

King Peak - Yukon Expedition, 1952 - Contd

EQUIPMENT COMMENTS

General Comment on Tents--Floors and walls up at least 6 inches should be water-proof for tents that will be used on the snow. Large zipper doors are recommended with a total zipper length of almost 100 inches, and placed in a "C" shape. That is not a "U" or an inverted "U" position. Rappel pickets are handy on reasonable tough climbs and will make excellent anchor poles for the ends of tents. The side pegs can be "V" shaped aluminum about 14" long or slightly longer. Long wooden pegs are not necessary except when rappel pickets are not used. Even then, ice axes can be used for the end anchors. Actually it takes very little tent material to stop the wind sufficiently to make a tent satisfactory for cold country. Ordinarily a person with full clothing and a sleeping bag can withstand quite severe weather without an extremely heavy and wind-proof tent.