboritha Spur and Mt. Arbuckle; perhaps this had something to do with the smiling faces round the camp fires on Good Friday evening. Saturday saw the party covering 8-9 miles over Mount Wellington and down into the Moroka River valley. The weather was glorious and we pitched camp in a "bonny" clearing in good humour.

- "Hullo there, ..... I see you've got some very nice spaghetti and bacon in your bright new billy..." "Yes, that's right" replies the Sweet Young Thing - lulled by the honeyed tones of "Fagin" Jones; - beguiled as to the significance of it all as she listens to his careless, fluent whistling of "The Bartered Bride."

"Would you like a chocolate biscuit?" says Jones to S.Y.T.

"Oh I'd simply love the packet - could you spare them?" answers she ....  
"Well, I'll trade you one biscuit for a plateful (or two) of that "bella polenta" you have cooking there." And so the meal-time pattern is repeated - however retribution is swift and at 9.00 p.m., after some preliminary tribal warfare, a flare-lit procession marched down upon "Fagin", to the primitive beat of four gallon drums and cattle bones. Yea verily - the evil one girt up his loins and fled into the roof-tops and great was the rejoicing of the multitude who, retiring from that place in solemn ritual order, partook of the traditional beverage - billy tea.

At lunchtime Sunday on Little Cromwell, the leader decided that in order to be out of the area at the scheduled time, it was impractical to take the full party through the Gorge. However, two members of the party (Ron Horgan and Peter Bennett) who went on, reported that their visit was an interesting one. The drop-off into the Moroka Gorge is steep on both sides, though precipitous on the north side beneath Mt. Kent. In spite of the extremely dry summer, water was plentiful in pools (up to eight feet deep). Although their investigation was incomplete due to lack of time, the two reported the presence of steep rapids. This lends weight to the thought that the waterfalls represented in Alfred Howitt's colour print of 1869 (Robin Bailey now owns the print) may be quite sizeable and worth seeing. For the benefit of later parties it might be mentioned that by walking from lunchtime (near Little Cromwell) till midnight (below Mt. Kent) and rising before 4.00 a.m., Ron and Peter were at Billy Goat's Bluff by approximately 1.30 p.m. the following day. Needless to say, more than four days are required to complete this trip comfortably.

It was Hell down Billy Goat's Bluff! The party acquitted itself well - "bashing" for miles down the long dusty spur. This route is a practical way out but not really worth the effort as a means of access on consideration of the good jeep tracks elsewhere. On Monday evening the party was delayed for another night due to the inadvisability of travelling over the narrow mountain roads at night. Bob Jones now took his revenge with an inverted sort of poetical justice. Somehow or other by "trading" stolen pumpkins the wily fellow ended up with not one, but two helpings of the communal meal.

The leaders would like to thank all members of the party for their co-operation which undoubtedly was the main factor in making the trip such an enjoyable one.

Frank Hicks

Footnote:

With such a good access road onto the high plains, there now seems a very much wider scope for winter snow trips (snow shoes, skis etc) and possible climbing on and around the Howitt Bluff area, where high, clean cliff faces were observed by the party. More detailed information regarding the numerous jeep tracks needs to be gleaned.

EASTER : Party : Greg Martin, Max Corry, Philip Seccombe.

After a short walk through Harrietville we began on the Wombat Gap - Mt. Feathertop track just before midday on Good Friday. This track is well defined, and as well graded as could be expected of any track climbing about 4000' in a few miles. ("The packs drag a bit at first").

A lunch stop was made at the ruins of old Feathertop hut.

Mt. Feathertop saddle was reached just in time to see the mist come down. The view from the top of Feathertop was consequently nil, with not even a naked bronze woman in sight. Feathertop must be judged as one of the most impressive mountains in Victoria.

Camp was made in Feathertop saddle near the foot of Little Feathertop, water being carried about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from the spring on the west slope of Feathertop. After tea the mist cleared, making much worthwhile moonlit mountain scenery visible from the campsite. This inspired a short climb to the top of Little Feathertop before hitting the snow grass.

On Saturday morning we headed south along the Razorback Ridge, arriving at Mt. Hotham for lunch. It was found that the large number of tourists swarming all over Mt. Hotham somewhat hampered the traditional summit ceremony, although the large size of the summit cairn was used to full advantage.

