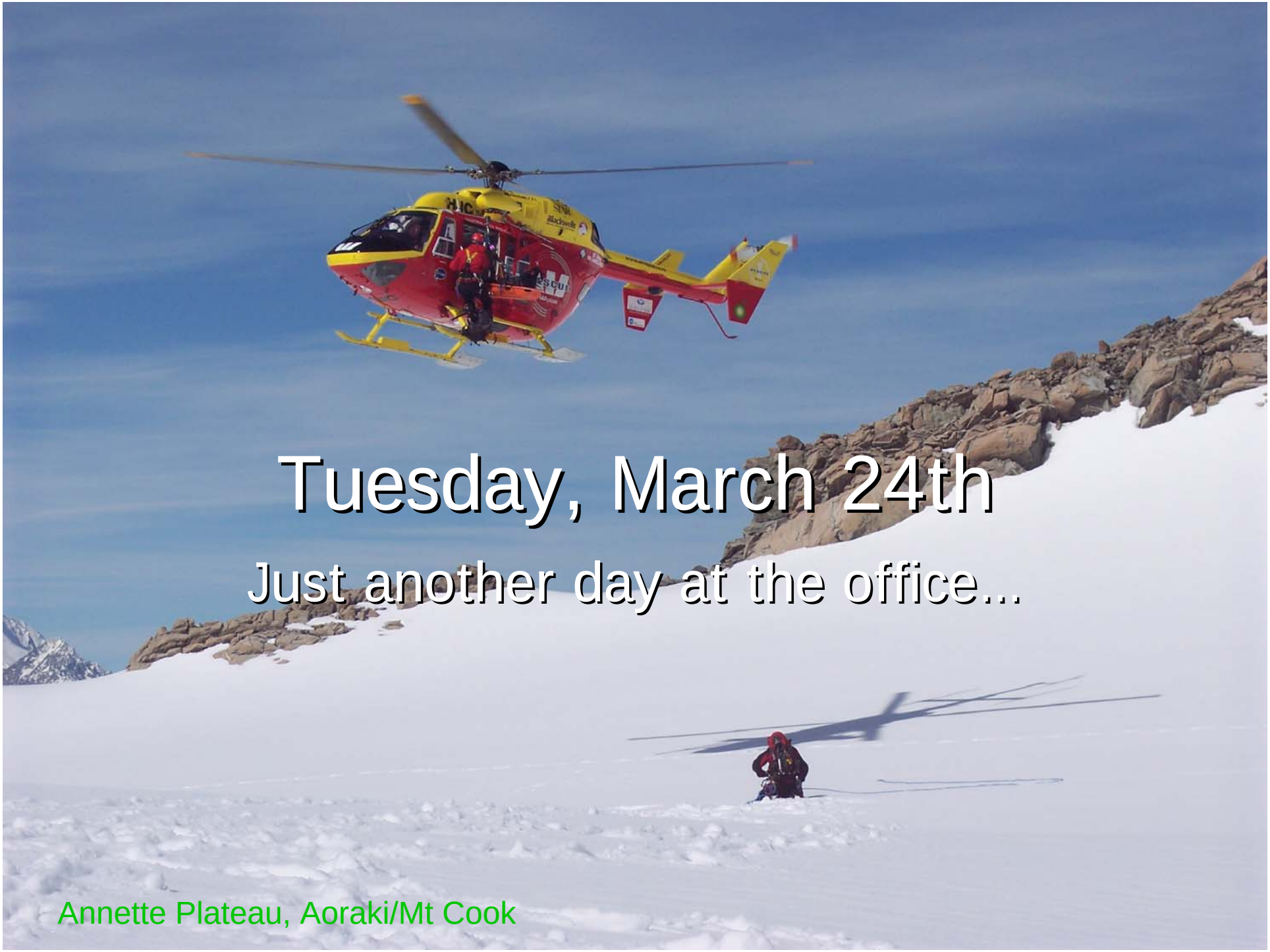
