

# THE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS OF THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB



## YEAR BOOK FOR 1961 and Report for 1960

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# ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS

OF THE

## SWISS ALPINE CLUB

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### CLUB NOTES.

For all practical purposes the Summer of 1960 ended on the 30th June. After that the weather was uniformly bad, and all that one got was a few scattered fine days at random. We should like to sympathise with all those whose holidays were ruined by the iniquitous seamen's strike. One will certainly not be able to blame overseas visitors if they decide in future to boycott both British Ships and British Ports.

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We are all very sorry that Mr. R. C. J. Parker has had to give up the post of Joint Hon. Secretary on moving to Bristol to take up a new appointment. In his seven years of office he has done a tremendous lot of work for the Association and we shall all greatly miss his cheery presence. We hope, however, that we shall still see him at our Easter Meets.

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We should like to express our grateful thanks to our good friends at the Swiss National Tourist Office for relieving our Honorary Treasurer of the large amount of work involved in the collection of subscriptions and the enrolment of new members which has become very much more complex since the war.

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All our usual activities were well maintained. A very successful Ladies' Night Dinner was held on May 25th at which Mrs. Nea Morin gave a most interesting account of the ill-fated Ama Dablam Expedition, illustrated by coloured slides. Details of the other functions will be found elsewhere in the Report.

We have lost through death ten members during the past year : Major L. W. Bird, Major D. B. Topham and Messrs. N. J. Brett-James, J. F. Huntington, R. H. Isherwood, E. C. Mengel, D. D. Payne, E. E. Roberts, Eustace Thomas and J. L. Yeames. They will be sadly missed by all who knew them.

An obituary notice of E. C. Mengel will be found on another page.

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The Easter Meet was held at the Glen Aber Hotel, Bettwys-y-Coed where we were again made very comfortable by Mr. and Mrs. Yates. The weather on Thursday and Friday was not too good but the remaining four days were gloriously fine. A lot of climbing was done as well as many excellent walks, for Bettwys-y-Coed is in itself an admirable walking centre and it is surprisingly easy to keep off the Holyhead road with its appalling traffic.

On the Saturday Mr. M. N. Clarke and Mr. Parker, who are both enthusiastic Railway Fans went over to Portmadoc to travel on the Festiniog Railway.

The Meet was attended by the President and Mrs. Richards, Dr. and Mrs. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Crepin, Mr. and Mrs. Starkey, Mr. and Mrs. Kirstein, Mr. and Mrs. N. Peskett, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett (and Son), Mr. Lambley with his two sons, and Messrs. D. M. Clarke, M. N. Clarke, Flook, Jeurwine, Parker and Smith.

The 1961 Easter Meet will be held at the Wastdale Head Hotel, from March 29th to April 5th. Let us hope that the weather then will be better than it was in 1955.

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Evening Meetings were held at the Alpine Club in January, February, March, April, June, September and October, and the following papers were read, all of which were illustrated by lantern slides:—

Wednesday, January 27th:

The Saas Fée Meet 1959—by members of the Meet.

Wednesday, February 24th:

Five Weeks in the Alps with Four Nephews. (Dr. A. W. Barton).

Wednesday, March 23rd:

The Eastern Rockies. (Mr. E. H. J. Smyth).

Wednesday, April 27th:

Imperial College Apolobamba Expedition. (Mr. J. W. Jenkinson).

Wednesday, June 22nd:

Another Season in the Oberland. (Mr. Derek Lambley).

Wednesday, September 28th:

Plant Hunting in Nepal. (Mr. W. R. Sykes).

Wednesday, October 19th:

Skye, 1959. (Mr. Philip Andrews).

We are very much indebted to these members for making these meetings such a success.

The attention of members is drawn to the List of Meetings for 1961, which was issued in December.

Members who do not receive their proper copies of *Les Alpes* should communicate at once with the Hon. Treasurer.

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### The Librarian's Report

In an annual report it is usual to compare the year under review with the previous one although there may have been few noteworthy changes. It would often be far more interesting to go back, say, 25 years, in our case to 1935, when the Association's books and pictures were displayed in the Club Room on the first floor at the Hotel Great Central, Marylebone. About 70 books were borrowed by members but, if the rules then in force were obeyed, no guide books or maps. Far more publications of kindred clubs were received than at present. However, let us deal with 1960, giving the 1959 figures in brackets.

Readers 31 (47);

general Alpine literature 44 (47), guide books 34 (39), maps 7 (4), journals 7 (2); the total of these four groups came to 92, the same as in 1959.

Of the books, etc., borrowed 39 were sent by post.

#### *Additions:*

The following were added to the library through purchase or donation:



added objection to any further nuclear stations in North Wales, no matter where they are sited, is the need for further pumped storage schemes to which they will give rise—these will endanger the Nant Ffrangcon and the Gwynant Valleys. Snowdonia is still in danger!

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Members who make any new ascents or any outstanding or unusual expeditions are invited to send details to the Hon. Editor. Photographs are not necessary.

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We are sure that members will be sorry to hear that the Hotel Kurhaus at Griesalp has sadly deteriorated during recent years, but we hope that in due time it will again revert to its former standard of excellence.

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We were all very glad to hear that a satisfactory compromise had been reached in the dispute between the Monte Rosa Section and the Commune of Zermatt over the site of the new Hörnli Hut. We understand that the new Hut will now be built about fifty feet below and slightly to the right of the Hotel.

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Members will be very sorry to learn that the valuable fare concessions which we have enjoyed for so long on our S.A.C. cards of membership have now been abolished. We understand, however, that the fares on mountain railways are now calculated on the same basis as the fares on the main lines, so that the nett result will probably be about the same.

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Members are reminded that not all the Huts in Austria belong to the Austrian Alpine Club. In the Zillertal particularly some of the Huts belong to the German Alpine Club **with which the Swiss Alpine Club has no reciprocal arrangements.**

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The attention of Members is drawn to the *Hotel Book*. It is kept in the Library and Members are invited to use it for recording their comments, whether favourable or otherwise, on the hotels which they have come across in their travels. This information was found

very useful before the war. Members who are unable to visit the Library are asked to send such comments to the Hon. Editor, who will have them inserted in the book.

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The Annual Dinner was held at the Connaught Rooms on Wednesday, 23rd November. The President was in the chair and 90 members and guests were present.