After lunch we set off for Dibbins Hut, climbing Mt. Loch on the way. The hut was reached about 5 p.m. A stop was made here for some hot cocoa, chocolate and biscuits. Here we also met the norsewomen. "You should have seen the people here last night! Thousands of people. And one girl sitting in the hut looking sad. And they left their salami behind, too".

At about 6 p.m. we pressed on, reaching the edge of the High Plains just as the moon rose, and provided a bit of useful illumination.

As the snow poles were non-existent for about the last mile into Tawonga Hut, a bit of hit and miss navigation was resorted to. This hit, and Tawonga Hut was reached at 9.30 p.m.

Next morning the packs were left in the hut whilst Mt. Fainter South was climbed. A slight detour was made on the way to climb Mt. Niggerhead. After lunch back at the hut, we picked up the packs, Mt. Cope being our next objective. After picking our way around the tourists having picnics at Mt. Cope saddle, a short climb took us to the summit.

Darkness overtook us just past Cope Hut turnoff, and because of difficulty in picking up a section of the snow pole line, and intermittent mist, it was decided to follow the road to Refuge Hut, although this meant a few extra miles.

At about 9 p.m. two wierd characters emerged from the mist. One was dressed in jumper, shorts and sandals and carried a rucksack, whilst the other was garbed in what appeared to be a black robe. He wore sandals, had a blanket draped around his shoulders, and was carrying a bulging leather satchel with a bit of pillow sticking out each end. Max jokingly commented, "Ar, you look as though you are straight out of a monastery!" "I am" Brother Dominis replied.

We went on our way, carrying with us a blessing (or was it a curse? We don't speak the language, Sir!) Refuge Hut was reached about 10.15 p.m.

The sun was high in the sky before the party broke camp the following morning. The snow poles were followed to Mt. Nelson, where we deviated to Spion Kopje, having lunch on the summit. From Spion Kopje, we intended to walk north along a ridge running on the west side of Big River to Mt. Arthur (5483') and then down the N.E. spur of Mt. Arthur to the gap where Roper's track and the Quartz Nob track meet.

After negotiating a deep scrubby saddle the ridge was found to be alternately clear and scrubby. Because of rather slow progress, camp was made on the ridge near Crow's Nest. A 2 hour torchlight scrub-bash produced a few gallons of that much sought after dehy hydrating liquid.

Next Day, Mt. Bogong West and Mt. Bogong were climbed via Quartz Nob spur. The night was spent in the Cleve Cole Memorial Hut.

Next morning we were back on the summit of Bogong by 8 a.m.

We rather reluctantly left the morning splendour of the highest peak in Victoria to complete the last few miles of our trip down the Staircase Spur.

Greg Martin

#### HANGING ROCK CLIMBING : 15th April

As would be it the van departed  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour late with quite a few members of the party looking a little worse for the previous evening's entertainment.

On the day all the worth while little pinnacles were scaled and the odd large overhang "knocked off" by the enthusiastic beginners who, we hope, gained by their experience.

The trip ended in some obscure foreign cafe in Latrobe Street.

Ian A. Guild

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are advised that subscriptions for 1962 are now due. The more promptly these can be collected the sooner will an up-to-date membership list be available. For those paying Sports Union fees 6/- is the required amount, for people not paying Union fees - 10/-. The money may be placed in the cash box inside the club letter box or a postal note addressed to the club, c/- the Students Union.

Members who have not paid by June will be omitted from this year's list of members.

It would be much appreciated if members would notify the Ass. Sec. immediately of any change of address, via the Club Letter box (c/- Student's Union).

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Equipment Available

No. 1. Cat. No. 8915

Pear-shaped, very strong, well finished.  
Tensile strength : approx. 2315 lbs.  
Weight : approx.  $4 \frac{1}{5}$  ozs.

No. 3. Cat. No. 8925

Oval, very strong, with safety screw.  
Diameter 10 12 mm.  
Tensile strength : approx. 3195 lbs.  
Weight : approx  $7 \frac{3}{4}$  ozs.