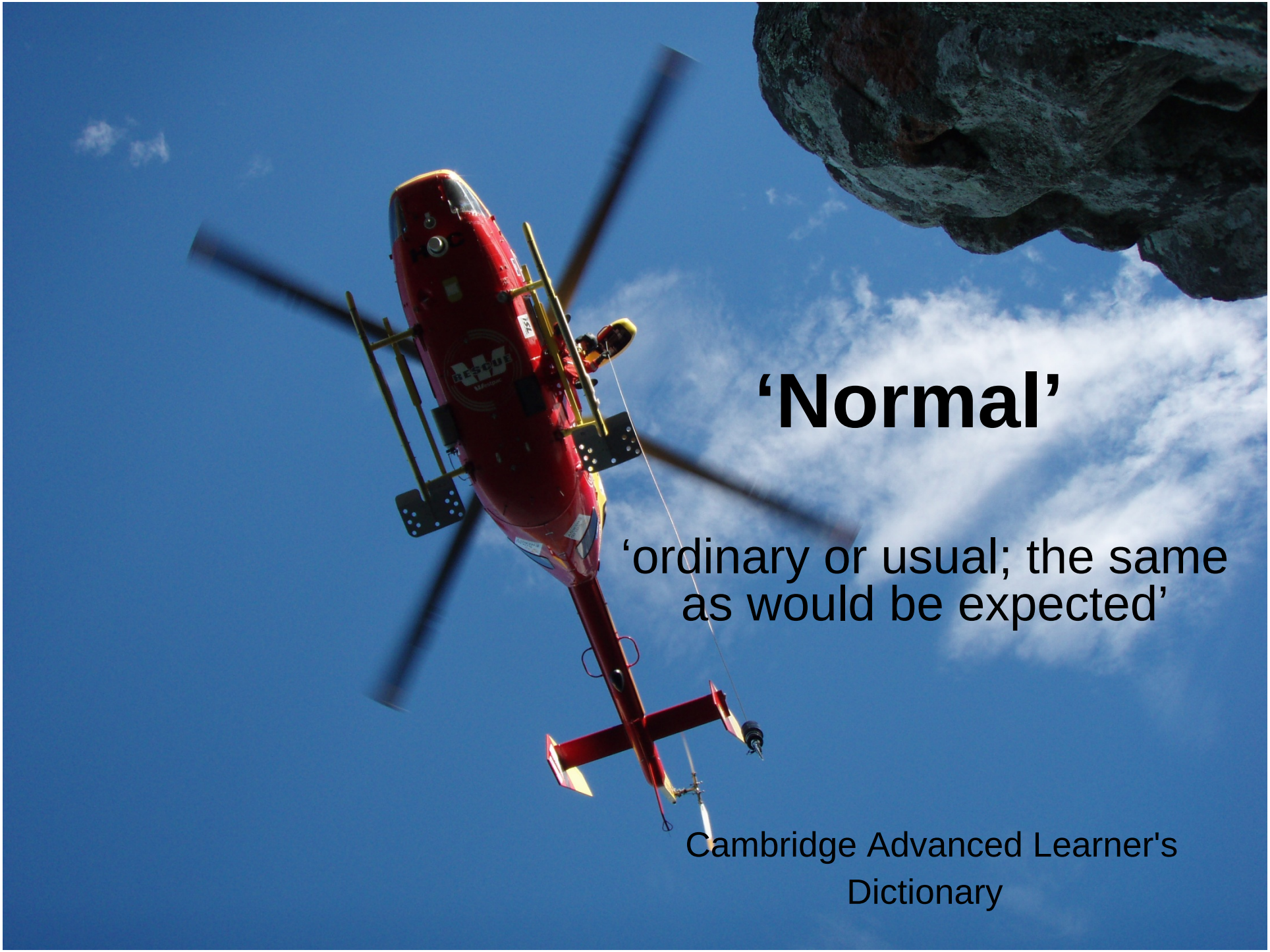