The guests of the Association were the Chargé d 'Affairs of the Swiss Embassy and Madame de Tribolet, Professor G. I. Finch, F.R.S. (President of the Alpine Club); Mrs. P. D. Robinson (President of the Ladies' Alpine Club); Mr. M. W. Guinness (Vice-President of the Climbers Club); Major H. R. A. Streater (Army Mountaineering Association); Squadron Leader J. R. Sims (Inspector of Mountain Rescue, R.A.F.); Mr. J. Franks (Imperial College M.C.); Mr. A. Fisher (Hon. Secretary, Guy's Hospital M.C.); Dr. X. Speckert (President of the City Swiss Club) and Mr. G. Unsel and Mr. E. M. Schaeffeler (Swiss National Tourist Office). The Swiss Ambassador and Madame Daeniker were unfortunately unable to be present owing to absence abroad.

We were very glad to welcome back among us Dr. Finzi and Dr. Healy, and although Mr. Markbreiter is badly crippled with arthritis we are glad that he can still come to our dinner. Among the private guests we were glad to welcome Mrs. McArthur, Mrs. Mathews, Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Seligman.

After the loyal toast had been honoured Dr. A. W. Barton proposed the toast of "The Swiss Confederation" to which Monsieur de Tribolet made an amusing reply. There was then an interval to allow members to meet their friends and admire the handsome album of photographs taken at the Saas-Fée Meet and the Jubilee Dinner which had been prepared as a memento of our Jubilee Year.

After the interval the President proposed the toast of "The Association". He gave a resumé of the activities of the past year and paid a tribute to the work done by the various officers during that period, and in particular by Mr. Parker.

Mr. W. R. H. Jeurwine then proposed the toast of "The Guests and Kindred Clubs" in a very witty speech and, referring to certain recent "developments", he speculated on what sort of crime a young man would be expected to commit in order to qualify for a free climbing holiday in North Wales.



The President of the Alpine Club replied in a delightful speech and spoke of the good time which he had had as a student in Zurich and of the climbs which he had done with the A.A.C.Z.

Finally Mr. V. O. Cohen proposed the toast of "The President" in an admirable speech. Mr. Richards spoke a few words in reply, and this concluded a very pleasant evening for which our thanks are due to Mr. F. E. Smith for the excellence of the arrangements.

### **SUMMER HOLIDAYS 1961.**

The attention of members is drawn to the numerous excursions and climbs which are arranged by all the Sections of the S.A.C. and which afford an opportunity for some extraordinary good climbing at a very moderate cost. Although perhaps it is preferable to climb with one's own Section, one can always join a climb of another Section—and, further, one can always be assured of a very hearty welcome, though, of course, a knowledge of the language is desirable. For those who want to cut down expenses these Section Climbs prove invaluable.

At the time of going to press the Excursion Programmes of the various Sections were not available, but any members who are interested may obtain them from the Hon. Treasurer.

### **INSURANCE AGAINST ACCIDENTS.**

This covers all members and the premium is included in the annual subscription. It is a contract between the Swiss Alpine Club and the Swiss Insurance Companies, and it is renewed from year to year on the same terms unless notice of termination is given by either side. The sum insured varies according to the sections; with some it is 10,000 francs and with others 8,000 francs payable at death, or proportionately for permanent disablement. The Insurance covers the Central European Alps, the Jura, Pyrenees, Appenines, Carpathians, Vosges, Black Forest, **England, Scotland and Wales**, but it does not cover Norway, Himalaya, etc. Members, however, are NOT covered against medical expenses, and to obtain this extra cover an additional premium must be paid.

For the full terms of the contract of Insurance, members should apply to the Honorary Treasurer. See also "Les Alpes" for January, 1957.

The attention of members is particularly drawn to a Clause under which the Insurance Companies decline responsibility for accidents to solo or improperly equipped climbers or anyone unaccompanied by a person of over 17 years of age.

### RESCUE PARTIES.

The Union Internationale des Associations d'Alpinisme (U.I.A.A.), Headquarters in Geneva (President—Mr. Egmond d'Arcis, one of our Honorary members), to which the B.M.C. is affiliated, has inaugurated a telephone service called CISALP (Centre Internationale de Secours Alpin) for France, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, Austria and Yugoslavia, which works as follows:

Suppose you have a relative or friend mountaineering somewhere in one of these six countries, and for some reason you suspect an accident. You telephone Geneva No. 11, and ask to be put in communication with CISALP, to whom you explain matters. CISALP then puts you in communication with the rescue centre of the region where your relative was known to be, and you can ask this centre to make the necessary arrangements for a relief party; you yourself are responsible for the expenses of the rescue party.

### COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CLIMBING PARTIES AND ALPINE PILOTS.

The previous system has been replaced by a much more complicated one and a list of 23 signs will be found on page 105 of "Les Alpes" for May 1960. The following are the most important ones:

Have need of Medical Aid	...	I
Rescue Party required	...	O
Show us the direction	...	K
Everything in order	...	LL
Not understood	...	<u>JL</u>
No	...	N
Yes	...	Y
Food required	...	F

These signs should be given by lines in the snow or other suitable means, such as blankets, in such a way as to be visible from the air.

These signs are extremely important, and members would be well advised to cut out this page and carry it with them when they go to Switzerland.

# Obituary

## ERIC CHRISTIAN MENGEL.

(1879—1960)

Eric Mengel, who died on the 12th June, 1960 at the age of 81, was a member of a well-known Danish family. Born and brought up in Copenhagen, he graduated in Engineering at the University there in 1905. His Father was the Chief Engineer at the Copenhagen Gas Works.

Eric Mengel came to this Country in 1906, and a few years after that became a Director of the Economical Gas Apparatus Construction Ltd. and took British nationality. It was in this capacity that he met Dr. Arthur Graham Glasgow, who was one of the founders of the well-known firm of Humphreys & Glasgow, and he eventually joined this firm. He became a director in 1925 and managing director some ten years later, and he succeeded Dr. Glasgow as Chairman of the Company in 1952; he resigned through ill health at the end of 1955.

Eric Mengel joined the Association in 1927, and served several times on the Committee; he was also a member of the Alpine Club. He climbed mainly in Switzerland and Austria—and also France. He was a regular attendant at all Association Meetings, and his last appearance was less than a month before he died. Of a genial and kindly disposition he was a most delightful climbing companion. He was very keen on country walking and would be out in the home counties on most Sundays throughout the year; he was a first class bridge player and he was very fond of music. He will be sadly missed by his many friends in the Association.

