

List of High Ascents at Hermitage during the Season of 1917-18—continued.

Date.	Name of Peak.	Height, in Feet.	Climbed by	Name of Guide.	Route and Remarks.
1918. Jan. —	Mount Sibbald ..	9,181	Mr. W. A. Kennedy, Edgar Williams	Guideless..	Ascent and descent by S.W. <i>arête</i> from camp on Godley River. First ascent.
Feb. 1	Footstool ..	9,073	Mr. S. Turner, F.R.G.S.	Guideless..	Ascent and descent from Sefton bivouac.
„ 1	Mount Montgomery	7,661	Mr. H. A. Holl, Miss D. Theomin, Miss Gawith, Mr. F. W. Vosseler	Guideless party led by Mr. Holl	Ascent by S. <i>arête</i> from Barron's Saddle; descent to Fyfe's Pass, to Mueller Glacier, back to Mueller Hut.
„ 1	Mount Montgomery	7,661	Miss F. Gawith, Miss Z. Marshall, Miss V. Ross	R. Young	Ditto.
„ 3	Mount Darby ..	8,284	Mr. H. A. Holl, Miss D. Theomin, Miss Gawith, Mr. F. W. Vosseler	Guideless party led by Mr. Holl	Ascent by N.W. <i>arête</i> from Mueller Glacier; descent by E. face to Sladden Glacier and back to Mueller Hut.
„ 12	Footstool ..	9,073	Miss D. Theomin ..	P. Graham, A. Cowling	Ascent and descent from Sefton bivouac.
„ 19	Mount Maunga Ma ..	8,335	Mr. R. B. Seager ..	P. Graham	Ascent and descent E. face from Mueller Hut.
„ 20	Mount Sealy ..	8,631	„ ..	„	Complete traverse. Ascent by E. <i>arête</i> , descent N. face.
„ 20	Mount Nathan ..	9,000	Mr. S. Turner, F.R.G.S.	Guideless..	Ascent and descent by N.W. face from Beetham Glacier. First ascent.
Mar. 2	Unnamed peak on Liebig Range about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile N.E. of Prist Cap	8,300	Miss A. Humphreys, Mr. R. B. Seager	P. Graham	From bivouac in Murchison River bed, ascent by N. <i>arête</i> . First ascent.
„ 2	Mount Biretta (Prist Cap)	8,761	Mr. R. B. Seager ..	„	Ascent by N.E. <i>arête</i> ; descent same way. Second ascent.
„ 5	Mount Darby ..	8,284	Miss M. P. Marsden ..	R. Young	Ascent by N.W. <i>arête</i> from Mueller Glacier; descent by E. face to Sladden Glacier.
„ 8	Mount Blackburn ..	7,835	Miss A. Humphreys, Mr. R. B. Seager	P. Graham	Ascent and descent by the W. <i>arête</i> from bivouac on Gorilla Creek.
„ 10	Mount Montgomery	7,661	Miss E. M. Upton, Miss G. B. Gorrie	J. Lippe ..	Ascent by S.E. <i>arête</i> from Barron's Saddle.
„ 11	Mount Sealy ..	8,631	Ditto ..	„ ..	Ascent and descent by W. face from Mueller Hut.
„ 13	Mount Cook ..	12,349	Mr. R. B. Seager ..	P. Graham, A. Cowling	Ascent and descent by Green's route from King Memorial Hut.
„ 15	Anzac Peaks ..	8,323, 7,623	Miss M. P. Marsden ..	R. Young	Ascent and descent by N. face from plateau of Hochstetter Icefall from King Memorial Hut. Second ascent.
„ 25	Scott's Peak ..	8,000	Mr. R. B. Seager ..	P. Graham	Ascent and descent by N. face and thence by S.E. <i>arête</i> from High bivouac, Copland Valley, above Douglas Rock. First ascent.
„ 26	Highest peak of Sierras	7,850	„ ..	„	Ascent and descent by S. face from head <i>névé</i> of Douglas and Horace Walker Glacier from bivouac above Douglas Rock.
„ 31	Mount Sealy ..	8,631	Mr. Russel, Mr. Hall, Mr. Murphy	A. Cowling	Ascent and descent by W. face from Mueller Hut.

TE ANAU—MILFORD TRACK.

The traffic on this track was for a number of reasons disappointing. It was not opened until late in the season, and misfortunes followed its opening. A motor accident on the first trip resulted in the death of one passenger and injuries to several of the staff. Great trouble was experienced in the crossing of the Whitestone River, and the coal-supply to the steamer also caused great difficulty.

A new hut was erected at the Milford end to accommodate a married couple to attend to tourists. A larger boat with engine attached was purchased for the Sounds trip. A better season is hoped for during the present year.

AGENCIES AND PASSENGER-BOOKINGS.

The total value of tours booked was £35,780, against £42,004 for the previous year, the commission being £1,623.

OVERSEA AGENCIES.

The Melbourne and Sydney agencies of the Department, which are really agencies of all Government Departments, have been kept exceptionally busy not only by Tourist work, but by work for Defence, Customs, Public Works, and other Departments. Reports from the officers in charge are attached. The question of securing more suitable offices for the Sydney Agency is now under consideration by the Government.

The expenditure of Sydney and Melbourne has been as follows:—

	Sydney.	Melbourne.
	£	£
Rent	250	300
Salaries (including clerical assistance)	348	578
Miscellaneous	210	120