Tuesday, March 24th
Just another day at the office...
Annette Plateau, Aoraki/Mt Cook



‘Normal’

‘ordinary or usual; the same as would be expected’

Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary

0830hrs – 1200hrs

RESCUE
COAST GUARD
CANTERBURY DRAUGHT
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1340hrs – 1530hrs
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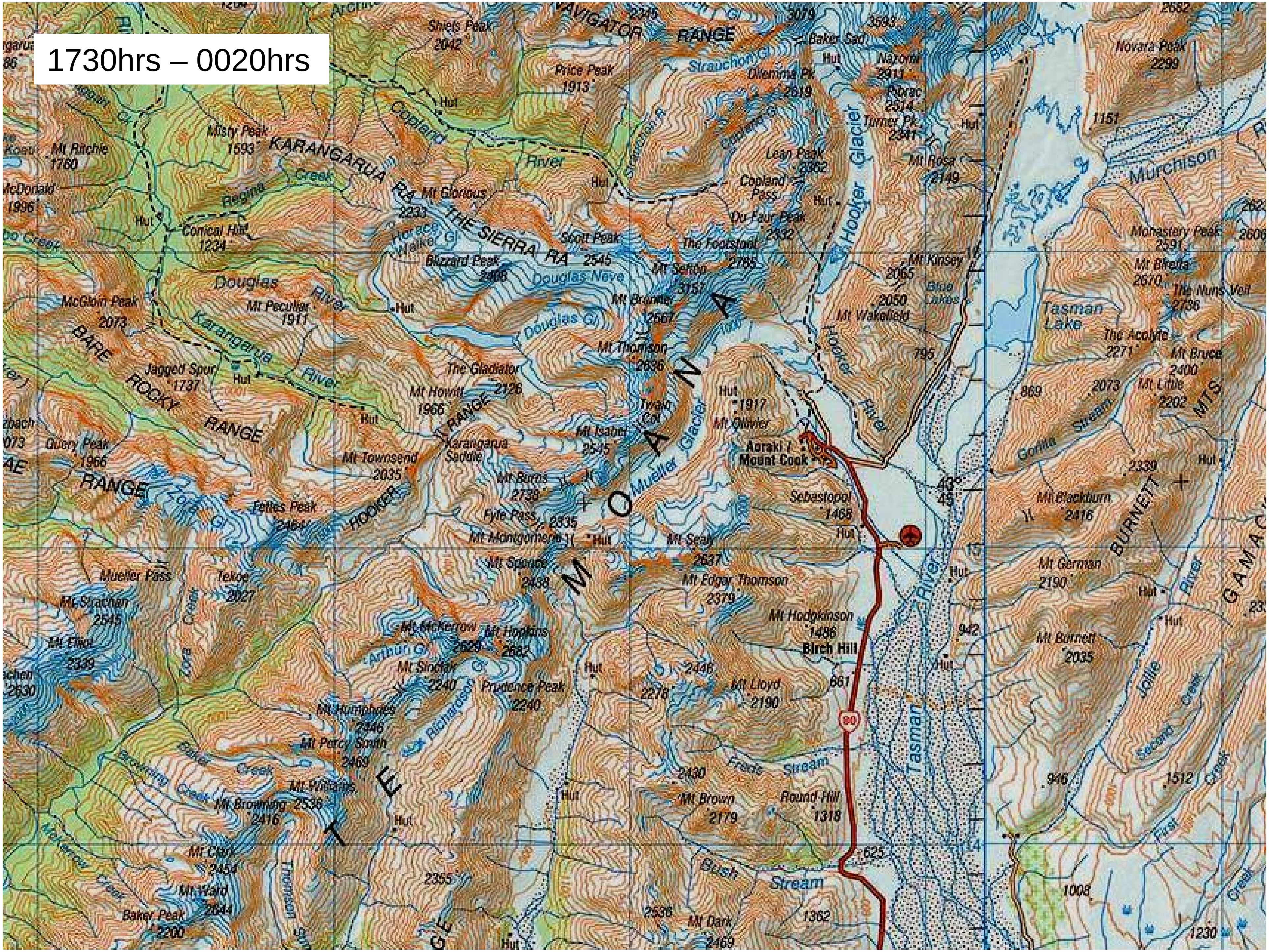
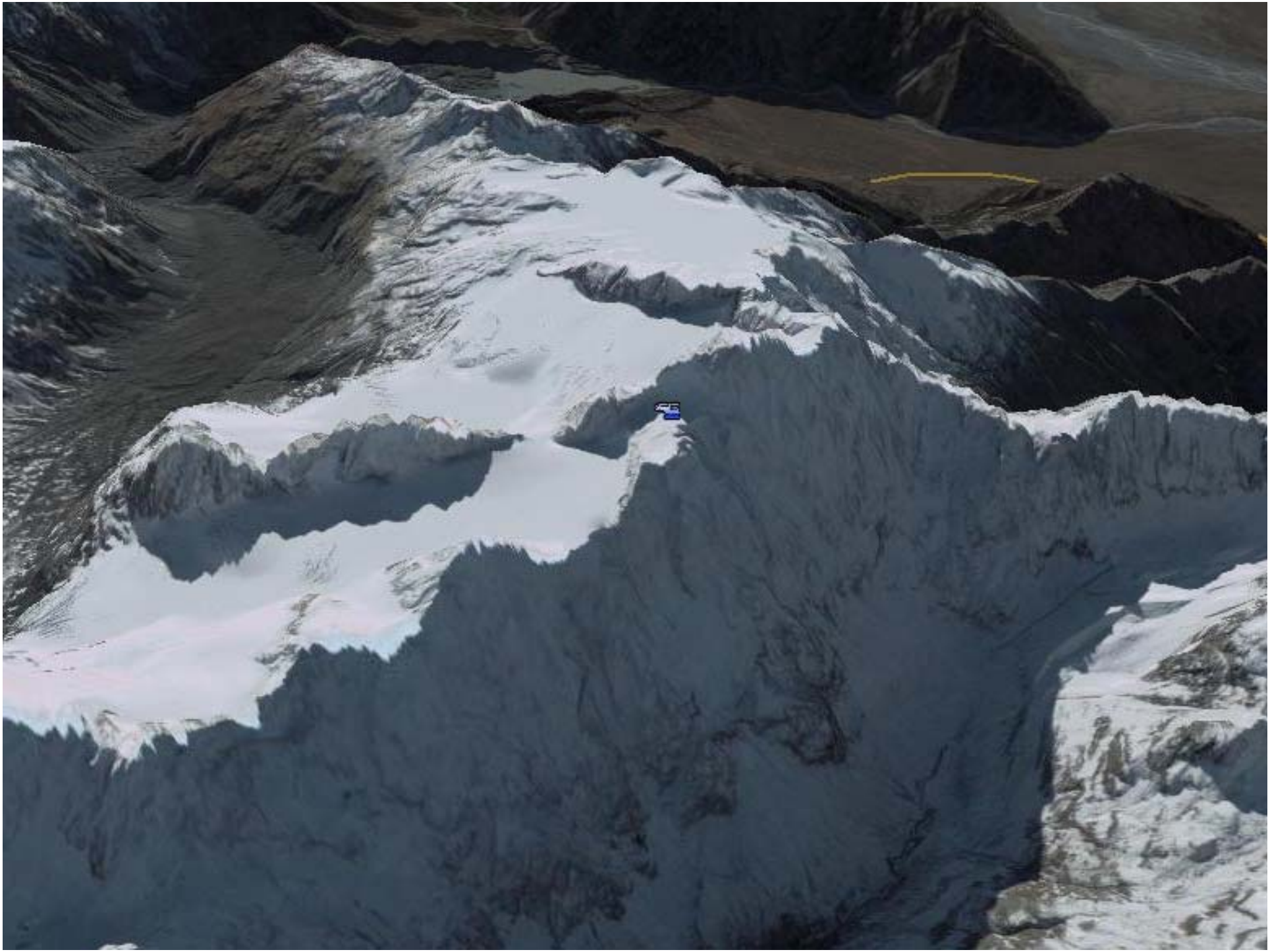
1730hrs – 0020hrs



