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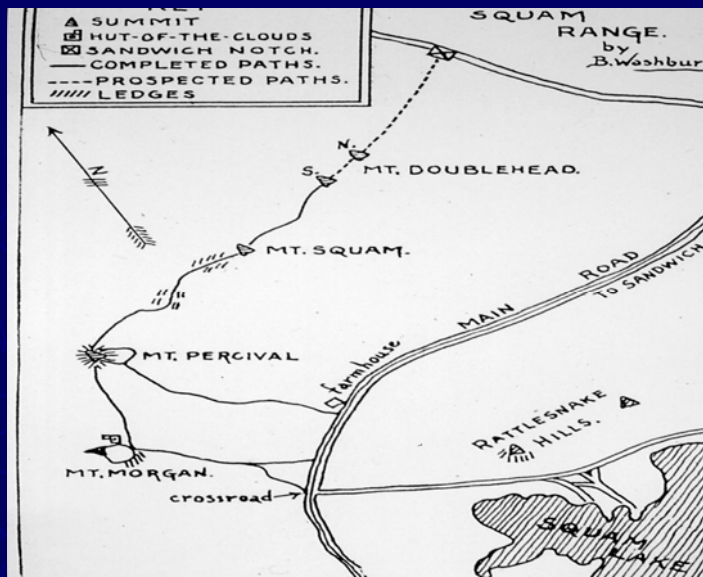
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November 29, 2006

