

Rescue Helicopter Crashes, 6 March 1962

With RMR members John Clark, George Hurley, and Charlie Roskosz aboard, an Army helicopter, ferrying the rescuers in to a crashed airplane between Corona Pass and the Needle's Eye Tunnel, went down in timber.

Conversation between the pilot and co-pilot:

“Look at our RPM's.”

“There aren't any.”

Radio report from CSP in Denver to RMR awaiting in Longmont:

“892, your helicopter has crashed.”

(Packset 891, aboard the downed helicopter, had radioed CSP-Denver with "891, Mayday".)



John Clark, Geo. Hurley, Cha. Roskosz aboard

Only minor injuries were sustained by those aboard the helicopter.

Days later, the two bodies were evacuated from the earlier plane wreck by RMR with assistance from two Grand County snowcats. However, one of the snowcats had burned out a wheel bearing during the operation; CAP made an air drop of a replacement bearing which was installed in the field, and the mission was completed without further mishaps.