No. 5. Cat. No. 872

Piton : horizontal

No. 7. Cat. No. 874

Piton : horizontal

No. 9. Cat. No. 876

Piton : horizontal

No. 11. Cat. No. 8940

"D"-shape, 12 mm. diameter, with  
safety screw  
Fensile strength : approx 4890 lbs.  
Weight : approx  $7 \frac{3}{4}$  ozs.

No. 13. Cat. No. 8945

"MARWA"-Karabiner, kidney-shape,  
heavier type, reinforced  
Tensile-strength : approx. 5330 lbs.  
Weight : approx.  $4 \frac{1}{2}$  ozs.

No. 15. Cat. No. 787

Piton : horizontal

No. 17. Cat. No. 880

Descending Piton  
Weight of these Pitons  
each approx.  $1 \frac{1}{2}$  to  $3 \frac{1}{2}$  ozs.

No. 19. Cat. No. 8835

Ice Screws  
Length : approx. 6 8 ins.

No. 2. Cat. No. 8920

Oval, as above  
Tensile strength : approx. 2315 lbx.  
Weight : approx.  $4 \frac{1}{2}$  ozs.

Cat. No. 8935. No. 4

"D"-shape, 10 mm. diameter  
Tensile strength : approx 3975 lbs.  
Weight : approx.  $4 \frac{3}{4}$  ozs.

No. 6. Cat. No. 873

Piton : vertical

No. 8. Cat. No. 875

Piton : vertical

No. 10. Cat. No. 877

Piton : vertical

No. 12. Cat. No. 8943

"MARWA"-Karabiner, kidney-shape, made  
according to designs by the famous  
climber Wastl Mariner, light-weight  
Tensile strength : approx. 4400 lbs.  
Weight : approx.  $3 \frac{2}{5}$  ozs.

No. 14. Cat. No. 8950

"MARWA"-Karabiner, kidney-shape, heavier  
reinforced type with safety screw  
Tensile strength : approx 5330 lbs.  
Weight : approx  $4 \frac{1}{2}$  ozs.

No. 16. Cat. No. 879

Piton : vertical

No. 18. Cat. No. 881

Descending Ring  
Weight : approx. 7 ozs.

No. 20. Cat. No. 8955

Descending Hammer.  
Forged from high quality steel with  
short pick, ash handle & leather sling.  
Weight : approx.  $15 \frac{4}{5}$  ozs.

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No. 21. Cat. No. 8965

Climbing Hammer forged from high quality steel with chisel end, ash handle and leather sling.  
Weight : approx. 30 ozs.

No. 23. Cat. No. 882

Ice Piton without ring  
Length : approx. 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 ins.

No. 25. Cat. No. 884

Descending Piton.  
"V" shape with ring  
Weight : approx.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ozs.

No. 27. Cat. No. 887

Rock Piton, French Pattern  
Length : approx. 5 ins.  
Weight : approx. 3 ozs.

No. 29. Cat. No. 885

Descending Piton  
"U" shape with ring  
Weight : approx.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ozs.

No. 31. Cat. No. 8837

Ice Screw  
Length : approx 8 ins.  
Weight : approx. 3 - 4 ozs.

No. 22. Cat. No. 8970

Climbing Hammer forged from high quality steel, universal Climbing Hammer with slightly curved pick for removing pitons.  
Weight : approx. 21 ozs.

No. 24. Cat. No. 883

Ice Piton with ring  
Weight : approx. 10 - 13 ozs.

No. 26. Cat. No. 886

Rock Piton : French Pattern  
Length : approx. 5 ins.  
Weight : approx. 3 ozs.

No. 28. Cat. No. 888

Rock Piton.  
Length : approx.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  - 5 ins.  
Weight : approx.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ozs.

No. 30. Cat. No. 889

Rock Piton.  
Length : approx. 5 - 7 ins.  
Weight : approx. 3 ozs.

The above equipment may be purchased through the Club or from Paddy Pallin Pty. Ltd. Members are urged to buy through the Club due to economic and quality reasons, as other sources of Mountaineering Equipment are completely unreliable as to price and quality of such equipment.