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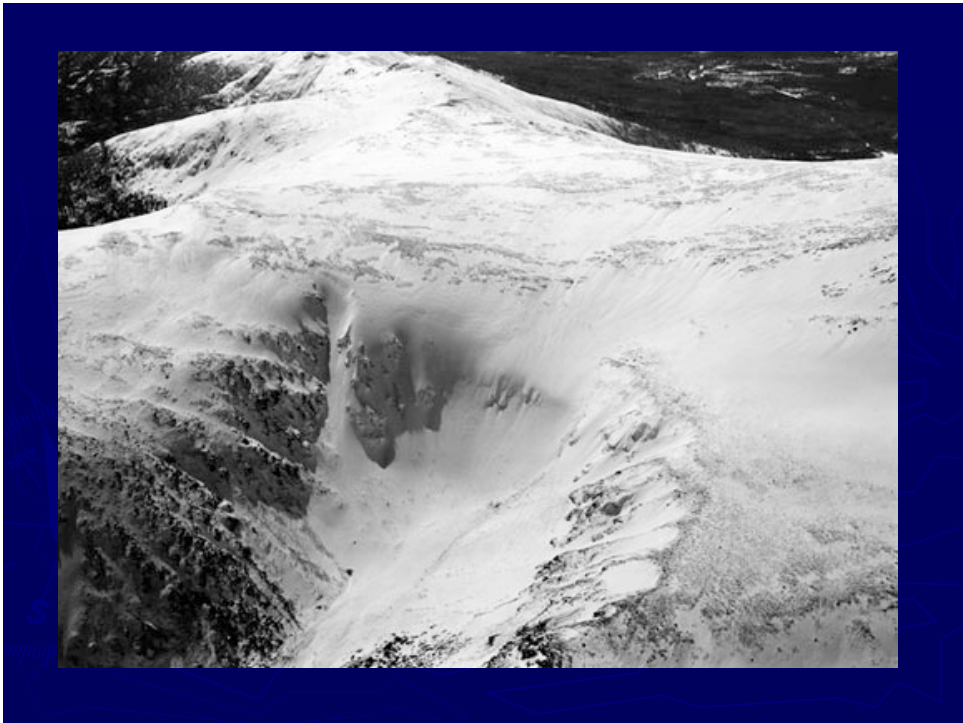
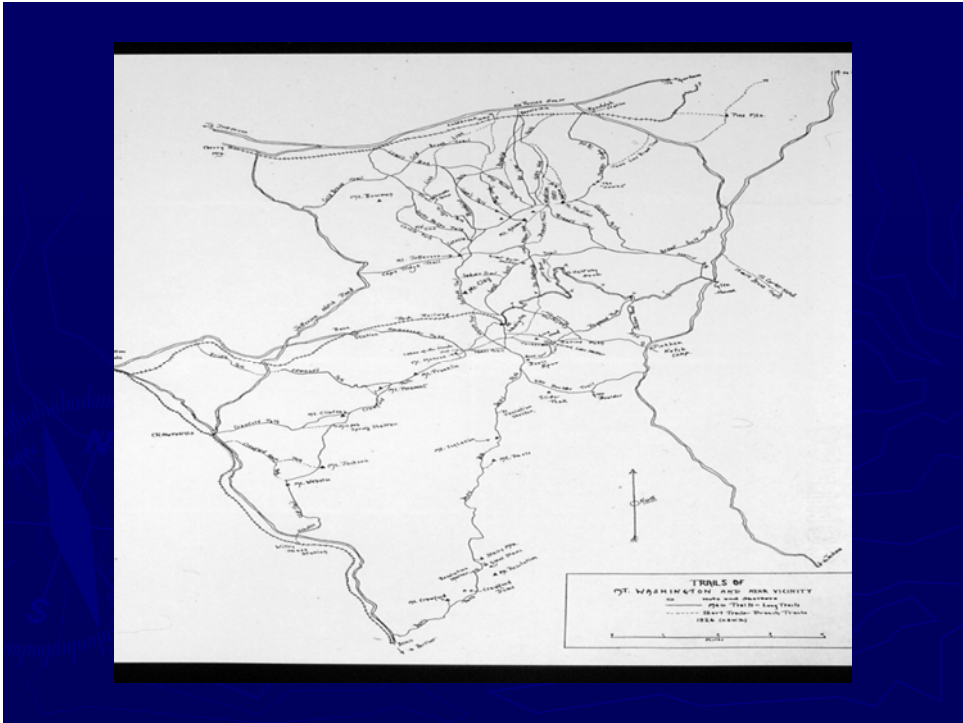
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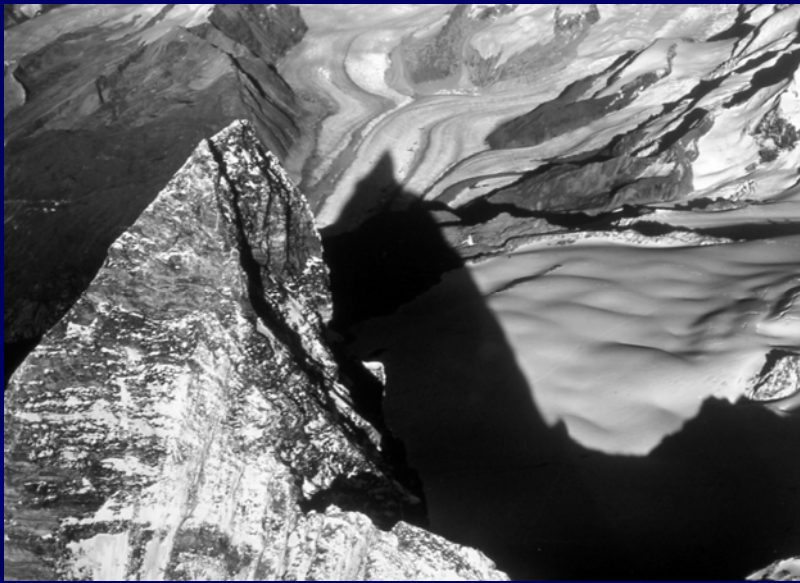
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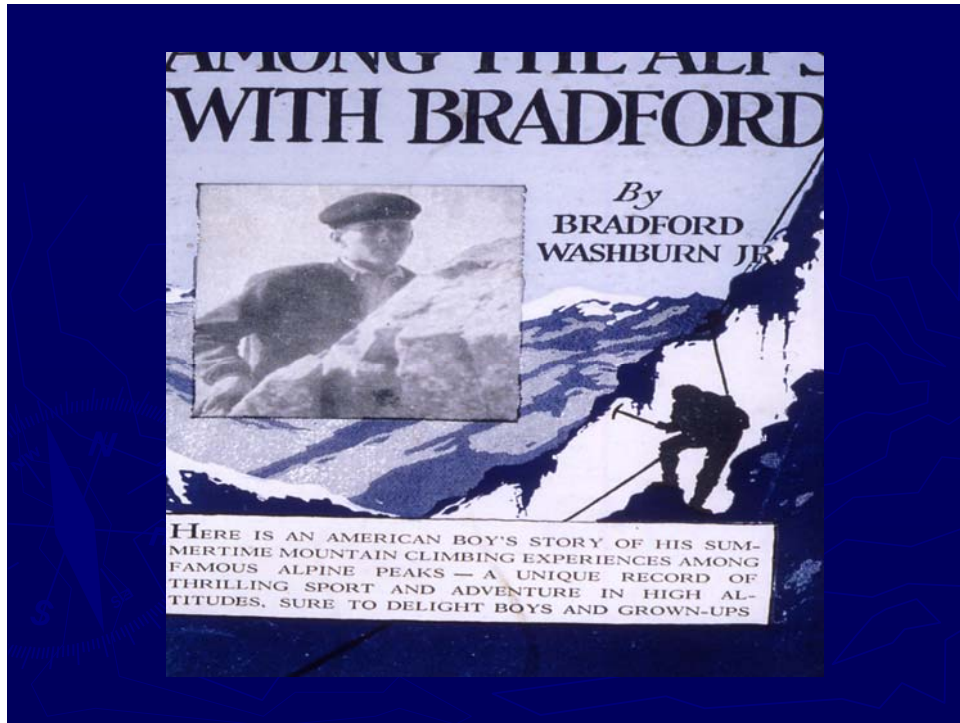
Dear Sir,

Isn't this a very paper? Mother first gave it to me; I am, as well as giving of some facts, going to ask a few questions, which, I hope, will be answered in a return letter. How do the mountains look? Is there snow on Chocoma yet? Is there snow on Sandwich dome? (The mountain right behind the Squam Range with two poorly-defined peaks. Here is the view as you see it with Sandwich underlined.)

