1987

- Should the Team have deputy leaders?
- * Certificates of Distinguished Service awarded by MRC to George and Dick Fisher.
- * Insurance now £57,000.
- * Look at BT pagers.
- * 65 on callout list.
- * Mr Howlett left £150,000 to LDMAA.

1 3 January 1987 15:40 Ashness-Walla Crag path

A man slipped on a patch of ice, fracturing his ankle. Weather cold, icy and clear.

2 10 January 1987 16:00 Great End - Window Gully

A climber (22 yrs) slipped while retrieving a dropped glove and fell, knocking off another climber below. Both went 300'. 1st climber sustained a broken leg, rib, hand and head injuries. The other had minor cuts and bruises. Helicopter on exercise was diverted to assist.

3 20 January 1987 16:15 Cat Gill, Falcon Crag

A boy (14 yrs) in school party of 61, slipped on greasy rock on descent of footpath, fracturing his ankle. Overcast, mild and damp.

4 1 February 1987 23:55 Skiddaw - Southerndale

A man (26 yrs) slipped and fell 100'. He had been making geological maps of the area for 6 years and failed to return. An extensive search by 3 Teams and 13 SARDA handlers found his body at the head of Southerndale. Damp and misty.

5 2 February 1987 15:30 Great End - Central Buttress

A man (23 yrs) slipped and fell over 500' when off-route with 2 friends. His fall was fatal. One other remained cragfast but the other managed to climb off. A party of 7 who were trying to find Cust's Gully or The Band footpath. Casualty had bendy boots with poor tread.

6 9 February 1987 20:30 Stake Pass - Langstrath

2 parties of 7 (16-20 yrs) reported missing on navigation exercise in poor weather. Last heard on CB radios at 1600 hrs when lost. Requested to assist LAMRT. 3 turned up in Langdale at 2045 hrs. Others found with mild hypothermia one with minor leg injuries.

7 16 February 1987 17:30 Shepherd's Crag - Conclusion

A man (22 yrs) fell 30' while leading climb. He sustained head injuries although wearing a helmet.

8 19 February 1987 19:50 Sprinkling Tarn

A boy (16 yrs) became separated from his party when tired and failed to return to Wasdale. Requested by Wasdale MRT to assist in search. Found by SARDA handler near Wasdale Head. Wet and misty.

9 23 February 1987 23:40 Longthwaite - Buttermere

A boy (16 yrs) failed to return up at youth hostel. Route unknown. Large-scale search possible due to annual SARDA course in Keswick. 14 dogs used and 30 personnel. Boy found at Bleaberry Tarn having been benighted. Clear, cold, calm night.

10 15 March 1987 15:45 Shepherd's Crag - Aaros

A climber (32 yrs) fell 200' from top pitch of climb sustaining a compressed fracture of his cervical vertebrae, a broken tibia, cut s and bruises. His second had understood him to have abandoned the climb.

11 22 March 1987 14:20 Great Crag, Rosthwaite

A woman (55 yrs) slipped on wet grass and broke her ankle. Damp day with snowy patches.

12 2 April 1987 15:45 Castle Crag

Woman (60 yrs) slipped on a tree root and broke her ankle. Weather damp.

13 9 April 1987 15:45 Outerside

A man (62 yrs) suffered a suspected heart attack. He managed to walk down before the arrival of the Team and the helicopter! Weather damp.

14 17 April 1987 14:45 High Spy - near Dale Head Tarn

A man (46 yrs) found to be dead on arrival of the Team. He had been walking alone and had been seen to collapse. Passing walkers failed to revive him. Warm and sunny.

15 19 April 1987 14:15 Grey Knotts - Moses Trod

A man (64 yrs) collapsed, walking with his 2 sons. Efforts to revive him had failed. Found to be dead on arrival of the Team. Very windy, cold and wet.

16 21 April 1987 17:15 Barf - Beckstones Gill

A woman suffering from chest pains was recovered and taken to Keswick Hospital. Clear and sunny.

17 21 April 1987 17:15 Taylorgill - 1000' boulder

A man found semi-conscious after an epileptic fit. He was taken to Keswick Hospital for observation and was detained for two nights.