His only son was killed on Active Service in 1941. We would like to tender to his Widow our deepest sympathy in her great loss.

M.N.C.

## THE MATTERHORN BY THE FURGGEN RIDGE, 1959.

Bennie picked up his forty metre rope and the short axe, pulled his little white hat down over his ears and unlocked the door of the Belvedere. Outside we shivered. It was 2.30 a.m. and a slight, cold breeze rippled a cloth left overnight on one of the terrace tables, dim and ghostly in the cloud-obscured moonlight. After the hubbub of the afternoon sightseers and the occasional crackle of falling stones from the east face, the silence was brittle and expectant. We set off quickly down the scree track to the glacier.

I had not slept much, kept awake by the usual anticipation that I find precedes what may be a hard day and by the snores of my room companion, an elderly Frenchman who hoped to repeat his ascent of the Matterhorn of many years ago. It was twenty-five years ago, almost to the day, when I too had climbed the N.E. ridge; and so often had I gazed at the graceful sweep of the Furggen, that I knew that some time I must encounter it more closely. This seemed an appropriate anniversary. Lying abed I remembered how William Bellows had taken me as a boy over the Theodule glacier to Breuil on a visit to his old friend Guido Rey. From the terrace of his villa the Master, in cap and breeches, had traced for me with his stick the route he had attempted so many times and the great rock cliff, down the upper pitch of which he had lowered his ladder to make the climb complete.

This was to be my first climb with Bennie Perren though I had climbed several times with his brother Gottlieb. Short and stockily built, venturesome and with his quiet humour, it looked like being fun. The afternoon before, lying with my wife and daughter in the sun by Schwarzee, the fine day had given way to grey clouds, billowing low down the Matterhorn ridges and dulling the sharp, silver ridges of the Weisshorn and Mischabel. Descending parties looked me askance as I toiled up to the Hornli in the early evening without rope or axe or crampons. Bennie turned up late; banks of dark cloud were enveloping Monte Rosa and Lyskamm. We shook our heads over the weather as we turned inside.

In the morning a few stars shone dully and the upper part of the mountain was cloaked in mist. Matterhorn parties would not be away for another hour or two and as we traversed below the icefall, threading our way across small gullies and between blocks of ice, we had the mountain to ourselves. It was unpleasantly

slippery in vibrams and tricky in the faint moonlight and I wished I had had my old clinkers and tricounis. The snow slope up to the Breuil Joch was hard and icy, but nicking thin steps we carried on up, without stopping, to reach the col by 3.45.

Little of the ridge was visible above us, and, too cold to hang about, we turned right along the crest of the col towards the rocky outcrop which heralds the lowest part of the buttress. Crossing several easy rock steps, we traversed on to the Breuil side of the ridge, across rock covered with a thin verglas which needed much care, towards the deep shadow of a chimney, wide at its foot, which led up to the rock ridge. At its base everything was plastered with ice and up above icicles shone dimly. During the day a stream from the face above must debouch down this gully and curtain the rocks with water. Now it was frozen hard. We climbed to a stance about fifteen feet up on the right wall and put in a piton; it was difficult to maintain a balance on the slippery ledge. Bennie traversed across into the darkness of the chimney and for some time all I could hear were grunts and the clatter of falling stones. For several minutes at a time there was no movement of the rope and I began to wonder whether we should not be baulked on our first pitch. After nearly half an hour there was a faint cry from above. In the darkness, having to feel for every hold and finding everything covered with ice I came quickly to the conclusion that it was a case of friction and jamming, using any part of the anatomy available.

Soon I joined Bennie and we set off quickly up the easy slabs of the ridge. About a hundred feet higher, however, we were halted by a wide band of slabs, heavily coated with frozen water and we had to traverse for some distance across the east face before we could turn them and make our way back on to the ridge. For the next hour or so we were able to climb together without a break until about 500 ft. below the shoulder. It was now light and in a thin, early sun we looked across at the small figures of two parties level with us on the N.E. ridge. Below the shoulder we traversed half right and up a snow gully, crossing it at its upper part back to a point at the foot of the final cliff, just above the thin snow ridge of the Furggen shoulder. Clouds billowed up from the Italian side, parting occasionally to reveal engulfing precipices down towards Breuil. The shoulder seemed to project itself abruptly into space like an aerial promontory—the prow of some great galleon.

We tucked ourselves on to a rock and had breakfast.

From here the rocks became harder. About 50 ft. higher up we reached a large ledge with a piton. An awkward ten feet up a corner led to the upper end of a wide ledge which descended, sloping outward, for about twenty feet. As I looked at it rather hesitantly, it reminded me of the second pitch of Pinnacle Wall, except that it seemed to overhang the whole face down to the fields of Breuil. At its end a curtain of great icicles, six to eight feet long, appeared to bar the way. I squeezed past these and up a steep pitch, impressive but of no great difficulty. Round the corner there was a wide groove and thirty feet beyond, Bennie perched on a rock. The groove looked a long stretch and I wondered how Bennie had got his short legs across. Tentatively I tried the only finger hold and stretched a leg across to a small rounded foothold. Below, through a gap in the clouds were grey, green fields. I looked across to Bennie's grinning face. Not exactly the place for a drop on the rope, I thought. I stretched across again and swinging on one hand managed to reach a good hold on the other side. A pull up and in a few minutes I joined him.

We bore back to the right up snow and rock shelves and short rock pitches. The snow was hard and the rocks icy, and we moved carefully, chipping snow and ice from the holds, with an occasional piton for a belay. At 9.15 we regained the arête. Mist and cloud swelled around us and a few flakes of snow began to fall. The final rocks presented little difficulty and unexpectedly the snow ridge of the Swiss summit loomed in front of us. We reached the summit cross at 10 a.m.

Snow was beginning to fall and all around was thick mist. We sat on our sacks for ten minutes while a party negotiated the last rope's length of the Roof and then set off down. We made an uneventful descent, "en hâte mais sans précipitation" arriving at the Belvedere once more at 12.30 p.m.

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### THE TEUFELSGRAT, 1960.