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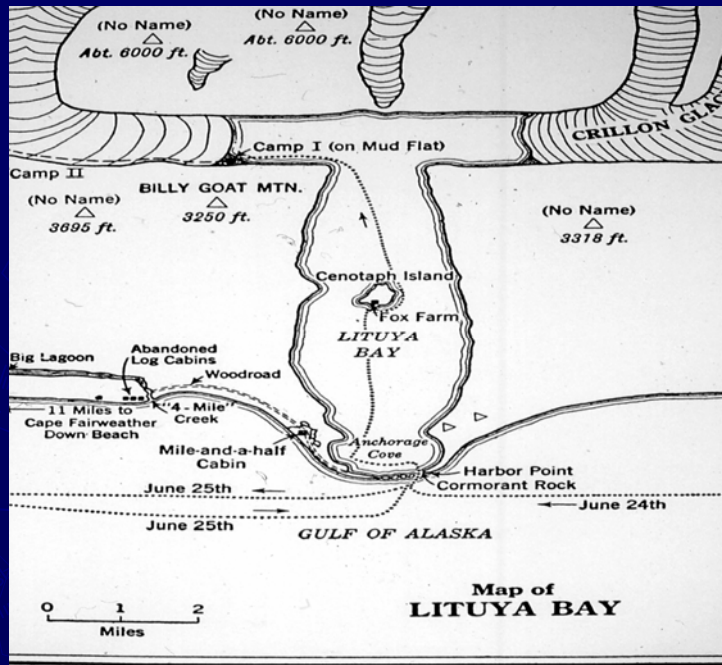


