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The Arawella Trip [1934/35]

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Miss Scott

Miss Graham

Miss Cox

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*Mrs R. M. L. Roberts has an excellent account of this trip
in the N.Z.A.S. Vol VI. No 22 1957.*

* not only
which enable active climbers to *

* notes of many islands of Melanesia *

* there was a tunnel thro' the glacier and *

Par Avion.

Rather a nice leading title, as when I had the opportunity
of visiting New Zealand 1934 in the summer of 1934/5 I did not fly
to New Zealand. As a matter of fact ^{at that time} it did not save much time, if any,
as when I was out there I had a special circulation permit - sent out of my
mail & received ^{the} covering letter before it. It is to describe the way
that made, even 10 years ago, of the alpine zone in its accessible
parts of the New Zealand Alps, ^{of} ^{the} ^{mountain} ^{active} ^{climber} ^{may} ^{go} ^{to}
save the time spent over in getting a camp in, probably a week at least,
& ^{to} ^{be} ^{used} ^{for} ^{climbing}, but ^{also} ^{which} ^{allows} those who are
beyond the time of life when a heavy work is possible, to get to
know a district they had often wished to visit & to ^{mean}
see climbing as may be within their power & will probably ^{be} a
fine ascent.

It was indeed an experience that might be compared to what
the ^{Maori} had experienced when they passed from a Stone Age
existence to the civilization of the 20th Century ^{in a few years}. In this article
I have written for the Journal, I was describing climbing in
New Zealand when it might well be compared to
climbing from the Rhone Valley ^{with us a mile fall from the lake of Geneva} without any made path,
to say nothing of the carriage road ^{and not even that} or railway, any way
of the valleys leading to the Alps & glaciers & plateaus & not-
the rougher land shed that might provide some shelter
if any for stores. In this time ^{the} ^{all} ^{the} ^{rivers} ^{had} ^{been}
bridged ^{by} ^{the} ^{FOX} & a motor service ran down to FOX the FOX & glacier

HAAST

MERCER

newly

CULLING

In 1974 D. J. ... had ...
 in the ... flight. ...
 for ...

This was extended to the KARANGARUA & will ^{be} taken down
 to the Haast & then across the range to the Cold Lakes
 of Haigo, ^{and connect with} the main north-south ~~main~~ railway & roads
 of the South Island. Bud. a Capt. Mercer was flying a
 regular service up & down the coast-parallel with an
 main service & could always arrange for a small party
 to fly from Christchurch over the Alps to the West-
 Coast, I was it & went again to Haigo the road & rail
 on East-Coast again. As magnificent a flight as could
~~be~~ be found anywhere.

He had made a speciality of landing deer stalkers
 on the star flats which occur on ^{newly} all the West-Coast-
 Rivers above the lower gorges where they were in the
 heart of deer country where deer needed to be kept down
 & a man might be paid for culling there.

It is not surprising that New Zealand Climbers were
 among the first to turn to the use of planes to help
 them to overcome the weary work of "swagging in"
 which took so many precious days of a holiday or
 at all events & dropping their stores well up the
 valley. The first attempt was not a success
 the party were unable to obtain a ^{small} ~~small~~ parachute
 parachute, which a local man could copy: at the
 last moment they got a drawing, but it did not
 make clear that string should ^{not} only pass through

the parachutes

SWAGS

relaying a series of Swags.

* Some of the d. trees resembling
Austrian trees in every respect to Canada.*

* It has been in my possession for more than
2 years. Ans*

The cyclet-holes ^{had also} be fastened on the top. ^{the parachutes} ^{They} had already started when ^{the parachutes} they arrived with tin strings tied to the cyclet-holes, with the result - that they all tore out. Meanwhile the party with comparatively light swags were making their way up the river to the small flat where their tin & swags were to be dropped, rejoicing that they had not to be continually dropping ^{Swags} ~~swags~~ ^{Swags} ~~swags~~ & going back to bring other ones along. When they got to the place instead of neatly packed parcels within parachutes attached they found the ^{flat littered} ~~whole scattered~~ different things most of which had been broken. However they were a pretty determined party, & by dint of dint of scraping some hard-billy beef of the rocks, collecting their butter with a spoon & washing & drying their rice & dried vegetables they managed to make a very successful visit though hampered & shot ~~down~~ common. However the aeroplane ~~to~~ had come to stay & Capt. Moore has several times been able to drop supplies to parties held up by flooded rivers.