Situation on arrival

- 1830hrs, darkness setting in
- 30 Female- Traumatic arrest
- CPR 2+ hours
- Local airframe attempting to strop
- High gusty N/NW & variable winds
- Multiple rescuers & climbing party still on scene
- Can we try to winch?



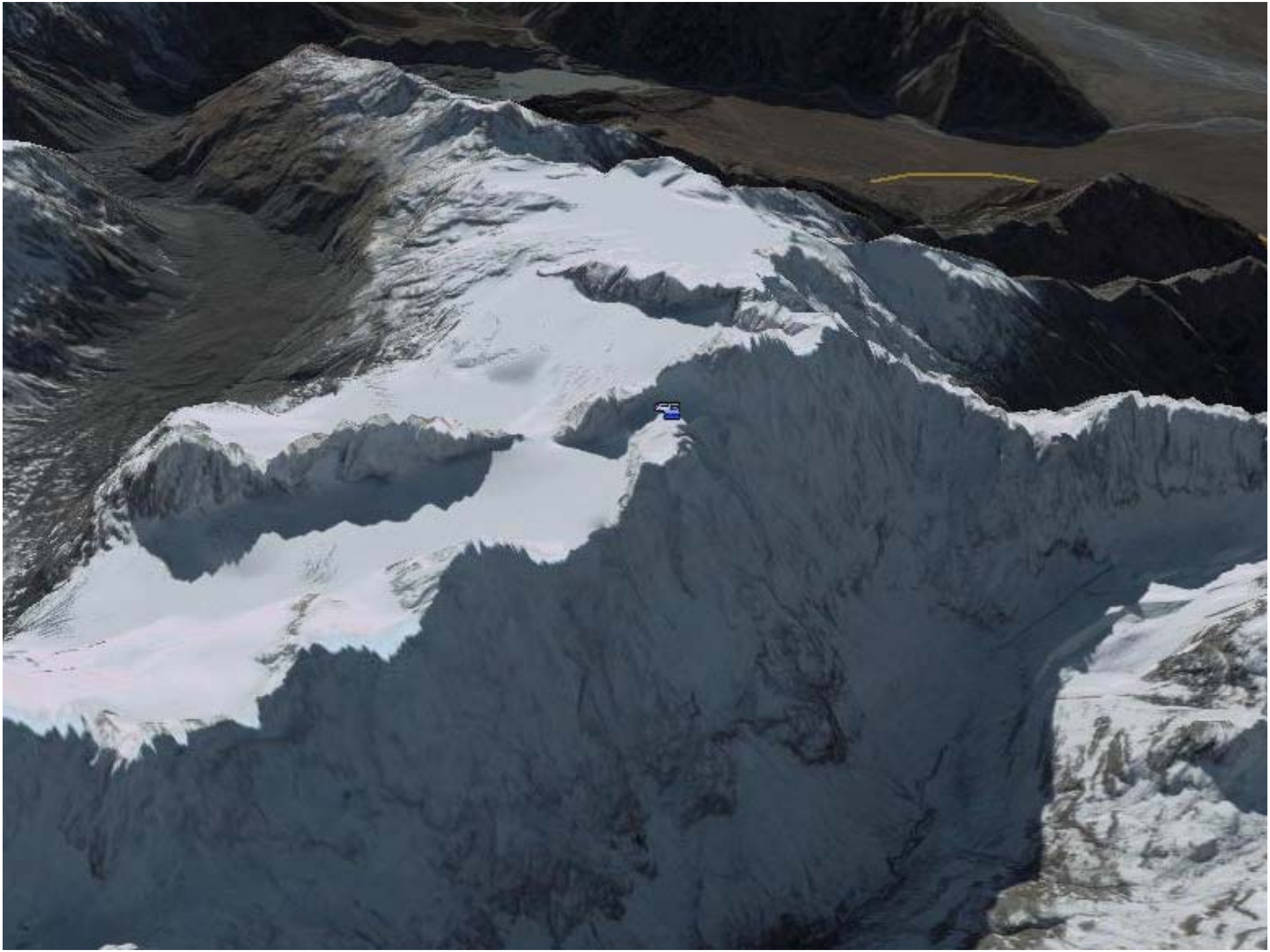
Our Decisions

- The pt is deceased, this operation should now be considered a body recovery
- It will be full dark by the time we arrive at the accident scene
- Considering risk vs. benefit- no we won’t attempt a night winch

Time to make another decision

Can we extricate the rescue party?