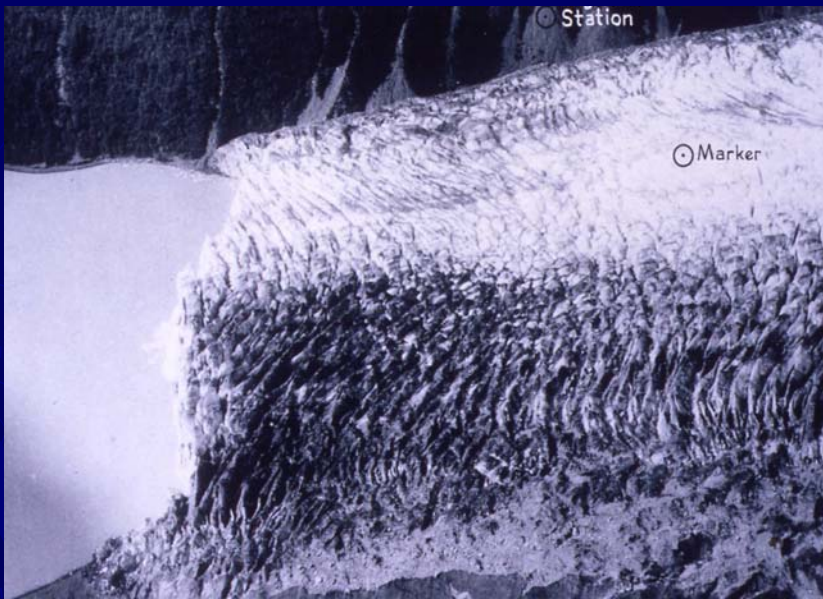


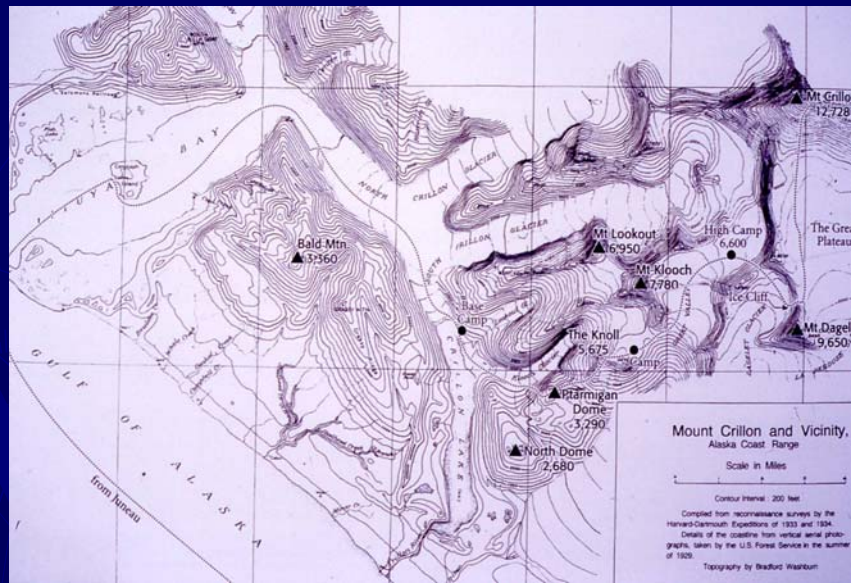


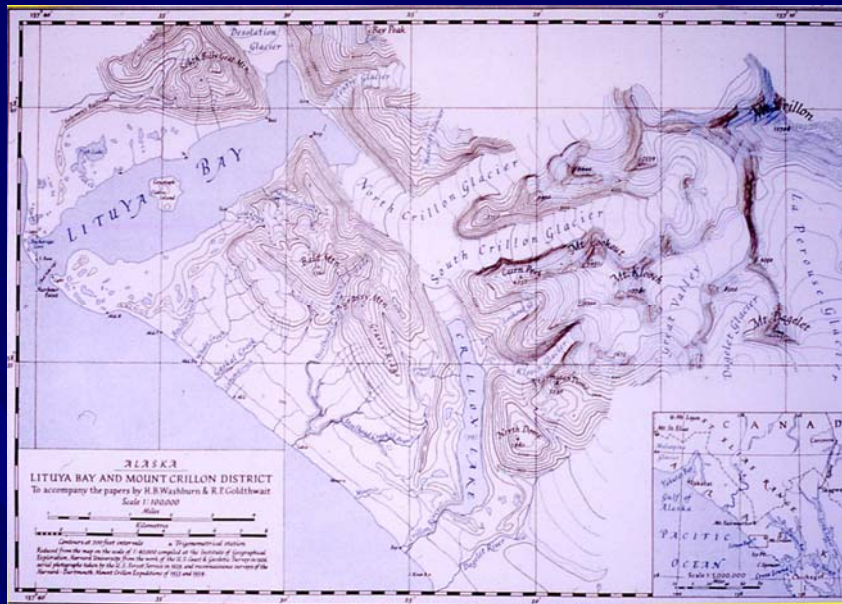
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