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### THE CARIBOO MOUNTAINS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Fifty miles west of Jasper in the Canadian Rockies, and 300 miles north of the U. S. border, rises a cluster of lofty peaks that attracted our group this summer for its annual mountaineering expedition. Eleven people expressed an interest and desire to climb in this group of mountains. To make it easy and convenient to enter and to travel through the region, they formed two groups; this account is concerned primarily with the party whose personnel consisted of Sterling Hendricks, Donald Hubbard, Chris Scoredos, Alec Fabergé, Art Lembeck, and Arnold Wexler.

We arrived in Tete Jaune on the 11th of July and were met at the station by Nod, a 12-year-old youngster of the 'Neighbors', who showed us the way up Tete Creek to an attractive campsite on the high canyon rim. A day and a half later we were conveniently based at a camp at 6800 feet, on a shoulder overlooking Tete Glacier in the heart of the Cariboo Mountains. The route up the valley had proved unexpectedly easy and we had made rapid progress, travelling part of the way over gravel beds in the river. We had arranged to have our food and supplies dropped to us by airplane on the 15th of July. On the 14th we explored the upper reaches of Tete Glacier, climbed Mt. Penny and the next peak northeast. The morning of the 15th dawned clear, and we went up into the névé to await the drops. The plane failed to show up that morning, and the weather quickly deteriorated as time wore on. By midday we were engulfed in rain, fog, and snow, and the prospects of receiving supplies seemed dim. Three of the party went back to base camp and three remained until the afternoon and then descended in a snowstorm. Half an hour later the roar of the plane was heard as it came up the valley, circled once or twice, and left. The plane came over twice more before it eventually found us on the Glacier, in satisfactory weather for completing its mission, much to our relief, for we would have been forced out of the country for lack of supplies in another day or so.