It would be a work of supererogation to write an account of this climb comparable with Mrs. Mummery's account in "My Climbs in the Alps and Caucasus" nearly three quarters of a century ago. Burgener's *cris-du-coeur* "Herr Gott unmöglich!",

“I no more strong in that hand”, and the restorative powers of Bouvier live for posterity!

My ascent with Bennie Perren this year was, by comparison, a highly tame affair. The reputation of the Teufelsgrat for bad rock is well founded and only twice have I experienced anything more shattered or loose in its critical passages—the short east ridge of the Stellihorn across the valley and the West face of Malte Brun in the New Zealand Alps. But the continuous alertness and concentration of mind that such rock demands, added to a certain sense of insecurity, gives it a peculiar spice and charm. There is a virginal character about the climb for few holds live to feel the hands of a second party.

The approach is long and tedious in the dark, and it took us nearly four hours to reach the notch in the ridge from which serious climbing begins. From the Weingarten glacier the broadest of several gullies leads up to the ridge. From half way up in this gully of fluid scree and hard snow we traversed to the right on to rocks covered with appallingly loose rubble and shale.

Once on the ridge we roped up and set to work on the first of a series of gendarmes, mostly climbed direct or from the south side, and overlooking the great cliffs of the south face. The climbing required all one's attention both in guarding the leader on the more difficult pitches and testing every hold on the steeper sections. Though mid-August, due to the bad season, ours was the first ascent of the year and we found excessive snow forced us continually to traverse above the South face, its steep ribs ledged with loose boulders and scree, and its ascent the apogee of living dangerously—or departing prematurely.

Half an hour below the summit we took to crampons and step-cutting, reaching the top at 11.15. Out of the wind on the south side we ate and dozed in the warm sun. The ridge down to the Mischabel Joch was impassable, corniced and heaped with snow and that to the Dom equally bad.

The descend to the Kien Glacier was enlivened by an ice wall, the height of which we underestimated. A capstan belay in the snow worked very well, but the abseil rope proved too short by several feet and landing on the steep slope below involved a tricky manoeuvre, which was not improved by the presence of a small bergschrund a little further down.

A laborious ascent followed up to the ridge separating the Kien and Festi glaciers, descending on the other side by a steep but doubtful snow slope. This improved on acquaintance, and left only the bergschrund to be crossed by a long jump from a stance cleared close to its upper edge. There remained a long slog through crusted snow into which we often sank knee deep, to arrive at the Dom hut at 4 p.m.

We quenched our thirst in a dubious brew of Bennie's mint tea and ran hot-foot down to Randa for the train.

J.S.E-G.

*By a cruel irony of fate this splendid guide was killed in an accident with his truck on the road up to Zmutt only about a fortnight later.—Ed.*

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## THE NORTHERN ROCKIES.

Nobody had been there since Smythe and his party in 1947—and they were the first, apart from hunters and trappers, who had not looked at the country with mountaineers' eyes. Their objective had been the Lloyd George Range, some 50 miles south of our own target of the Churchill-Roosevelt-Stalin Range; they had flown over 'our' mountains, and had commented on their vast extent and ferocity, but had not attempted to climb them. They were not particularly high—nothing over 10,000 feet—but were rugged and glaciated; an ideal target for a light and relatively low-powered expedition such as ours. And amongst hundreds of peaks, not one had been climbed.

Our Expedition was styled 'The Royal Fusiliers Canadian Rocky Mountains Expedition 1960.' It was unusual, in that it was mounted by a single infantry regiment, and that it contained only two officers, the other four members from this country being young N.C.O.'s trained in rock-climbing. It was therefore something of an experiment, and its scope was limited. Nevertheless, in a virgin area such as the Northern Rockies one did not have to seek for great technical difficulties; one sought rather to explore and evaluate the area for more expert parties in the future. And in this we certainly succeeded.

We journeyed to Canada by air (due to the shipping strike), and were then transported by the Canadian Army 456 miles up the fabulous Alaska Highway to Muncho Lake—the local base for floatplane operations in the area. Here we left our stores and the bulk of our food for 6 weeks, to be flown in to our projected Base Camp at Wokkpush Lake, 22 miles from the Highway. With the stores was Sam Chappise, a 78-year-old Cree Indian, survey assistant to the expedition's surveyor, Colonel Archibald, late of the Canadian Fusiliers. The rest of us drove back to Mile 403, the nearest point on the Highway to Wokkpush Lake, and from there we started the 2½ day 'walk-in', along pack trails and then through virgin forest, towards our Base Camp.

We spent 6 weeks based on Wokkpush Lake. Our technique was to go out on 'marches' of 3 to 7 days' duration to put ourselves at the foot of different groups of peaks; Wokkpush itself was rather hemmed in by lesser peaks and it was not easy to do the bigger climbs in a day from Base Camp. The Wokkpush valley is a long one—some 20 miles from its mouth to the Icefield at its head—and we spent a good deal of time back-packing through

tiresome scrubby 'bush' and across long scree-slides, up the main valley and its tributaries, in order to reach our objectives. One of the hardest things was to choose which peaks to go for; the main valley was surrounded by no less than 45 peaks of over 8,500 feet and 9 of over 9,000. No one group was outstanding, and we tended to attempt what we thought we could climb safely, and would give us good views, rather than any of the 'last great problems' in which the area abounds.

The mountains are typical of the Canadian Rockies, although on a smaller scale than the better-known ranges round Banff and Jasper. They are built up of heavily stratified sedimentary rocks, mostly limestones, and all characteristically tilted in a NE—SW direction, giving steep north and east faces and long slabby dipslopes on the opposite sides. The rock is abominably loose and shattered; this is probably due as much to the great temperature range as to inherent weakness in the rock itself, but the prevailing instability, coupled with a lack of natural belays, makes for rather unhappy rock-climbing, and one seeks to climb on snow and ice wherever possible. This is usually possible in the glaciated central parts of the range, but on the eastern fringes, where the precipitation seems to be lower, the mountains are mouldering piles of precipitous slag, held together by very little except faith and friction, and quite unusually nasty to climb and to look at. They have a desert look which seems out of place in the Canadian Northland.

