three thousand feet below us but it was this five of absolutely sheer territory which winds round and round over all these gorges there, but this place they had located that way and as we stood on we saw it over there, but so we the top of looked there was the pile of boulders and above the boulders was/the red wall. That step down might be fifty feet. It's rather hard to tell. It looked as if it might be a pretty good step. We couldn't be sure of it. Anyway, that was the best place to try. So we got in the jeep. We went back up the road there a mile and a half and we came over to the place where we were going to start out. the jeep were two majors, two sergeants, the ranger and myself. We got to the place we left the road and we said to the majors, "Are you going to walk over with us to the place where we start?" and he said, "No, but the sergeants will." So the sergeants walked over with us and they carried our knapsacks for us that far, and and we carried large gallon canteens of water, because we would be terrifically thirsty when we came up out of the canyon whether we managed to bring the fellows or not, and so they hung them on the end there and the ranger and I started down, and as we were making our way down the steep side there, the lower we got, we kapt seeing that space between the top of the boulders and the top of the red wall got higher and higher and eventually we figured out it was about one hundred and fifty feet. Well, that's a big step! They had a big truck with rope in it. They said, Why don't you take rope enough along to go all the way down/the canyon?" Well, we would have needed a couple of trucks to carry that much. We took along about a hundred feet of rope. Well, we figured here that-about thirty feet this side of the top of the boulders there was a little ledge there in the red wall. we could make our way down seventy-five feet on the rope, get the rope down to us again, make it down again seventy-five feet that thirty feet over, we'd be on the top of the boulders, but how would we get back again? So it didn't look very hopeful -- and just then we looked over here. This was over this way, and over here we saw a green spot on the side of the hill, and we said, "Maybe there is a