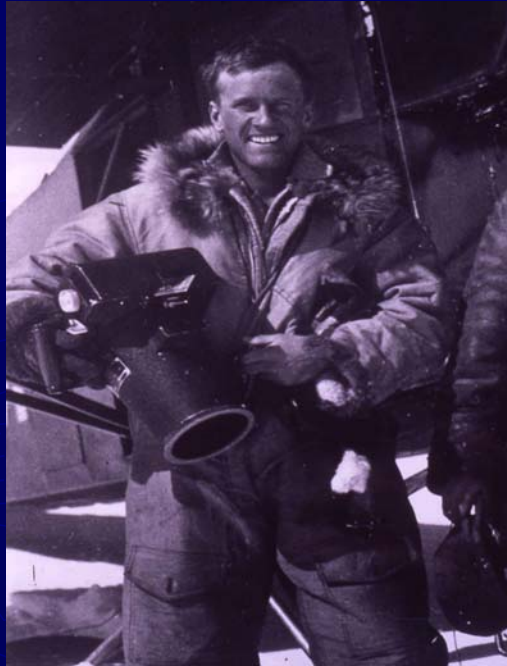
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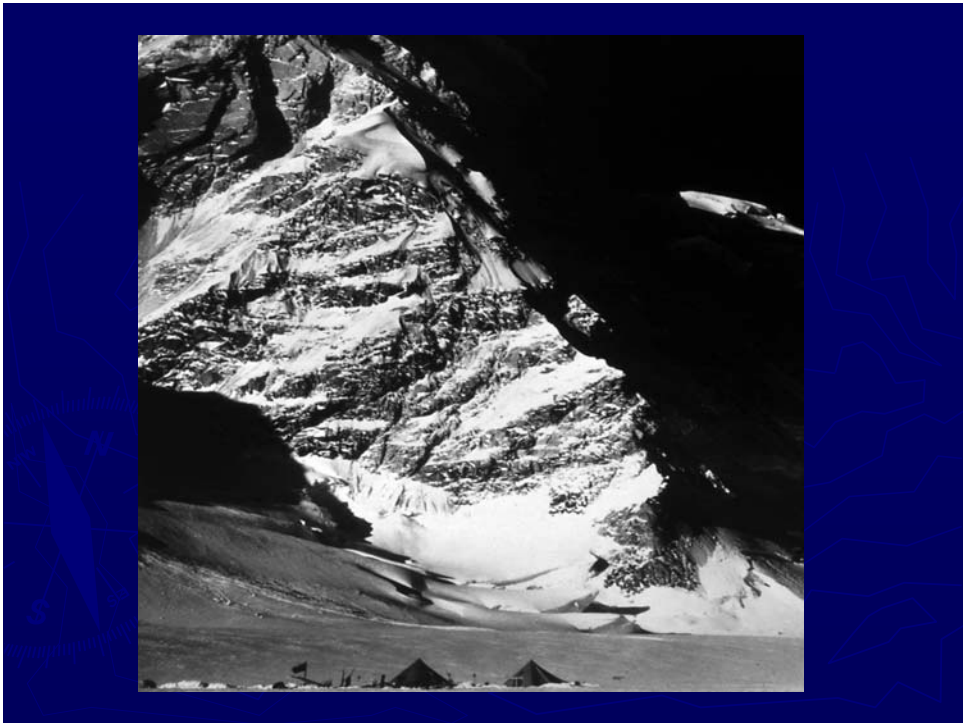
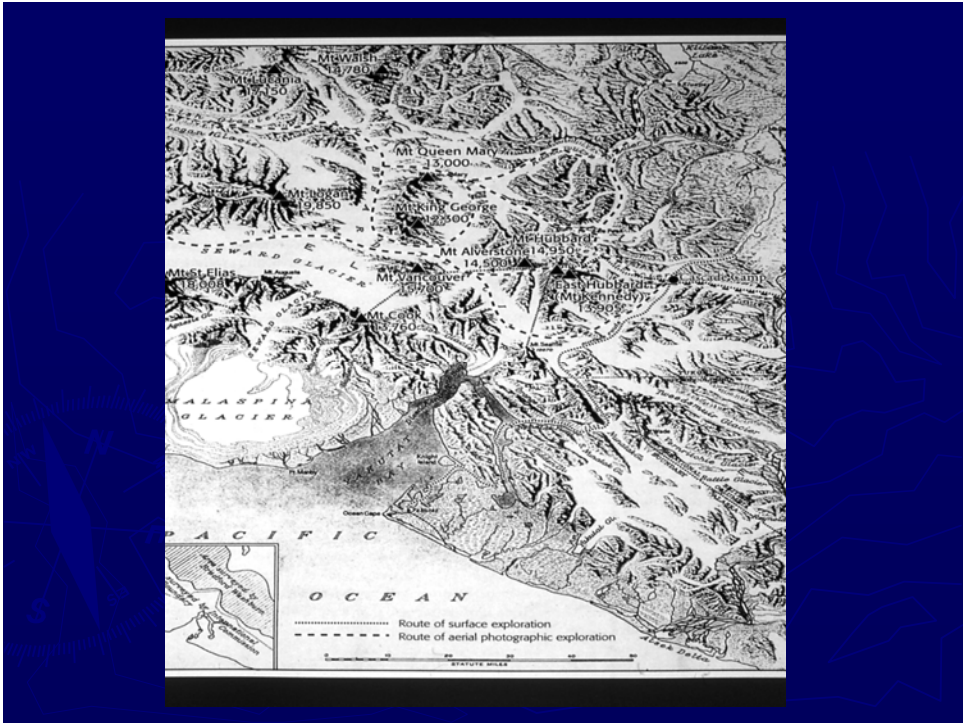




