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and up and they thought, "Now that means we are dropping down, we are going down, and as soon as we get even with those lights we'll land, and those lights came up and up and up and they got just about even with them and they got all

"We are going to land," and the lights got even with them and went on and on up into the sky and they didn't land and soon the lights disappeared because they were cut off by the side of the camp. Well, they couldn't imagine, of course, what was happening that those lights should keep on going up into the sky. They had no idea they were anywhere near the Grand Canyon, but they went on and on and on down there and then the one who was in front, Lieutenant \_\_\_\_\_, the first one of the group, as he was dropping, suddenly he saw right beside him--he could almost reach out and touch it--a great cliff. It was the so-called Red Wall, the hardest stratum of the canyon to get up or down. It is practically sheer and as high as the Washington monument, five hundred and fifty feet in height--practically sheer. It is impossible to get through it ordinarily except where there is an earthquake

. There are rare places where you can get up and down through that Red Wall, and here he was so very near it that if he had been three feet nearer to/it, the edge of his parachute would have caught on one of those sharp \_\_\_\_\_ that reach out from it, it would have caught there and he would have been hurled against the side of it and killed and hanging there today, but he was just far enough out that he missed it but went down for some seconds past that great cliff beside him and then suddenly he landed on a hard surface at the foot of it, and landing there, his legs felt paralyzed, his knees felt paralyzed, it was pitch darkness there. He sat down and he folded his parachute around him and he went to sleep, and there very sensible indeed. I'm afraid if I'd been in his place I would have got up and tried to feel my way and find out where I was, and that would have been fatal because in the morning when the morning dawned and the sun began to come up he saw great mountains around him there and he looked out and saw that he was on a shelf three feet wide and <sup>at</sup> that edge of it it went down quite steeply for about twenty feet and then sheer for another twenty-five and then edged down fairly steep down