I had ~~went out~~ by one the smaller N.Z. Shipping Co's boat ^{through} by the Panama Canal while I had ~~been~~ ~~wanted~~ 2-3 ^{See} ~~See~~, taking a 5 year old Morris 14 with me. As it's ^{market} value was only 10, I had ^{no duty} ~~nothing~~ to pay on it & I found it invaluable & did all my travelling for the cost of petrol & a few minor repairs. The success of my ~~car~~

is only £1. I found it ~~unavailable~~ ^a most convenient & best source of
motif for to say nothing of the freedom it gave me.

I sold it for £12 before I left.

I landed in Oct after a voyage so calm that my men
did not see a g. law more on the table. After visiting
some friends & getting a bit of fishing. I ~~then~~ moved
over the blair which is certainly what I say in fine
weather. I stayed with D. Teitelbaum in Hokkaido

& looked up a number of old friends. The thing that struck
me most was the extraordinary difference in the look of
the farms. When I had left nearly half a year before
the district ^{had} ~~was~~ just been opened up & everything was
pretty rough. Where land had been cleared many of
the old tree stumps were still lying about & there
was plenty of feed, it was all rough grazing.

The cattle just cows. No other flocks were
obtainable just clean pasture & the cattle showed
a large Jersey strain, comfortable houses were everywhere
& decent sheds. I asked one man what he put it
down to as there was obviously more than hard work
and his answer was the "motif lovey". In the old
days before the blair turned fertilizers were not

any too expensive, but ^{the only transport from the} when ~~you could not get~~
^{railway} ~~was~~ ⁱⁿ ~~by~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{for about 10 miles} ~~by~~ ^{with} a river
to find ~~that~~ ~~was~~ ~~his~~ ~~small~~ ~~bit~~ ~~of~~ ~~any~~ ~~use~~. Now a motor
the necessary business & his work up to the farm.

will make several journeys with my sheep & bring up a big load. load.
 When I got further South it was almost more noticeable
 farmers who began had to drive sheep ^{80 miles} to a fortnightly market-
 in Haha HOKITIKA 80 miles & feed several big ewins
 even if they did not miss the market. with their a flooded
 river had our travel worn animals & I sold in a market-
 that my second ^{had} small population. Now their sons
 were loading lumber in double decker ~~to~~ lorries in
 the afternoon which I saw them left HOKITIKA where
 they were fed on the train & sold next morning
 at the great Addington yard & freezing ^{works} ~~works~~ near
 Christchurch, on the other side of the Island.

In the Dec 13 I went down the Graham very comfortable
 Hotel at the Waikato which was to my head quarters
 for the next two or three months. There I was with
 old friends & had many a chat over old times.

I repeated a trip over Graham Saddle to the Hermitage &
 back ^{up to Hooker to the GARDNER Hut & by} ~~to~~ the Coleridge
 which had been my first trip in the New Zealand Alps
 over thirty years before ago. back.

I had a very jolly trip up the Fox Cañon near
 our old site, we made an attempt on Mt. Jorvis which
 failed partly owing to bad weather, but I found that I
 could ^{not} so the fact that was necessary & I can lay an
 attempt on Mt. Jorvis over Indefelt-benue I have

ADDINGTON

WAIHO

GRAHAM'S
 BAKERS

HERMITAGE
 HOOKER

COPLAND

TORRES

TASMAN LINDENFELT

CALLERY
BUSTER

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I could not go just enough. The other two climbed it successfully
& I was watching them curiously & had a great regard for them
on their return. Once again I remembered Endured ten
dreams of a last day in ^{small} ~~the~~ high on the ~~of~~ ~~laurel~~.
Then a trip up the CALLERY over an old overgrown
brush trail that ^{had well} earned its name of "the Buster"
with old days & was as bad a bit of brush-whacking brush
whacking as any one could want. It took us two & a
half days to get to the upper wire suspension bridge, ~~to~~
ways ~~there~~ ~~near~~ a relic of the prospectors of fifty years
ago. When we got there the decking had nearly all gone
however there were enough "spreaders" to keep the two
wire cables apart & the two suspension cables were
intact - ^{still} ~~still~~ ^{with the center} ~~to~~ the cables. Alec Graham got on
on it & fixed a climbing rope to form a handrail.
Then ~~when it ceased~~ ^{to hear} the handrails had ^{disappeared} ~~gone~~ in
the center. It then got across & followed. It was
not too long before when one could keep a foot on each
side ^{center} ~~side~~ of the handrails. As we came to the
center we had only the suspension cable & the side cable
the suspension cables & gradually forced us down till
we were on all fours with our heavy swags threatening
to ^{roll} ~~roll~~ over our heads. I knew enough to keep my
eyes off the torrent raging literally feet below me.
once we got across ~~below~~ the bolt that held the
the center when