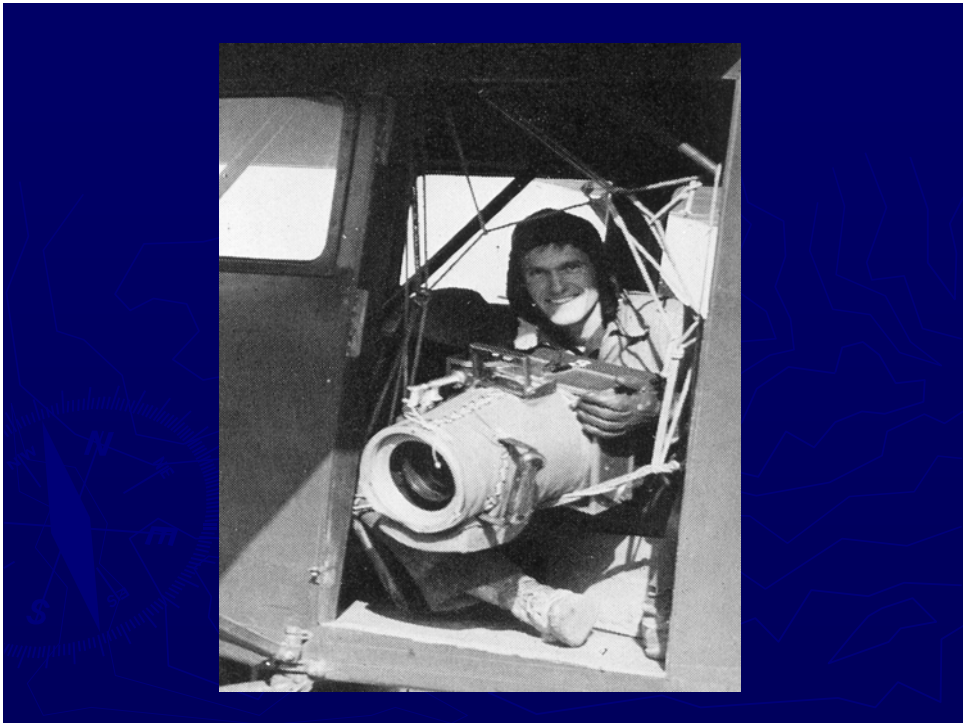










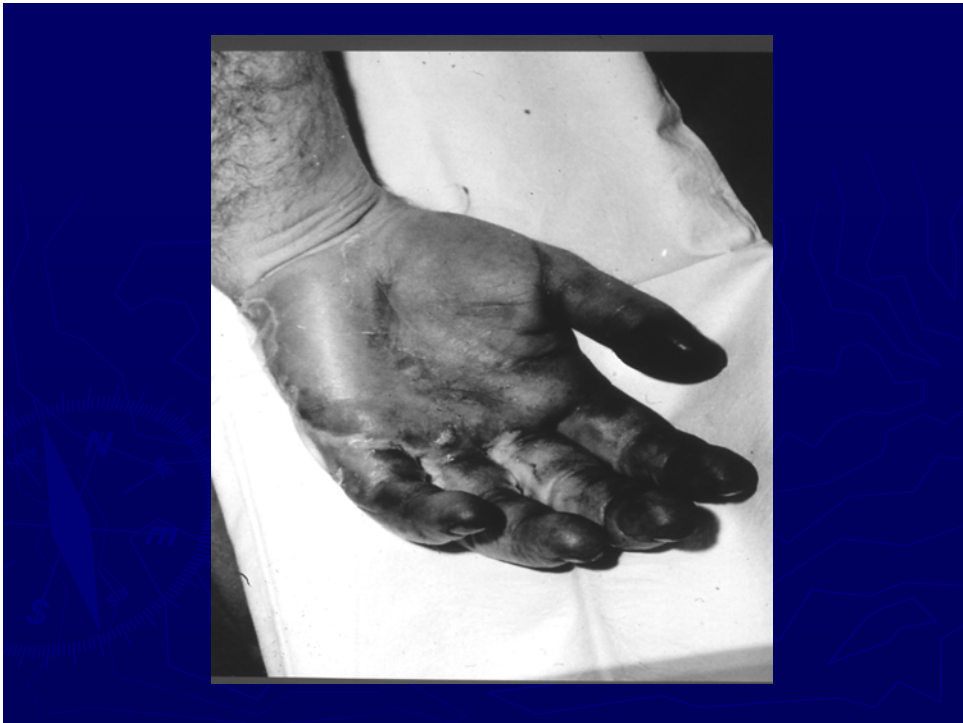




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The War Years





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August 30, 1943

REPORT ON A.A.F. MATERIEL CENTER, WRIGHT FIELD

1. It is reported that the direction and initiative of Officers of the Equipment Laboratory, Materiel Center, charged with the development of emergency equipment and flying clothing is inadequate.
2. Previous investigations are said to have resulted in clever "whitewashing" and reassignment of incompetent personnel to simulate reform, with but little real benefit.
3. These conditions are believed to result from:
 - (a) Lack of attention of the Staff organization to the importance of a high standard of safety and physical comfort and their effect on efficiency and morale.
 - (b) Lack of competent and experienced personnel for research, development and procurement of flying clothing and emergency equipment.
 - (c) Almost complete absence of liaison with our Air Forces in the theatres of war.
4. It is recommended that an impartial investigation by competent air operations and intelligence personnel of Staff rank be initiated immediately. Should the result verify the above allegations, incompetent or obstructionist personnel should be transferred or removed from any part of the Materiel Command.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 28, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR

HARRY HOPKINS: x4117

The enclosed comes from a civilian source, in no way connected with the Air Corps. You might like to take it up with Hap Arnold.

F.D.R.

Unsigned memorandum, dated 8/30/43 - "Report on A.A.F. Materiel Center, Wright Field."

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Alaskan Test Expedition After Completion of Field Work

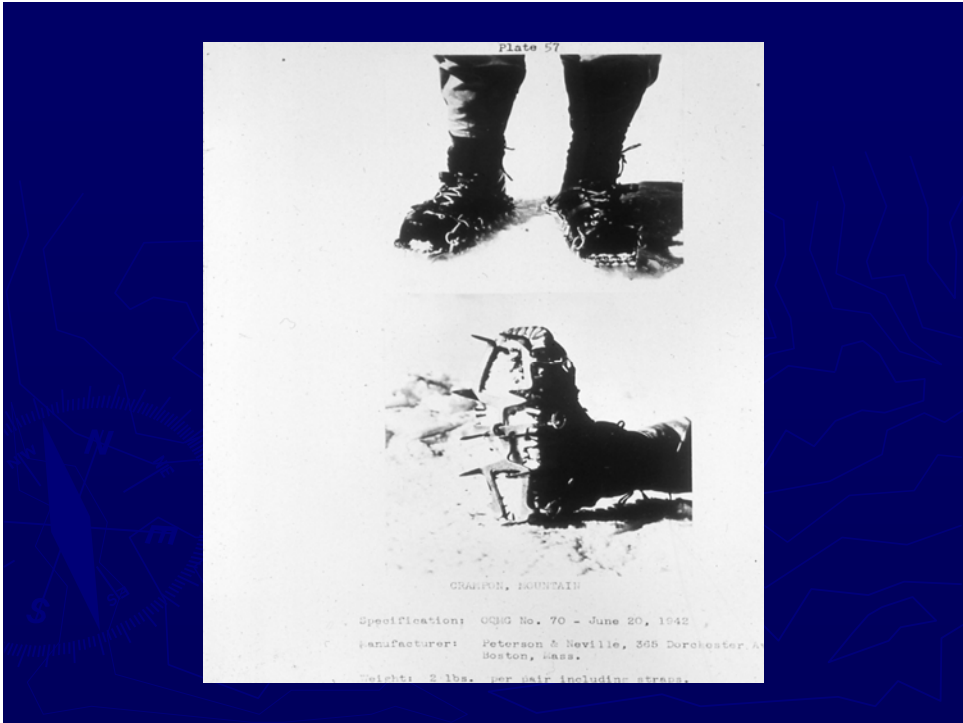
First row left to right: Robert H. Bates, Captain, QMC; Peter Webb, Flight, Lt., Canadian Air Corps; Frank G. Marchman, Lt. Col., QMC, Commanding Expedition; Einar Nilsson, Expert Consultant, QMC; Bradford Washburn, Adm. Officer, A.C.

Second row left to right: Mr. Terris Moore, Expert Consultant, QMC; Harold T. Lund, Captain A.C.; Jack Bollerud, Captain, M.C.; Sterling B. Hendricks, Chemist, Department of Agriculture; Albert H. Jackman, Captain, F.A.

Rear row: Peter Gabriel, Sgt. Infantry; Wilbur Musser, Sgt. A.C.