18 24 April 1987 14:35 Base Brown - above Taylorgill

A man (25 yrs) slipped and fell 30' while scrambling down after getting separated from his 2 companions. He sustained 2 arm fractures, cuts and bruises.

19 22 May 1987 17:30 Swinside area

Search for a schizophrenic, depressed woman (63 yrs) missing from Derwent Bank since midnight on Wednesday. She turned up in a Workington hotel at the weekend.

20 25 May 1987 11:15 Taylorgill - 1000' boulder

A woman (27 yrs) slipped and fell on gravely path with heavy rucksack, sustaining a spiral fracture of her leg. Fine and sunny.

21 25 May 1987 19:45 Skiddaw - Broad End

Man (64 yrs) collapsed on walk with family. He was found to be dead on arrival of the Team. Weather fine and sunny.

22 28 May 1987 15:40 Causey Pike - Rowling End

A girl (13 yrs) in school party from Stair hostel slipped on path and broke her leg. Rain showers.

23 10 June 1987 14:40 Skiddaw - Carl Side Col

A boy (13 yrs) in school party staying at Keswick YH reported unconscious having slipped on steep, stony path. He was taken by helicopter to West Cumberland Hospital where he was detained. Damp and misty.

24 13 June 1987 15:40 Shepherd's Crag - Shepherd's Chimney

A girl (14 yrs) fell 30' on to ledge while leading the 3rd pitch of the climb. She was lowered by other climbers in the area to the foot of the climb. Taken to Keswick Hospital for treatment. Weather fair.

25 14 June 1987 10:25 Black Crag - Troutdale Pinnacle Superdirect

Woman fell 10' from first pitch of the climb while leading. The first runner failed and she was held by the second runner. She sustained a complicated fracture of her R patella. To add insult to injury, she later found that her car had been broken into.

26 14 June 1987 12:38 Knott Rigg, Newlands

A man (65 yrs) reported by his wife to be suffering from chest pains. He was found to be in some distress, so a helicopter in the area was diverted. He was airlifted to West Cumberland Hospital and detained in the Coronary Care Unit. He died 2 weeks later.

27 17 June 1987 14:53 Walla Crag - Brackenrigg

2 jets, a Tornado and a Jaguar flying from opposite directions collided over Walla Crag. The Tornado landed across the Borrowdale road. The crew ejected safely into Great Wood. The Jaguar broke up in mid-air and landed near Brackenrigg killing its pilot. Sunny and clear.

281 July 198717:15Grisedale Pike - Kinn

Youth (18 yrs) reported to have injured leg near top of Grisedale Pike. Eventually located on Kinn with a strained groin. Weather fair.

29 5 July 1987 14:03 Fitz Park, Keswick

A man (61 yrs) suffered a severe angina attack while the Team was monitoring the annual Skiddaw Race. He was treated and taken to the Intensive Care Unit at Carlisle. Very hot and sunny.

30 5 July 1987 16:00 Skiddaw - summit

A woman taking part in the Skiddaw Race slipped and fell sustaining a cut and bruised knee and wrist. She was escorted down by the Team. Very hot and sunny.

31 9 July 1987 16:00 Black Crag - Mortician

A man fell 10' on the 3rd pitch sustaining a complicated fracture of his leg. He was lowered to the foot of the crag by other climbers before being evacuated by the Team.

32 11 July 1987 17:17 Shepherd's Crag - Donkeys Ears area

A man (18 yrs) fell 40' while scrambling down after climbing with young people. He sustained a broken leg and arm and injuries to his back. Dry and warm.

33 26 July 1987 16:00 Coldbarrow Fell - near Dock Tarn

A man (51 yrs) in walking party reported to be suffering from chest pains. He was located with difficulty in bad visibility and was later reported to be poorly in hospital.

34 28 July 1987 20:05 Langstrath - Swan Dub

A girl (14 yrs) taking part in her Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition slipped and sprained her ankle. She and the rescue team were well looked after by her friends. Showery day, dry for the evacuation.

35 29 July 1987 17:30 Blencathra - Sharp Edge

A German man slipped about 60' off the Edge sustaining multiple abrasions, lacerated scalp, leg and arm injuries. He managed to regain the Edge but then collapsed. He was carried down with difficulty as he weighed about 18 stones. Warm, dry day.