I allow myself to do not think any of us would have reached it if Gleason had not gone out so unceremoniously to the hotel to give a wife which might have helped us. I know I disliked the look of it intensely

|| ELIE DE BEAUMONT

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two cables together ^{and where} ~~where~~ for a few inches one could not slide one toward along the suspension cable it was better & we gradually got upright again. Our troubles were over & we got a comfortable camp on little beach on the other side. An idea had been an attempt on Mt. Elie de Beaumont which had never been climbed from the west. Many a time thirty years before I had looked at it carefully from the beach on the inland track & thought I could ^{see where} ~~that~~ it could lay up it. However ^{next morning at breakfast} ~~that evening at supper~~ I broke a molar & the news was trapped. I did not say anything at first & then tried to persuade the others to go on. ~~After the night~~ I knew I could not go on as we should certainly live more nights out before getting to the foot of the climb. I wanted to go back alone & learn to swim with the food that we had got in. However they decided to come out leaving all food that would keep for another trip ^{or} another party. As a matter of fact on the third day bad weather came in for three or four days & I did not feel quite so guilty ^{about} ~~in~~ spiriting the trip. We recrossed the bridge & set off home ^{9th} ~~7th~~ along well that day & by ~~midday~~ ^{midday} next day had crossed a lower bridge & had lunch & a spell on a little sandy beach. I was amused to see ^{the truth of} the old saying "one o' dogger always a dogger" has some who the ^{meat} ~~meat~~ were then they were all off with plates a little ^{lids} ~~lids~~ panning for gold behind ^{any} ~~any~~ big stones & some were gold might have been left. They all got specks of gold

swimming through green paddocks

ALEX GRAHAM

ARAWATTA

While I watched them ^{mused} & mused my tooth. We got back to the hotel at 2 o'clock. All the way up I had been handling my stars that once I got to the hotel I could get my car & drive up the 90 miles to the dentist ^{in Hokitika} instead of a miserable ride up on a horse. I changed & got ready to start when I heard that Capt. Mercer was coming up in the plane & was going on to Hokitika & would probably return that night. We got off at 5 & I was in ^{Hokitika} ~~Hokitika~~ ^{Hyden's chair} ~~at 5:30~~ ^{soon after 6}. I found the dentist & at 7 o'clock we started back & at 8 o'clock I was eating my dinner at the hotel in quite reasonable comfort. It was very quiet tonight & the ~~town~~ ~~still~~ ~~was~~ & I still have a great remembrance of it as a town. On the way back it was amusing to see all the people at the various settlements running out to the landing ground for the mail & ^{pieces} ~~to~~ ~~see~~ ~~the~~ ~~mail~~ & I wife. The most interesting thing to me was to get a birds eye view of roads & prosperous farms where before I heard almost unbroken forest with tracks leading to a couple of farm holdings down the river, & to buy & identify certain fossils in the creek ^{when all is a creek} where I could see usually to see some of the best. Two ladies a Mrs. ^{M.A.} Robb & a Mrs. ^{M.B.} Scott who had done a good deal of work on the coast with Alice Graham came to the hotel & asked me if I would join them on a trip up the Arawatta 150 miles to the south. A river about 100 miles into Jackson's Bay & after running 30 miles inland up the JACKSON'S

of glaciers from the lower peaks of the low Matukituki

from the other side of the
MATUKITUKI
Bad bad weather spoiled the trip

* WAHOTOTO the river north of the Arawatta
to mark the first attempt on Mt. Aspiring N.Z.A.S. V. VI. p. 18

