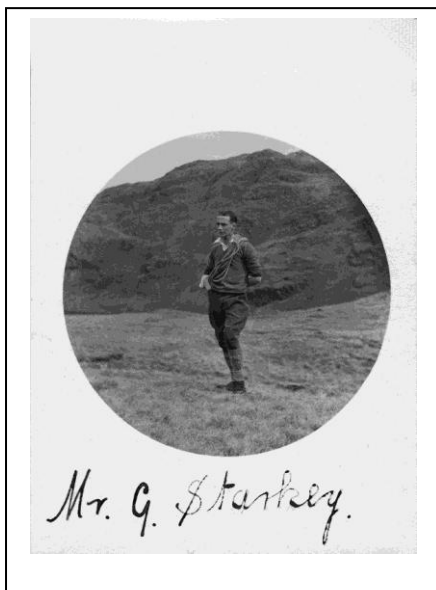


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RESCUE FROM THE PILLAR ROCK

ALL NIGHT ON A MOUNTAIN TOP

With the aid of one small flash-lamp, Mr. George Starkey, of the Co-operative Holiday Association, climbed the north face of the famous Pillar Rock, in the Lake District, to the rescue of a party of climbers during the week-end, and without being roped led them down, lighting the foot and hand-holds with his lamp.

It was a dangerous task which took five hours.

A gale was blowing, snow was falling and the darkness was so intense that the party found it impossible to find their way down from the mountain and spent the night there.

The party were Mr. A. H. Robinson (Birmingham); Mr. C. J. Allen (Nottingham); a Bradford woman, and Mr. F. Moyle, a Lakeland guide.

They had been delayed by the crowd of climbers on the Pillar and night overtook them before they could make the descent.

Mr. Starkey had a party on the west face, and on descending he noticed the plight of the other party. Sending his own party home, he went to the aid of the others.

Search parties were organised from Borrowdale, Mr. Hargreaves (Burnley) and Mr. Dodds (Oldham) motored to



THE PILLAR ROCK

Ennerdale with food and restoratives, and guides tried to get to the Pillar via Buttermere, but the storm drove them back.

Messrs. Hargreaves and Dodds met the party at the foot of the mountain early in the morning making their way home.

They had waited till dawn in as sheltered a position as they could find, but the cold was intense and the woman was suffering from exposure.