

- * 20th January. Royal Oak. 4th Annual General Meeting. 22 members present. Secretary and Treasurer - no change. Committee - Mrs Sauer stood down. Miss Stott, J Barber and F Bantok were appointed. Captain - the same.
- * There was a certain antipathy to the Team in Borrowdale so it was decided to rename the Team - the Keswick MRT.
- * 8th February. An Extraordinary General Meeting was held (22 members present) to discuss the resignation of the Secretary and Treasurer after the Annual Dinner which had been a wash-out when they had left early, leaving the guests unattended. C Sauer took over as Secretary and Treasurer.
- * 6 pitons were ordered. Members going to France to buy if cheaper than Brighams. 8" horizontal crack 7/6d and 4½" vertical crack 4/-d.
- * Affiliated to the Mountain Rescue Committee. Keswick Police Station became post no. 36.
- * Leaders - F Bantok, J Barber, J Davies, G Fisher, R Fisher, D Oliver, C Sauer and H Westmorland.
- * Peripheral members were hardly being called. This was unfair to the nearest members who were being constantly expected to turn out !
- * Use of the air raid siren was considered. All clear signal for Fire Service and alert signal for Mountain Rescue.
- * Balance at the end of the year: £35-7-3½d. Nylon rope = £12-8-0d. Stretcher = £18-0-0d.

MRC List of Authorised Equipment for Posts

1	Mountain stretcher	1 pkt	Cotton wool
2	Rucksacks	1 pair	Scissors
1	Eiderdown bag with waterproof cover	2 doz	Safety pins
1	Balaclava helmet	1 pair	Dressing forceps
1	Thomas splint	1 pair	Spencer-Wells clamp forceps
6	6" domette bandages	1 reel	Linen thread
6	Triangular bandages	2	Straight surgical needles
1 roll	1" x 10 yds adhesive plaster	1 jar	Cube sugar
4 rolls	3" x 1 yd elastic adhesive bandage	1	Folding glacier lantern
1 ball	String	6	Candles
2	Straight arm splints	2	Kettles
1	Angular arm splint	3	Hot water bottles
1 cont	Suphonamide powder	3	Cups
1 bot	Tincture of iodine	1	Spoon
2	Shell dressings	1	Jug
1 pkt	Gauze	2	Thermos flasks
1	Monitor paraffin stove with spare solid fuel & accessories		

1 27 February 1951 18:30 Blea Tarn - Watendlath

A message was received at about 6.30 pm that a soldier was in an exhausted condition near Blea Tarn on Watendlath Fell. A quick turn-out was made and the rescue party reached the patient at exactly 7.51 pm. The RAF MR Team based an ambulance at Watendlath and contacted the returning Keswick MR Team just above Watendlath. The patient was soon transferred to the ambulance and taken away while the KMRT enjoyed hot tea and shortbread at Mr & Mrs Tyson's (6d each). It was then noticed that Col Westmorland and Dr Lyth were somewhere on the fell, having apparently missed the operational party. However, they later returned, when the Team returned also, homewards, arriving in Keswick at 9.56 pm.

2 11 June 1951 Cat Bells

A woman slipped on wet grass and broke her ankle.

3 28 March 1951 Nethermost Cove

Following a Police request for a Team to help search for a man presumed lost on Helvellyn, the Secretary formed a party of youth hostellers and left Keswick on the 10.30 am bus to Threlkeld. The search was carried out without result, from Birkett Bank to Sticks Pass, via Clough Head, Wanthwaite Crag, Calfhow Pike, Great Dodd and Stybarrow Dodd. The weather was perfect, but conditions for finding a body under snow or even on it, were hopeless, as the depth of snow averaged 3'. No traces of foot marks were seen, (though the Team were deployed over the whole ridge area), except on Calfhow Pike where there appeared to be day-old footmarks which later disappeared. The hostellers carried out instructions admirably, and everyone assisted with great conscientiousness. The Team was comprised of 13 men and 4 girls. NB The official Team was not called out, as from the beginning it was felt that any search under such conditions would be fruitless, therefore a saving could be made in loss of man-hours at work, plus subsequent reimbursement of wages lost, if youth hostellers were employed. The Team was called out again the next morning and the body was found, presumably having fallen 40' on High Crag, south of Nethermost Pike.

4 1 August 1951 23:59 Skiddaw

Called out to search for lost walker, Mr Jack Talling, Freshwater Biological Association, Ferry House, Ambleside. Party left Police Station at 1.30 am and split up into 3 parties, returning at 8.30 am. (Walker reported in.)

5 2 September 1951 Great Gable

Recovery of the body of C Turner (16 yrs) to Wasdale. A large, dislodged boulder had hit him on the head. The Team was 200 yards away on exercise and used the Sty Head stretcher.

6 31 December 1951 Helvellyn - Whelpside Gill

Man (40 yrs) and girl (12 yrs) both killed when they slipped on snow and fell 20'.