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Open river lower bed goes down a ^{thin} ^{hour} gorge ^{down} sharply
left + Davis the ^{ascend} ^{hour} ^{gorges} ^{down} ^{side} of Mt. Aspiring
They had made an attempt on Mt. Aspiring with Alex Graham
+ from the Neelands line saddle had seen the peaks + glaciers
which surrounded the upper part of the ^{Arawatta} river. I had had
often seen Mt. Aspiring standing a sharp pyramidal
above the surrounding peaks from the peaks round the Fox +
La Perouse glaciers 100 miles to the north + also from the sea
beach near the coast. But then it would have been
at least a week to get as near as horses pack horses
could get. Ice declivity was always anxious to have a
try but I never had sufficient time to spare. I had seen
after I left ¹⁹⁰⁵ he went with Alex. Graham up the ^{Waioototo}
which lead more directly to Aspiring ^{they} ^{got} to the foot
head of the river to find it ended in a great circle of
precipitous rocks crammed with hanging of ^{7510ft.} ^{GLACIER DOME}
and of which Aspiring rose. They climbed + ^{had weather} ^{small} ^{peak}
+ got some very fine photos but lack of time
prevented more. I need hardly say I jumped at
the opportunity. We did not expect to be able to make
an attempt on Aspiring, but hoped to find a possible
route ^{to} ^{the} ^{Dome} ^{was} ^{the} ^{foot} of Aspiring which
might ^{be} ^{the} ^{very} ^{rough} ^{west} of the Waipara, a tributary
of the Arawatta, or the ^{hour} ^{gorge} + the long
tramp up the upper Arawatta. But this was not the

only bird I caught before me. They had seen Capt. Mercer
 * ^{he reported} ~~had~~ ~~seen~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~mouth~~ ~~about~~ ~~30~~ ~~miles~~ ~~up~~ ~~the~~ ~~river~~ ~~and~~ ~~about~~ ~~two~~ ~~miles~~ ~~below~~ ~~the~~ ~~camp~~ ~~where~~ ~~he~~ ~~had~~ ~~been~~ ~~able~~ ~~to~~ ~~land~~ ~~his~~ ~~plans~~. And the proposal was to fly the party
 & all stores to this place & make a good base camp
 there. This was indeed up to date climbing & as they had
 made all arrangements & provisions, I saw I was in for
 a luxury trip. The party to consist of the ladies & myself
 Alec Graham & Jack Cox a guide & the W. Baker, & the only question
 was whether Capt. Mercer could get the party & the stores down in
 three trips. He was flying down to Jackson Bay with
 the mail or a passenger & took some things down ^{there} ~~the~~ ~~bay~~ before he started.
 I was on the ^{July 23 1855} ~~first~~ ~~morning~~ in good weather he set off with
 Jack Cox & took ^{on} much of the stores as he could carry,
 & landed there on the flat top the river. I ~~started~~. Alec Graham
 & I went down on his return with more stores. I was
 most interesting as we flew down the coast. I got a view
 of the country which was ever changing with the alpine
 ranges above it, & I got occasional glimpses of the
 bridge tracks & broad often hidden. Before landing
 Capt. Mercer flew up the river far enough to us to
 get a view of the upper river where it turned left.
 & to see the country we should have to go thro' to get to
 open country above the best. We landed to find
 that Cox had made a good start in preparing a camp

* In Capt. Mercer is no get them as quick as you can find
 He has a great interest in the hills & is always ready to go up
 & down in all his courses & take a photograph that will
 help & attract his passengers. & by means of the speaking tube
 is a constant guide to the country he is flying over. *

* In the morning we found that we had chosen a spot where
brush within 400 yards of the Survey camp
of 1884.*

* of branches*

on
out of the flat close to where the plane landed & where we should
not be troubled with mosquitoes even if the sandflies with
day time might be bad. They did not matter so much as we
hoped to be away from the camp next day. We set to work
to help & soon we had the tent up & a fireplace ^{with the same smoke fly} & some
wood ready & ^{then cleared} the inside of the tent of stones & got
some stumps for bedding. It was getting late when
we heard the plane coming & soon the ladies & the first
stern arrive. We still had a little to patch for the overcoats &
Capt. Mearns but that did not take long. We had a hurried
meal & once more there was the joy of a ^{complete} good camp
& with solitude & every hope of a good trip.
Next morning Capt. Mearns got away & we spent the
day making the camp weather proof. Some ^{green trees} brush was
felled & split & trees ferns gathered & the space
between the ladies tent & the fireplace walled &
the many little jobs which mean a good camp. As
the wind was blowing strong by down the valley we
made a big wind screen ^{behind the main tent} behind the main tent. *E.
During the night the wind & light & blew up the valley
& we had to be out several times as the frogs were only in
now and silt & even a frog & river in 2 ft. had little
hold. In the morning Capt. Mearns returned & Graham
& Cro both left loaded & set off with a sledges &
an axe to get a line this the best to that ~~was found~~
would lead