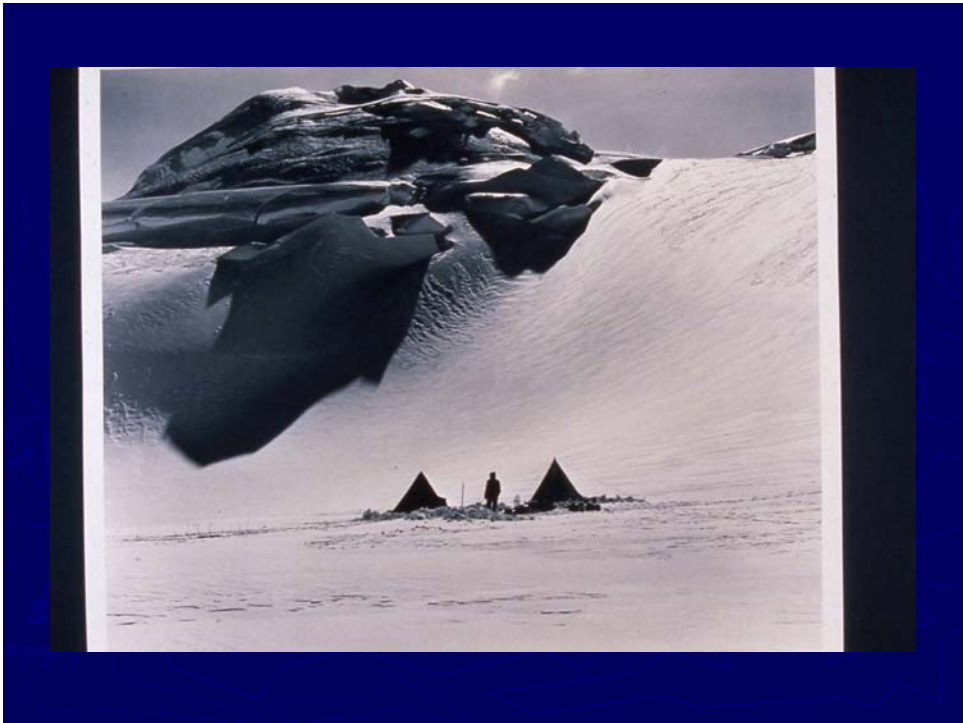
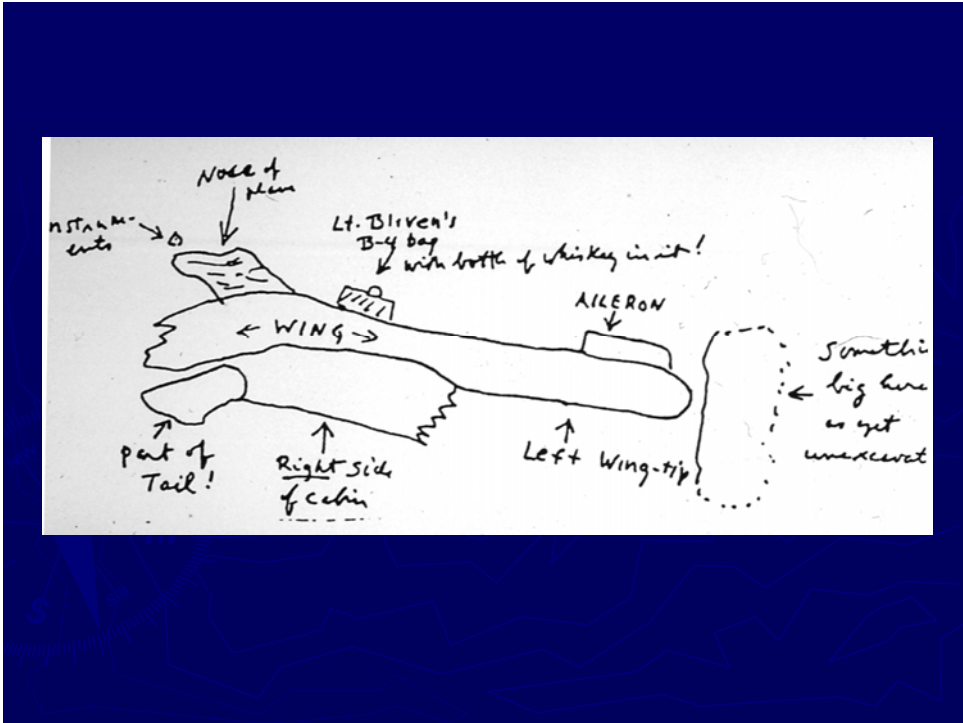
Members of the expedition absent at time of photograph: Rex Gibson, Captain, Canadian Army; Waldo D. Elmer, Second Lt., Signal Corps; Paul B. Hansen, Second Lt., Air Corps; Walter A. Wood, Expert Consultant, QMC; Goddard, Sgt., QMC.











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Denali



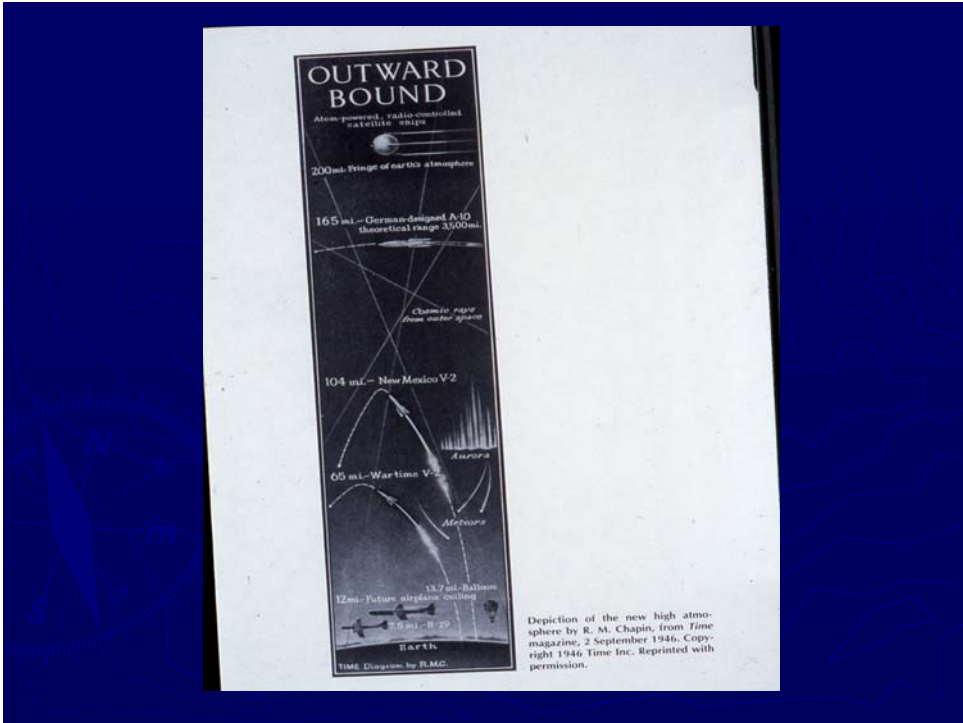




Fig. 3. Millikan-Neher type cosmic ray electroscope, in 10 cm lead shield, on top of El Misti, 19200 feet (about 5850 meters) in southern Peru.