In all, we climbed 13 summits. Our highest was the previously-named Mont Stalin, about 9,500 feet high, which rose rather grandly from the big Icefield at the head of the Wokkpash Valley. The hardest part of this climb was in fact getting on to the Icefield itself, for it was cut off at its foot by a scree and rock wall some 1,000 feet high, which we boggled at for some time before attempting it and finding it—astonishingly—quite firm and easy. The peak was a high snowy lump of a mountain, dignified rather than difficult, and its summit ridge was attained by a gentle ice-fall which provided the necessary entertainment on the way up. Our other nine-thousander, which we named Fusilier Peak, was a more serious proposition. A high snowy wave of a peak rising from a tumbled glacier, its arc-shaped summit ridge was cut off at either end by vertical rock-buttresses, so that we had to climb up the icy north face in order to reach it. This was quite exciting. After crossing an awkward bergschrund one had to cut steps vertically

for 20 feet or so, hack through an overhanging snow cornice, and then climb up diagonally for 400 feet, on ice covered with wet snow at an angle of 50-60 degrees. The diagonal traverse took us out over the 750-foot cliffs of the terminal buttress, so one had to be careful; crampons and ice pitons provided the solution. It was a hard climb for Alpine novices, steep and tense, and admirable experience. And of course one had to get down the same way, which was even harder.

None of our other climbs were at quite the same level, and some were only scrambles; but, as Gertrude Stein might have said, a Peak is a Peak, especially when it is unclimbed. It was unfortunate that our last two weeks were bedevilled by poor weather; the mountains became very snowed-up, and climbing these loose slabby rocks under a mantle of powder snow became even more of an undertaking. However, we kept on climbing, spacing out our ascents as widely as possible over the area, thus setting up a network of survey cairns and making an interconnected photographic record which could prove useful in the future. We also collected plants and rocks, and Colonel Archibald undertook triangulation of some of the major peaks. And we made a film of all we did.

We climbed hard, but we did little more than scratch the surface of the area. There is illimitable scope for future parties who lack the funds or experience for the Himalayas and the Andes, and who seek nevertheless the joy and excitement of pioneering. They should not be put off by the modest height of these ranges, for the climbing is thoroughly serious, and can be made as hard and exciting as one wishes. The peacefulness and simplicity of life in the 'bush' is a medicine for all the ills of civilisation; the weather is not unkind; and the mountains have a strange and austere beauty, quite different from the radiance of the Alps but no less valid. You will have to be prepared to carry heavy weights on your back, but if this is accepted and trained for, then life need not be particularly uncomfortable.

The legendary snags of Rockies climbing are bears and insects. We never saw any of the former, although there were signs; at 4,000 feet the Wokkpush Valley was perhaps a bit high for them. We always carried a .303 rifle wherever we went, just in case. The insects—notably large, succulent mosquitoes—are there in plenty, and regard repellents as a sort of mayonnaise, but they do not climb

much above the tree-line. The other animals are all pretty nice, but one must of course obey the game laws.

The Canadians are proverbially kind, helpful and hospitable. The hospitality is such that one may find it difficult to get into the mountains at all. And it is infinitely easier to organise an expedition when there are no political or linguistic obstructions, only endless support and encouragement.

With all these advantages and felicities, it is strange that North America has been so neglected by British expeditions. The traditional orientation has been, of course, towards India and Pakistan and the Himalayas, or towards the Poles. Perhaps people feel that America is too organised and civilised, too much like home. Nothing could be further from the truth. The untrodden ranges of Northwest Canada and Alaska are still amongst the most complete wildernesses in the world, and their challenges amongst the greatest.

M.F.R.J.

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#### ALPINE ROUTES IN 1960.

W. R. H. Jeudwine, D. M. Clarke and F. E. Smith (guideless).

1. Piz Languard and Crasta Languard.
2. Traverse of Piz Corvatsch by South ridge.
3. Traverse of Piz Chaputschin.
4. Piz Morteratsch.
5. Attempt on Piz Palu—turned back about half way up ordinary route by snow storm.
6. Muretto Pass from Chiaveggio to Maloja—deep fresh snow.
7. North ridge of Piz della Margna as far as the shoulder—fresh snow.
8. Cima di Sella—snow conditions.
9. Bocca di Brenta from Tuckett Hut to Molveno.

# Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club

## BALANCE SHEET as at 30th September, 1960

### LIABILITIES AND ACCUMULATED FUNDS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
ACCUMULATED FUND						
<i>Life Membership Account:</i>						
Total as at 1st October, 1959..	1,140	0	0			
Add Subscriptions received during year to 30th September, 1960 .. ..	8	8	0			
	1,148	8	0			
Provision for Income Tax ..				3	10	8
<i>Accumulated Reserve Account:</i>						
Balance as at 1st October, 1959	1,808	6	0			
Add surplus receipts over Expenditure for the year to 30th September, 1960 ..	2	15	1			
	1,811	1	1			
				£2,962	19	9

### ASSETS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
CASH AT BANK—						
Current Account .. ..				89	2	4
Deposit Account .. ..				103	11	5
Sundry Debtors .. ..				77	10	3
Interest due .. ..				12	5	0
<i>Projector etc.:</i>						
(W. J. Forster Bequest) ..	77	0	0			
Less depreciation .. ..	7	0	0			
				70	0	0
Equipment at Swiss National Tourist Office .. ..	102	18	3			
Less depreciation .. ..	22	18	3			
				80	0	0
Investments at Cost .. ..				2,530	10	9
<i>Investments:</i>						
3½% Conversion Stock 1961 or after .. ..	£1,000					
3% British Transport Stock 1978/88 .. ..	£568					
2½% Treasury Stock 1975 .. ..	£200					
4½% Agricultural Mortgage Debenture Stock 1977/82 .. ..	£1,000					
5% Defence Bonds .. ..	£300					
Market value at 30th September, 1960 .. ..	£2,079					
				£2,962	19	9

I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Association and report that the above accounts are in accordance therewith.

28th October, 1960.

(Signed) R. A. TYSEN-GEE, Hon. Auditor.