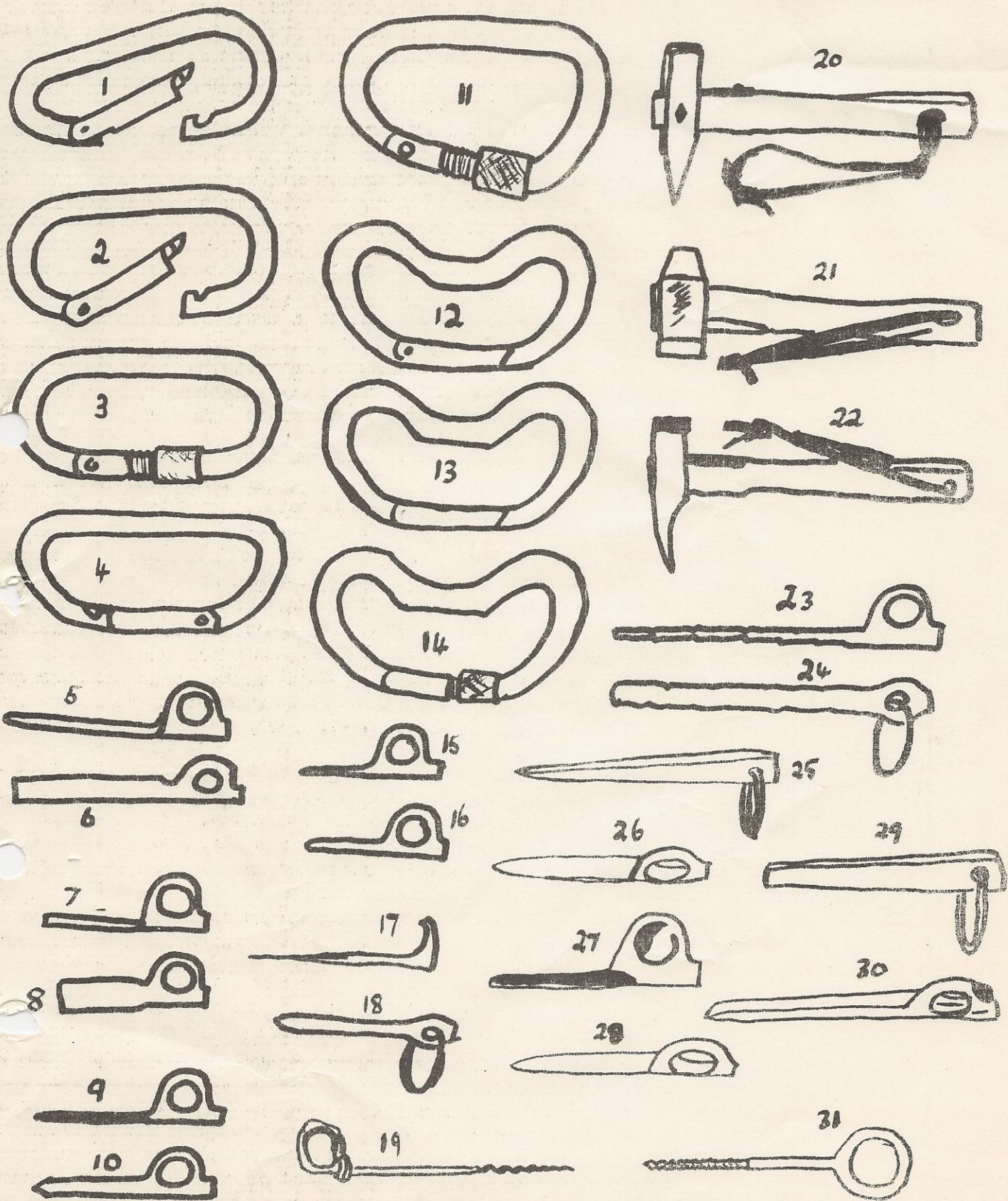
Rodney Coles will accept orders for the above, but no orders will be accepted unless accompanied by a deposit which are as follows:

(a) Karabiners : 10/-

(b) Pitons : 2/-

The brand here displayed is STUBAI. The only other brand at present recommended by the Climbing Sub Committee is Pierre Allain.

A full discussion on the use of this equipment in conjunction with rope will appear in the next issue of the Mountaineer.



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