on the open country above. I set to work to finish the camp
 & above all to make the tents secure. The only way of
 holding them & my ropes was to drag a roll of big & bit of
^{limber} ~~board~~ as I could manage & peg it down & ^{then} tie the guy ropes
 to it. I also built a big windscreen to protect the
 camp from wind up the river. I think of course could easily
 have been avoided if pitching the camp in the bush but
~~that~~ would have meant mosquitoes of the hundred.
 When ^{W. H. H.} they had made their attempt on Mt. Aspiring ^{in 1932} they had the
 Blago Survey map as they came in that way, & this ^{was} the
 only map ^{they} had with them. Aspiring is on the boundary
 between Blago & Westland & though the map ^{only} showed very little
 on the Westland side two names appeared, a Mt. Tomia ⁷³⁹⁰
 & a Turk's Head ^{5100' 50} & two peaks ^{and standing out well} which I had ~~not~~ ^{seen} from the
 Matakiluki saddle & Aspiring itself ~~on~~ had received these
 names on all photos ^{taken at the time from Aspiring at saddle} from these points. While we were
 there we called them the two we went to by these names
 the G. Lake & I spent a long time of the eve trying to fit
 them in & to account for the difference in height. We knew
 that Charley Douglas who knew more of his part of Westland
 than another person always said that he had climbed
 Mt. Tomia in 1884 but after his death his ^{old note books} ~~papers~~ ^{in office}
 were sent to the Westland Survey office & had now been
 worked up. When he made an attempt on his second
 peak ^{found} we ^{found} an old charred log under an overhanging rock

the other

* which is on a side of
his a rough sketch &

little more

ridge on the
rising from the ^{the} right side of
the upper Arawilla

of the heavy bits

* the only party that *

It was a level spot
just this spot & spot where camp would be pitched at
the highest timber & close to water which must have been
camp of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~who~~ ^{had} been there before. ~~which~~ ^{He} added to
our perplexity as this the second peak was to prove to
be within easy reach it was a very bad start for
what we ^{then} thought was Mt. Jonia. After we got bad to
Christensen ^{a reporter} ~~of~~ ^{me} just as I was going out through
I am certain I told him that Mt. Jonia had been climbed
An article appeared "First ascent of Mt. Jonia" which
promptly brought a letter to say that Mt. Jonia had been
climbed by Gerhard Müller Survey party in 1884.
He & then got hold of ^{the} map issued by the Westland Survey
& Miss Scott who lives in D. Canada spent some time
in searching thru old files in the Survey Office &
found Müller report to the Government ^{in 1884} & a sketch map
which was basis of the map with this article. Both in
this & in the Westland map a name for Jonia was
shown as rising ~~on~~ from crest of north wall of
the upper Aranda - we had been wondering why a
surveyor, wanting to locate his trig. points on south side
of the Aranda had ~~not~~ chosen a peak which was
marked on this second peak & believed it exactly
in the position of the peak we climbed appeared ^{had} ~~name~~ ^{name}
Mt. Cross ⁷⁴⁵¹ * which I walk head was quite a
good name for a curious square block of steep rock

on the ridge receiving down from Mt. Ionia, ^{and} which was had
 called for our convenience "the Dolomite" as we saw that
 if we were to climb what at the time we thought was
 I think Head we should have to get out of the bush fairly
 near to it. I had often wondered every time I saw
 his name "Ionia" how it had got ^{there} & of course at
 my ~~st~~ explanation of it. He had taken the classical
 names of the provinces of Asia Minor & used them
 for the peaks round ^{the} upper valley, tho' ^{some} had evidently
 suffered from transcription. The principle is not a bad
 one as the particular locality of a peak is identified
 at once. On the Waikanae referred to above, ^{was} the
 name of an early steamer working the coast, he had used
 parts of his ship ^{the crew} named from Captain's announcement including not only
 the "Waikanae Light" & the "Midshipman" but the
 Cabin boy as well. I understood that our identifications
 had been accepted & all evening some of the men that I talked
 from the Otago side & after this long digression still
 was Mt. Eros for the present identified first tho' we thought it was
 Ionia & Mt. Ionia for the peak we tried but did not
 complete the ascent of. If we had of course we should have
 found some cairn or mark on the top which would
 added to our perplexities at the time. All up & down the
 range there is difficulty of peaks receiving different names
 from the east & west surveys of the early days when the