# RECEIPTS AND for the Year

## RECEIPTS

1959		£	s.	d.
£				
342	Subscriptions	359	15	9
56	Benefit on Rate of Exchange	38	9	3
60	Interest Received (net)	68	3	5
12	Advertising	6	6	0
8	Library Receipts	14	2	7
1	Sundry Receipts	1	3	6

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# EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

## ending 30th September, 1960

### EXPENDITURE.

1959		£	s.	d.
	£			
100	Hire of Rooms ... ..	100	0	0
154	Annual Report ... ..	124	14	10
24	Clerical Assistance ... ..	8	0	0
24	Library Expenses ... ..	10	14	8
26	(Postages, S.N.T.O. ... ..	27	0	0
	( do. Association ... ..	8	8	3
—	Printing and Stationery S.N.T.O. ...	9	19	6
73	Printing and Stationery Association ...	55	7	9
11	Insurance ... ..	9	1	6
35	Entertainment ... ..	42	4	2
7	B.M.C. Subscription ... ..	7	0	0
5	Corporation Duty ... ..	—	—	—
2	Jubilee Expenses ... ..	20	14	0
—	B.M.C. Hut Fund—Donation ... ..	26	5	0
12	Sundries ... ..	5	17	6
—	Depreciation ... ..	29	18	3
6	Balance being surplus of Receipts over Expenditure during the year ... ..	2	15	1

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## THE OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION, ETC.

The Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club was founded in 1909, with the main object of encouraging climbers and walkers in this country to join that Club. The S.A.C. (to give it its usual abbreviation) is nearly as old as the Alpine Club itself, and for close on a century has gone on steadily with its work of making the Alps accessible to climbers and others, in particular by building the 120 or more Club Huts which now exist. Before this Association came into being there had been many British members of the Club. But these were the exceptions rather than the rule, partly because the average British climber had no idea how to join, and partly because it did not occur to him that there was any point in doing so. But among those who were members, there were some who felt that such a state of affairs ought not to continue; that if our climbers used the huts, they should do something to help to maintain them, and that by some means it should be made easy to join the S.A.C. The energy of the late Mr. J. A. B. Bruce created a strong Committee, which undertook this matter and brought this Association into being under the late Mr. Clinton Dent as President. Within two years of the start there were 300 members and their number has continued to grow. The result of our activities is that the proportion of our countrymen who climb in the Alps and are now members of the S.A.C. is very large, and most of them are also members of this Association.

At the same time it was felt that there was need for a rallying point over here for these "clubbists," and as it is not possible, by the rules of the S.A.C., for a section to be formed outside Switzerland, as was the case with the D.Oe.A.V. (which had a section at Manchester at one time), the Association acquired a room in which its members could meet together, and took upon itself something of the functions of a Club. All these arrangements were only undertaken after consultation with the Central Committee of the S.A.C., and the latter cordially welcomed the enterprise. In addition, as it was felt that we British climbers owed Switzerland something for past remissness, the fund to build the Britannia Hut was started and the building successfully carried through by 1912.

The Association has been able, in many ways, to co-operate with our Swiss colleagues, and at times to represent to them our views on mountaineering matters. On the other hand, the Central Committee has always looked on us with the greatest favour and has dealt very cordially with anything we have put before it.



The Rules of the Association are published with the Library List in a separate booklet.

### MEMBERSHIP.

The number of members is now 700 and an analysis of the list of members shows their distribution among the various sections to be as follows:—

Altels	...	...	...	...	...	14
Diablerets	...	...	...	...	...	94
Geneva	...	...	...	...	...	60
Grindelwald	...	...	...	...	...	69
Interlaken	...	...	...	...	...	19
Monte Rosa	...	...	...	...	...	294
Oberhasli	...	...	...	...	...	9
Other Sections	...	...	...	...	...	36

The membership of the Swiss Alpine Club itself is now about 40,000 in about 80 sections.

75 new members have joined during the past year, but 10 have died and 45 have resigned or not paid their subscriptions. It is hoped that members will make every effort to secure *new candidates* for the Association.

The numbers are now:—

December 31st, 1960	...	...	...	...	755
Less Resignations, Deaths, etc., during 1960	...	...	...	...	55
Total, January 1st, 1961	...	...	...	...	<u>700</u>

Of these 83 are Life Members on the Retired List, 12 Retired under Rule 15B, 9 Honorary Members, 531 Ordinary Members and 65 Life Members on the Active List.

### Accident Insurance Policy.

This covers all members and details may be obtained from the Hon. Treasurer. The premium is included in the annual subscription. The full details of the contract are set out in "The Alps" for January 1957.

### CARDS OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE S.A.C.

It is absolutely essential to keep them up to date. This is done by pasting in the gummed slip for the current year which is issued in January and shows that the subscription has been paid. These slips are a different colour each year, and an out-of-date membership card is therefore valueless.

### **Loss of Membership Card or Badge.**

It is inevitable that someone or other should lose his card or badge, and this is most likely to be discovered at holiday times. If such a loss occur, it is best for the member concerned to write direct to his Section Treasurer, as our own officials are quite likely to be away at such a time, and in any case can only refer the matter to Switzerland. To avoid delay a photograph should be sent at the same time if it be the membership card that has been lost.

### **OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.**

Mr. M. Bennett has been elected Joint Hon. Secretary in place of Mr. R. C. J. Parker who did not seek re-election. All the other officers were re-elected.

The following members of the Committee retired having completed their terms of office: Messrs. J. R. Amphlett, M. Bennett, J. G. Broadbent and N. Peskett. The resulting vacancies were filled by the election of Captain M. F. R. Jones (Diablerets) and Messrs. H. W. Blogg (Monte Rosa), J. P. Ledebor (Diablerets) and E. E. Tavener (Monte Rosa). The remaining members of the Committee were re-elected.

### **THE SIR WILLIAM ELLIS'S TRUST FOR GUIDES OF SWISS NATIONALITY.**

The distribution of grants to beneficiaries under this Trust in 1960 has been on practically the same lines as in 1959. There have been no deaths to deplore nor any demand for extra assistance.

The S.A.C. have a similar Fund and the Trustees are keeping in touch with the Central Committee of the S.A.C. in order to avoid any overlapping that might otherwise occur.

### **CORRESPONDENCE WITH OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.**

All letters must be addressed to officers by name at the addresses given on the cover, and should be sent as follows :

#### **TO THE HONORARY TREASURER.**

Those concerning subscriptions, membership, change of address and insurance. All letters should be addressed as follows:—

Hon. Treasurer,

A.B.M.S.A.C.,

c/o Swiss National Tourist Office,  
458 Strand, W.C.2.

See also "Subscriptions" below.

### **TO THE HONORARY SECRETARIES.**

Those concerning the Association Meetings should be sent to Mr. Smith unless otherwise stated.

Those concerning Meets to Mr. Bennett.