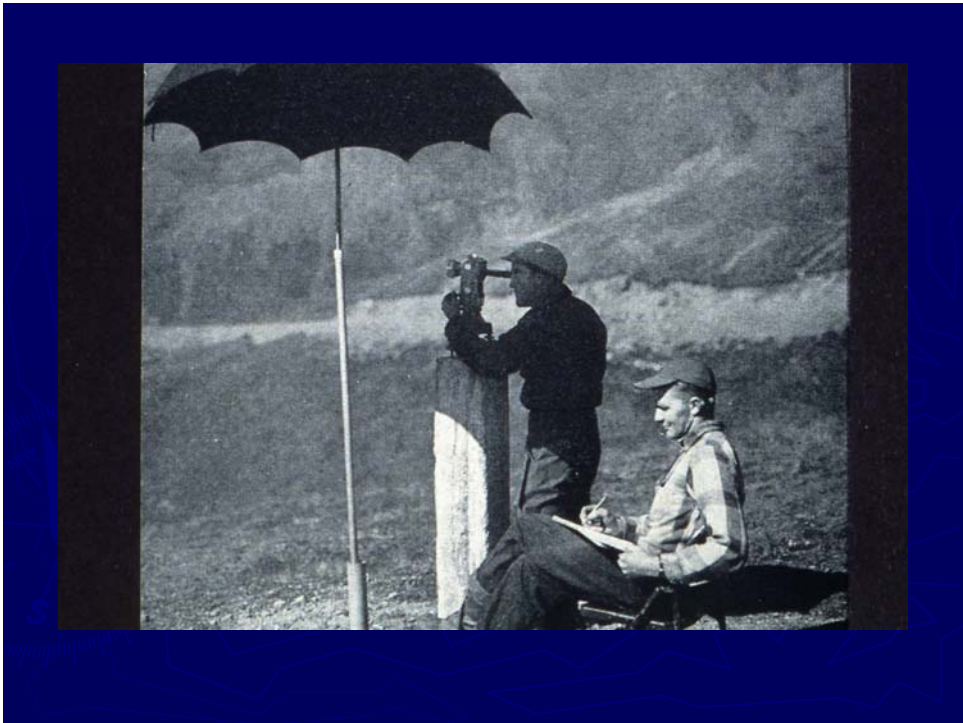


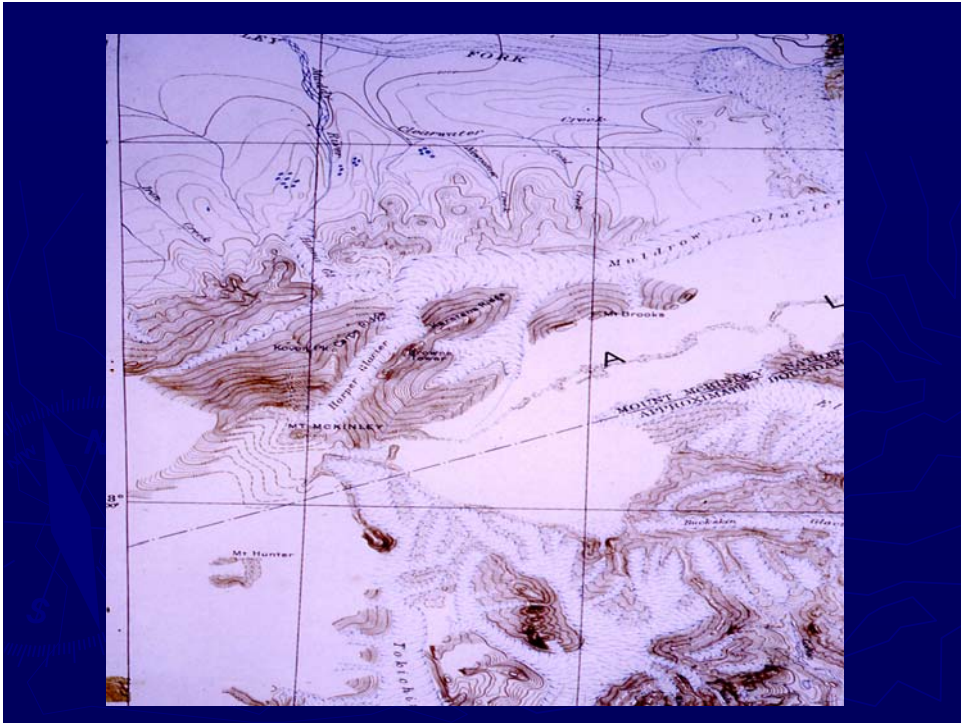












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Landscapes and Legacies