36 3 August 1987 16:50 Blencathra - Mousethwaite Comb

2 girls in a youth group were poly-bagging together in the same bag down the head of the comb on steep grass. They went about 150' One sustained shock only but the other received severe bruising to her back and neck. Day of heavy showers.

37 16 August 1987 13:50 Blencathra - Sharp Edge

A woman (69 yrs) walking on her own was reported to have fallen from the Edge. She suffered from multiple injuries and was flown by a helicopter in the area to West Cumberland Hospital. Wet day.

38 29 August 1987 22:45 Langstrath

Youth (17 yrs) failed to return from a walk up the valley from Stonethwaite campsite at 1.30 pm wearing only a T-shirt and shorts. He turned up again just before midnight. Warm, dry night.

39 3 September 1987 12:40 High Rigg

A woman was recovered suffering from a broken ankle. Warm, dry day.

40 6 September 1987 15:45 High Spy - Joe Banks Fold

A boy scout (15 yrs) on a Chief Scout Challenge walk slipped and injured his knee. He was located with difficulty in poor visibility having gone to ground in a sheep fold.

41 14 September 1987 14:10 Derwentwater - Great Bay

A man collapsed on the footpath. The Team was requested to assist the ambulance crew who were also attending another incident. A wet day.

42 19 September 1987 16:40 Langstrath - Blackmoss Pot

A man reported to be suffering from vertigo at the head of the valley. He was found near Blackmoss Pot. He was taken to Keswick Hospital. Thought possibly to be a mild stroke.

43 10 October 1987 11:30 Causey Pike - Rowling End

A man (56 yrs) reported to have collapsed. He was found wandering down the path in spite of having suffered a mild coronary attack. Dry and cool.

44 10 October 1987 17:18 Blencathra - Sharp Edge

A woman slipped and fell over 100' on descent from the Edge to an easier path and suffered multiple injuries. She was lowered 200' to easier ground. Her husband and 2 young sons (10 & 12 yrs) were also taken off in darkness.

45 14 October 1987 14:30 Barrow

A woman slipped on wet grass and broke her leg. She was carried down and taken to hospital. Wet.

46 18 October 1987 20:00 Scafell Pike

2 coach loads of students from Durham University Mountaineering Club reported 2 students to be overdue from a walk to Scafell Pike. The search was abandoned when it was discovered that the students had turned up in Wasdale.

47 20 October 1987 19:45 Shoulthwaite Gill

4 girls (16 yrs) from West Cumberland College became separated after 2 of them refused to move when in steep ground. Their supervisors had been unable to find them. Found by the Team after a short search. The girls had remained there for 10 hours!

48 24 October 1987 15:30 Blencathra - Sinen Gill

A man with a broken leg on a walk to Skiddaw House in good weather.

49 1 November 1987 13:35 Shepherd's Crag

A man fell about 25' and sustained minor head injuries. He had been escorted from the crag by the civil ambulance crew on arrival of the Team.

50 14 November 1987 20:15 Sprinkling Tarn

3 girls from Somerset College of Art and Technology were reported to be sheltering in a tent at the Tarn, one with knee injuries and suffering from exposure. One was carried down, the others escorted on foot.

51 29 November 1987 16:15 Blencathra - Glenderamackin

A youth (16 yrs) reported to be suffering from suspected appendicitis. He was carried down, taken to hospital and later released. Drizzly.

52 8 December 1987 14:30 Blencathra - Hall's Fell

A man (61 yrs) fell 100' into Doddick Gill in a moment of lapsed concentration and received fatal injuries. A helicopter was called and used in the evacuation of the body. Fine, frosty weather.

53 13 December 1987 20:30 Scafell Pike

2 boys (18 yrs & 16 yrs) were reported overdue when they failed to rendez-vous after the school party had split up on the Corridor Route. A search was made all night in freezing conditions. The boys turned up safe and well in Eskdale the next morning.

54 31 December 1987 7:30 Scafell Pike

Father (43 yrs) and son (16 yrs) reported missing after a walk over the Scafells in very wet and windy weather. A search involving 13 SARDA dogs and an RAF helicopter was mounted by LAMRT. The missing pair turned up at midday back at their car having spent a wild night out.