Other communications may be made to either Secretary.

### **TO THE HONORARY EDITOR.**

Articles and other information for the Annual Report.

### **TO THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN.**

Letters should be sent to his private address.

Books should be returned to him at the Alpine Club.

(For further details - see "Library" below).

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

The subscription to the Association (which is due on January 1st each year) is £1 for Town Member and 10/- for Country Member. A Country Member is one who resides outside a radius of 50 miles of Charing Cross. There is no entrance fee. Life Membership costs £16.16s.0d. for Town Members and £8.8s.0d. for Country Members.

Members who have not paid by March 31st will cease to be entitled to any of the privileges of membership and notices of meets and meetings will not be sent to them.

Resignations from the S.A.C. must be sent to the Hon. Treasurer before December 15th, as, unless they are received by the Central Committee in Switzerland by December 31st, the subscription for the ensuing year is deemed to be due and will be claimed by the S.A.C.

### **THE LIBRARY.**

The library is now installed in the basement of the Alpine Club building at 74, South Audley Street, W.1. where the monthly meetings of the Association are held. It will thus be convenient for members to look at the books before and after meetings and to borrow the two or three which appeal to them. Visits during normal office hours are also permissible, but the S.A.C. membership card must be presented; the postal service will be continued.

Books should not be retained for more than four to six weeks. In the case of guide books and maps borrowed between February and August return within a fortnight is expected in the interests of the many who may wish to consult them at that time of the year. Contributions to the heavy expenses of the postal service will be welcomed.

## Roll of Honour

1914 - 1918

A. C. ADAMS	E. DOUGLAS MURRAY
RALPH N. ADAMS	T. D. OVERTON
A. BLACKWOOD-PORTER	E. S. PHILLIPS
R. BREWITT-TAYLOR	A. I. PRITCHARD
A. B. CHALLIS	C. J. REID
W. CROWE	L. D. SAUNDERS
N. S. DONE	C. R. M. SEBAG-
BERNARD ELLIS	MONTEFIORE
G. T. EWEN	R. D. SQUIRES
J. H. B. FLETCHER	R. K. STIRLING
K. G. GARNETT	C. A. STURDY
T. H. GOOD	ROGER E. THOMPSON
CYRIL HARTREE	W. M. VINCENT
C. E. KING-CHURCH	KENNETH WILCOX
M. MILEY (Junior)	H. D. WILLIS

1939 - 1945

J. CARR	P. R. P. MIERS
ALAN CLARK	M. R. C. OVERTON
K. W. GRAHAM	G. W. M. SWALLOW
T. C. LARKWORTHY	J. MORIN ( <i>Hon. Member</i> )

**LIST OF OFFICERS  
SINCE THE FORMATION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

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**Presidents**

- 1909-1911 Clinton Dent.  
1912-1922 A. E. W. Mason.  
1923-1926 Dr. H. L. R. Dent.  
1927-1930 Brigadier-General The Hon. C. G. Bruce,  
C.B., M.V.O.  
1931-1933 W. M. Roberts, O.B.E.  
1934-1936 A. N. Andrews.  
1937-1945 C. T. Lehmann.  
1946-1948 Dr. N. S. Finzi.  
1949-1951 Gerald Steel, C.B.  
1952-1953 Colonel E. R. Culverwell, M.C.  
1954-1956 F. R. Crepin.  
1957-1959 Geo. Starkey.  
1960- B. L. Richards, G.M.

**Vice-Presidents**

(from 1948)

- 1948 Gerald Steel, C.B., and Colonel E. R. Culverwell,  
M.C.  
1949 Colonel E. R. Culverwell, M.C., and Brigadier  
E. Gueterbock.  
1950 Colonel E. R. Culverwell, M.C., Rev. G. H.  
Lancaster (died April, 1950), and Dr. C. F.  
Fothergill.  
1951-52 Dr. C. F. Fothergill and Lieut.-Colonel A. E.  
Tydeman.  
1953 Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Tydeman and J. R. Amphlett.  
1954-55 J. R. Amphlett and Robert Greg.  
1956 Robert Greg and Dr. J. W. Healy.  
1957-58 Dr. J. W. Healy and B. L. Richards, G.M.  
1959 B. L. Richards, G.M., and Dr. A. W. Barton.  
1960- Dr. A. W. Barton and Mr. D. G. Lambley, F.R.C.S.

Prior to 1948 the Vice-Presidents of the Association did not hold office for any definite period, and in the majority of cases, once elected, held office for life. In later years, with few exceptions, only those who had held office as President were elected Vice-Presidents. In 1947 it was considered that this system was not satisfactory and that in future there should be two Vice-Presidents only who, like the President, should not hold office for longer than three years in succession. At the Annual General Meeting in 1947 the existing Vice-Presidents were created Honorary Vice-Presidents, and as such hold office for life subject to re-election at each Annual General Meeting. The following were Vice-Presidents of the Association between 1909 and 1948:—

Dr. O. K. Williamson.  
 H. G. Pulling.  
 J. A. B. Bruce.  
 Dr. H. L. R. Dent.  
 A. E. W. Mason.  
 Brigadier-General The Hon. C. G. Bruce, C.B., M.V.O.  
 Sir R. Leonard Powell.  
 C. T. Lehmann.  
 W. M. Roberts, O.B.E.  
 A. N. Andrews.  
 Sir William Ellis, G.B.E.  
 F. W. Cavey.

#### Honorary Secretaries

1909-1911	J. A. B. Bruce and Gerald Steel.
1912-1919	E. B. Harris and A. N. Andrews.
1920-1922	A. N. Andrews and N. E. Odell.
1923-1928	A. N. Andrews and W. M. Roberts.
1929-1930	W. M. Roberts and M. N. Clarke.
1931-1944	M. N. Clarke and F. W. Cavey.
1945-1948	M. N. Clarke and F. R. Crepin.
1949-1953	F. R. Crepin and George Starkey.
1954-1956	George Starkey and R. C. J. Parker.
1957-1958	R. C. J. Parker and H. McArthur.
1959-1960	R. C. J. Parker and F. E. Smith.
1961-	F. E. Smith and M. Bennett.

### **Honorary Treasurers**

- 1909-1911 C. E. King-Church.  
1912-1925 J. A. B. Bruce.  
1926-1954 C. T. Lehmann.  
1954-1957 J. R. Amphlett.  
1957 F. R. Crepin.