one great object
 was purpose of the survey, when he got to the first line, later
 to find a place from which certain cables could be run to range.
 Graham & Co. got back late P.M. having left their survey as high
 as they had got & reported that they had found a good
 line. Capt. Mease arrived about 7:30, he had to fly
 some spare li. & mill there & came up for the weight & of all
 averaging things for a camp in that position he procured
 fresh cream, butter & scones from the Gallo. Recotten later
 when he had come from Christchurch that morning he
 brought some fresh flowers from ^{there} framed. I had quite
 expected that it would be no accidently camp in
 the matter of food, but I never expected a necessary one.
 He reported that some water holes which he had seen
 from the air & for which we were making was full of water
 next morning it was cloudy but Capt. Mease after
 starting came down & signalled that it was ^{clear} above.
 we did not get off till 9:30 & had a steep climb thro'
 the woods bush. One rocky bluff he had to climb & fallen
 timber was carpeted with kidney fern & orchids.
 we had a halt to build the hilly at S. creek & at
 2:15 got to the place where they had left their
 loads yesterday. We went thro' & across creases
 of loads of S. wood grass with trees on either side
 had a curiously English look except for the
 foliage of the trees.

About 3:30 we reached the waterhole. Capt. Meen told us of
 & found an excellent camp site, with plenty of wood & water
 in a sheltered position among the highest trees. ~~The base & summit~~
~~of the ridge he should have followed & it looked very jagged.~~

We selected an drinking water pool & a washing-up pool below it
 & then chose our own wash basin. After a drink of tea we
 got a refreshing wash & had time to get our shields & Stockman's
 dry in the sun & wind. We had a tent but decided not to
 pitch it as it was evidently going to be a fine night, but to
 sleep on the tent. As the ground is seldom really dry, I had been
 troubled with rheumatism & hence I should be a restless sleeper

So made my bunk of very soft under a tree

We got off at 5:45 next morning ^{July 29} & went up steep snow gear
 with a certain amount of sharp "spaniards", a spruce green
 with chromium sharp pencils. Soon we got high enough
 to see our route, & we saw that we should have followed
 a very jagged ridge ^{below} which had ^{long} led to a very
 unpleasant-looking of hair-worn basin, & it did not
 look very hopeful. However we went on & found below the
 ridge there was a wide ledge covered with enormous
 boulders that led round below ridge & above the
 snow-ice rock below, & we got along well either over
 or round the boulders, then a walk over snow & a fine
 rock pile ^{at 11:15} & we were on the snow. Top at 11:15 of what we
 thought was Jonia but was really Mt. Cross.

* more clearly than we had seen from the Annapurna
 coming in *

* & near the end found a small pool of water & sloped to
 but the lake 9:20 to 10:20 *

^{in the 1800s}
* He had reached with Seichelmann in 1905 & when he & the lander had been
in their attempt on Mt. Aspiring * on the Borneo *

* beyond, beginning at his Borneo glacier, was his Malinlika
saddle leading to his D. art. ~~to the~~ * there *

OLIVINE

One thing was clear on camping plan was not a good start
for his other peak.