### **Honorary Auditors**

- 1909-1914 A. B. Challis.  
1915-1922 Reginald Graham.  
1923-1930 W. L. Adams.  
1931-1940 F. Oughton.  
1941-1952 J. A. Marsden-Neye.  
1953-1956 S. E. Orchard.  
1957 R. A. Tyssen-Gee.

### **Honorary Librarians**

- 1909-1918 J. A. B. Bruce.  
1919-1928 C. T. Lehmann.  
1929-1932 A. N. Andrews.  
1933-1938 George Anderson.  
1939-1952 S. de V. Merriman.  
1953 C. J. France.

### **Honorary Solicitors**

- 1909-1932 E. R. Taylor.  
1933 Sir Edwin Herbert, K.B.E.

### **Honorary Editor**

*(created 1949)*

- 1949 M. N. Clarke.

Prior to 1949 the duties of the Hon. Editor were carried out by one of the Hon. Secretaries.

### **Assistant Honorary Treasurer**

*(created 1949)*

- 1949 A. G. Schofield.

LIST OF MEMBERS  
of the  
Association of British Members  
of the  
Swiss Alpine Club  
(Corrected up to 6th January, 1961.)

*For privacy individual names and addresses have been removed.  
Names and addresses can be obtained, for research purposes only, by reference  
to the Editor or going to the hard copies in AC library in London.*

700 Members, of whom 83 are Life Members on the Retired List,  
12 Retired under Rule 15b, 9 Honorary Members, 531 Ordinary  
Members and 65 Life Members on the Active List.



## H O N . M E M B E R S .

*(Included in the List of Members).*

*The President of the Swiss Alpine Club (ex-officio).*

Bircher, Dr. Ernest.

Clarke, M. N., 'A.C.' (*Monte Rosa*), (*Hon. Secretary, 1929-1948*).

D'Arcis, Edmond (*Geneva*).

Daeniker, *His Excellency Monsieur, the Swiss Ambassador.*

Eggler, Dr. Albert (*Bern*).

Geiger, Hermann (*Monte Rosa*).

Hunt, Brigadier Sir John, C.B.E., D.S.O., 'A.C.' (*Oberhasli*).

Mariétan, Abbé Dr. Ignace (*Monte Rosa*).

## K I N D R E D C L U B S

The Alpine Club, 74, South Audley Street, W.1.

Alpine Climbing Group, Hon. Sec., E. A. Wrangham, Harehope Hall, Alnwick, Northumberland.

Alpine Ski Club, Hon. Sec., Jeremy Debenham, 22, Old Burlington Street, W. 1.

Ladies' Alpine Club, Hon. Sec., Miss M. Darvall, Heath Houth, Lyndhurst Terrace, Hampstead, N.W.3.

American Alpine Club, Hon. Sec., Henry S. Hall, Junior, 154, Coolidge Hill, Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A.

American Association of Swiss Alpine Club Members, Hon. Sec-Treasurer, Julien Cornell, Central Valley, New York, U.S.A.

Cambridge University Mountaineering Club, c/o The Wherry Library, St. John's College, Cambridge.

Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland (Mountaineering Section), Hon. Sec., G. H. Watkins, 9, Primrose Mansions, Prince of Wales Drive, S.W.11.

Climbers' Club, Hon. Sec., A. Blackshaw, 4, St. George's Square, S.W.1.

- Fell and Rock Climbing Club (London Section), Miss Mabel Burton, 32, The Chase, Coulsdon, Surrey.
- Fell and Rock Climbing Club, C. S. Tilly, Park House, Greatham, Co. Durham.; W. E. Kendrick, Customs and Excise, Fairfield Road, Lancaster (Hut and Meet Secretary).
- Glasgow University Mountaineering Club, Hon. Sec., c/o University Union, Glasgow, W.2.
- Imperial College Mountaineering Club, Hon. Sec., c/o Imperial College Union, Prince Consort Road, S.W.7.
- Irish Mountaineering Club, Hon. Sec., L. H. Quinlan, 42, Highfield Road, Rathgar, Dublin.
- Manchester University Mountaineering Club, Hon. Sec., c/o The University Union, Manchester, 15.
- Midland Association of Mountaineers, D. G. Smith, 32, Silhill Hall Road, Solihull, Warwickshire.
- Mountain Club of Kenya, P.O. Box 5741, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa.
- Oxford University Mountaineering Club, c/o School of Geography, Mansfield Road, Oxford.
- Rucksack Club, Hon. Sec., J. E. Byrom, Highfield, Douglas Road, Hazel Grove, Cheshire.
- Ski Club of Great Britain, 118, Eaton Square, S.W.1.
- The Mountain Club, Hon. Sec., Miss Jean Turner, 83, Wolverhampton Road, Stafford.
- Yorkshire Ramblers' Club, Hon. Sec., E. C. Downham, 1, Crestville Road, Clayton, Bradford, Yorks.
- Scottish Mountaineering Club, B. R. Higgins, 406, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, C.2.
- South Africa, Mountain Club of, P.O. Box 164, Cape Town, South Africa.
- Wayfarers' Club, Hon. Sec., S. T. Wright, 3, Buttermere Avenue, Bidston, Birkenhead.
- Ladies' Scottish Climbing Club, Hon. Sec., Mrs. Bell, 3, Park Place, Clackmannan.
- Ladies' Swiss Alpine Club, President, Frl. Fridy Baumann, Zinggentorstrasse 8, Lucerne, Switzerland.
- Himalayan Club, P.O. Box 9049, Calcutta.
- British Mountaineering Council, Hon. Sec., T. H. Sinclair, 107, Abingdon Road, W.8.
- Swiss National Tourist Office, 458, Strand, W.C.2.

## SWISS ALPINE CLUB SECTIONS

- Altels Section: Edward Ludi, Posthalter Kandersteg. Subscription £2 17s. 0d. Entrance fee 17s.
- Bern Section: Hans Baumgartner, Bankbeamter, Zeerlederstrasse 3, Bern. Subscription £3 6s. 0d.
- Bernina Section: M. Schellenberg, Zuoz. Subscription £3 1s. 0d. Entrance fee 11s. 9d.
- Diablerets Section: Georges Augsburg, Bureau St. Pierre 3, Lausanne. Subscription £2 14s. 6d. Entrance fee 17s.
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