As I said before, the it was quite obvious that we were
on ^{the} top of the peak ^{which was} called Ionia from Mt. Aspiring, we could not
fit it in with the map we had with us. Right of Aspiring was
Mt. Aspiring rising out of the Borneo glacier on our right &
the Iherma at the head of the ^{in our left} ~~Waiotolo~~ ^{of} ~~glacier~~ ^{glacier} ~~was~~
→ ~~the place they had reached~~ ^{Aspiring} ~~Believe~~ ^{after a secondary period} the
^{ridge} ~~dropped down~~ to the saddle at the head of the Waiotolo
We were unable to see down into the upper Waiotolo as the
real Ionia stood in blocked our view, ~~we~~ ^{we} ~~could~~ ^{could} ~~not~~ ^{not} see
well of glacier & peaks on the other side of the upper Arawatta
& in the distance we could see Mt. ^{TOTOKU} ~~Parusland~~ & Mt. ~~Tubok~~
Straight behind us was the ~~glacier~~ ^{glacier} range & the Red Hills, there is
the distance the sea & the river bed ~~leading~~ ^{leading} to it
Then there came the view of the Alpine range above the coast
break & in the distance the giants of the Mount-Cook district
while ^{by} ~~near~~ ^{near} were two very attractive looking peaks
Mornzele & Sliogzen between the Waiotolo & the
Waiotolo ^{which} ~~has~~ ^{has} ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~climbed~~
We stayed some hours on the top & then returned to camp
at 5-30. ^{Next} ~~morning~~ ^{morning}, ^{after} ~~latter~~ ^{latter} ~~we~~ ^{we} ~~climbed~~ ^{climbed} ~~3~~ ³ ~~our~~
Waiotolo ^{low} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~climbed~~ ^{climbed} & after some
food ~~departed~~ ^{departed} ~~different~~ ^{different} ~~way~~ ^{way} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~find~~ ^{find} ~~a~~ ^a ~~place~~ ^{place} ~~where~~ ^{where} ~~we~~
could wash ourselves & our clothes. Now to wash clothes
is a ~~man~~ ^{man} ~~may~~ ^{may} ~~need~~ ^{need} to be in a position relative to the
water where the Swiss women get from wooden or concrete

Well the top of the ice is just above the water. If not the
 only place is to wait and deep enough in the stream. If it is
 a place just river that is an amazingly cold process, this
 by ear earlier I had done it with no ill effects, but next
 morning ^{I was down} ~~stuffed~~ with an attack of sciatica. We were to have deep
 off & thought we would walk up the beginning of the ^{left} ~~right~~ bank
 gorge & see what it was like. I hobbled after the others as best I could
 I thought to walk on the other side of the river & it would have meant
 a deep ford so we decided to leave it alone. The next day
 G. & C. went off to cut a track thro' the bush
 to get to the other peak. We tidied up camp & got
 more firewood. In the evening we had a consultation
 obviously there was the peak & there was a track cut a good
 part of the way, ^{that} ~~was~~ the only thing to do. After extracting
 a promise that I should be allowed to ~~come back~~ ^{return}
 alone if I could not get on, we decided to try.
 Next morning we got off & walked up the river bed for about a
 mile & then turned into the bush. Their report that the
 track was worse than the previous trail was obvious, then
 I struggled along & I am afraid kept the bush, but at
 length after I had nearly given up once or twice
 we got out on the above the bush level. & after a traverse
 round some steep & can get to a creek & on the other
 side about 30 yards from the water found an ideal
 spot for camp. It was here that we found a

* in 2 was the best - little & cattle exercise would be no harm **

a charred log which must have been left by the
 Surveyor camp ⁵⁰ year earlier. It was a witness to
 that unassuming power a good workman has of looking at a
 hillside covered with trees ^{being} able to see ^{the best} the line which
 will work this it is ^{land} ^{high} ^{when} ^{where} he wants to be top
 course as soon as he is above the level marks for height. Spot
 where he can work water. We soon had a good fire & a good
 camp then he did not pitch the tent. I had rather a good
 night & it took me some time to get into my clothes
 next morning we got off at 9 am time & got up to the ridge pretty
 high up & looked on the snowfield of glacier that I remain
 with the upper ^{Araxawalla} ^{Araxawalla} ^{Araxawalla} there we had the best view of the
 hills & glaciers on the other side that was marked by the
 peak ^{the} ^{was} ^{nothing} ^{but} a snow walk up below the
 line of rocky teeth we had seen from the previous climb ^{xx}
 It seems in bitterly cold with mist & wind from the
~~the~~ bad glacier. Cox was the only one who was to go on
 we did not want a bad camp at ^{that} height, if we went
 back we could reach our base camp that night. Personally
 I was afraid that if I got lost & my leg got worse I
 should find it difficult in getting down at all, I knew
 that I should be slow in the last bit. ^{Eventually} we returned
 & after a hard set off I think camp & went home. We had
 at all events seen & got photos of the upper Araxawalla
 that had not been taken before. We stayed & had this the best
 all got better falls in the rough timber country

* After a bit of cutting on small scale glacier *

* This name has been Muller's Point & it fits in well with the description *

* on our previous climb *

* Show that some steel rods which were ground & tied by Schermer
 which could not be seen would probably be bridged *

* It was I suppose in line we were not far from a peak ^{then} they had
 not been climbed before, ~~as far as~~ while we thought we had made
 a second ascent of the peak we had climbed ^{from} ~~the~~ day before. *

"An
before he fell he threw his gun away but I raised a line quickly
+ was thrown out of it."

A.S.

* I could look at that bit of country with far more interest
than when I had seen it ~~cross~~ on our way in.

a rotten branch gave way with the Cox + the tooth a bad fall
cutting his hand with the wood and rather badly. At last
we got clear of the bush just as it was getting dark +
tramped back to camp. I naturally had a bad night.
Next day Capt. Mercer appeared with the plane bringing
me negatives of the first trip + prints. He had to go back to
Wankia that night + as our line was up, I decided to go
up with him taking all that was not needed so that he
could fetch the rest out next day in two loads.
I shall never forget that camp, certainly the most
comfortable + decidedly the pleasant I had ever been in.
Miss Roberts + Miss B. Scott with Graham had done a
great deal of climbing + they could talk of places I
had wanted to go to, + they had been the only
party that had taken a camp up to the top of
Glacier since Graham + I had been there with
Jeschkebaum in 1905 + 1906. + we gathered logs
into the night round the wood fire.
I got off about 3:30 + we flew down to the Haast where
we picked up a passenger. probably by that time
the layer of evening cloud came down, but I think
for my sake, Mercer rose above them + I got a
magnificent view of the + red peaks rising
out of a sea of clouds. He then descended once again
thro' the + came out exactly in the position for
the clouds

I then had been a big flood in Feb. & the water & rain falling in the day
& in several places the surface was very bad.

to the school

(1)

BULLER

The first page of the BRUNNER. At one little
time I was having the window was going in the kitchen. I was not
paying much attention when I suddenly realized "in" "out". I heard
what that was & went to hear the result. Only an old Cambridge man
I got the window being that Cambridge was of full length.

(2) ^{at: main house} Stopping at a little inn where the hot-bath was a natural spring
with the bank about 50 yards from the inn. There was ^{no} ^{one} ^{well} to the
bath, one left word at bar & hoped for the best. I then

KAMLOOPS

the laundry between the waits. After being cramped
in the plane, I had the goods it took me half an hour
to get the 150g and from the laundry found 6 to total.
but a hot-bath & air was great relief.

My leg was obviously & right troublesome so I decided to
leave the waits & get some salmon fishing on the other
side. I packed my things & I packed my things
into the car & drove back over the river to Christchurch
& went with a friend to the mouth of the Rakaia
for three days. There were very few fish running but I
was lucky enough to catch a few. I then
drove back to the coast & after a short stay, drove up

(1) X ~~to the Rakaia~~ & went to Nelson & Picton.

where I got the ferry to Wellington in the north
I Island & then drove up the river to the coast
at the Port of Nelson when I stopped at COCKRAN'S Camp
& got some good trout fishing from the coastland
where I sold the car & came of the S.S. Niagara
which was bound for the islands of Honolulu & Fiji
to Vancouver. I decided to join the line to Port
to get ^{off} ^{at} Kamloops & get some of the
good fishing at Paul Lake getting the
first catch day. A big W. to see Lake House
& the terrible hotel, Jim says in Banff where it
was too early to do any climbing meeting the weather

where life I had met in my hand a day left to see Niagara
+ get to a few days in Montreal + home - in time
to get another month in the country. This summer.

I might add for the sake of anyone who is short of
getting a car to New Zealand, that for one's peace of mind it
is well to make sure in my hand where + where a spare can be
obtained, to take a car with a good clearance. The main
roads are good enough, but the secondary roads are often
rough + small creeks may have to be crossed. If low gear is
used + when the water is likely to ^{reach} the bottom of the
barrage an old sack is tied over the barrel to keep the
engine dry it is surprising what can be done. The whole
point of our car is to be able to leave main roads
+ see bits of the country one cannot otherwise see. In planning,
100 miles a day is a good average as many of the finest roads
will be narrow + full of hair pin bends.