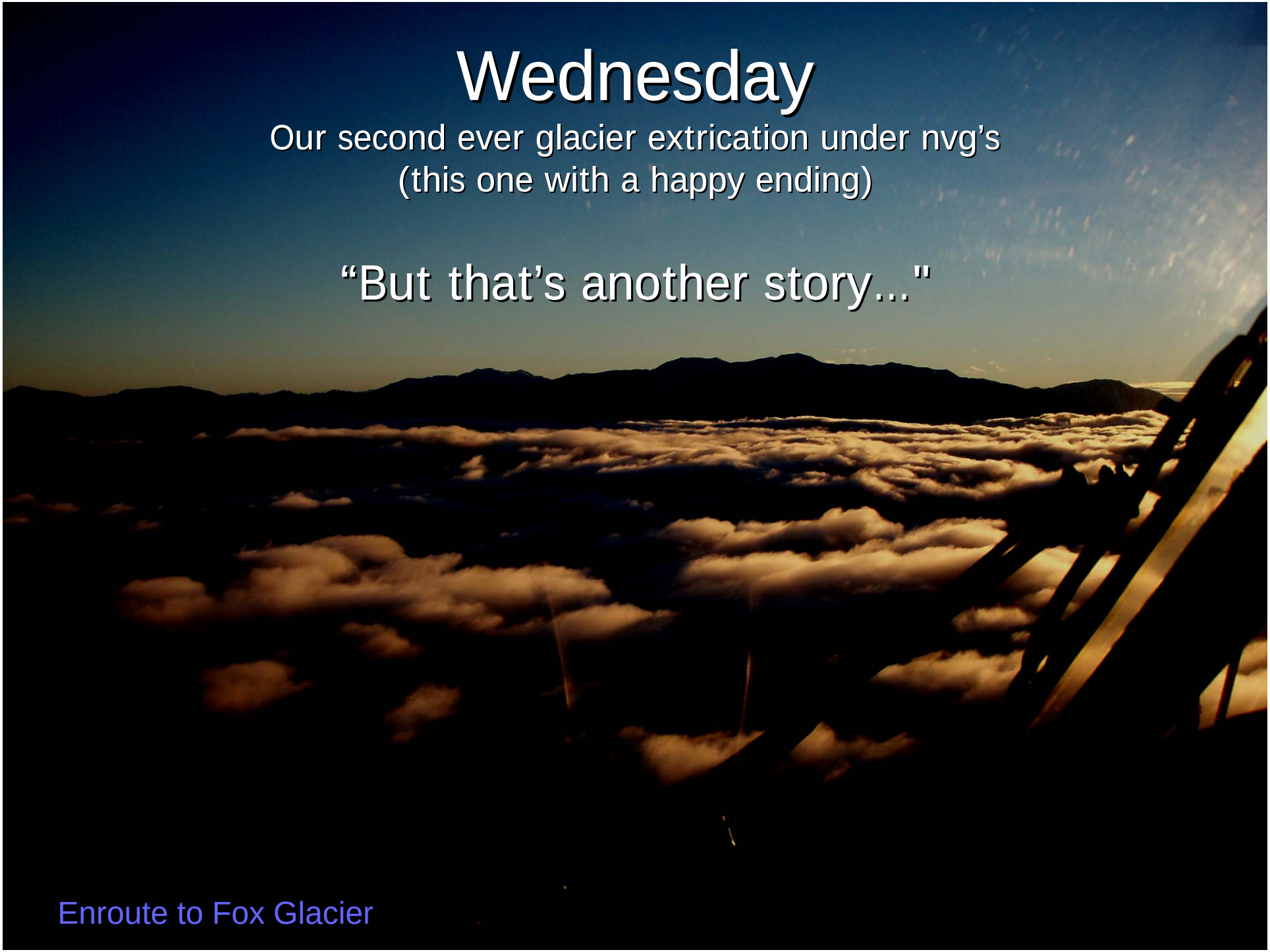
- They've been working hard for several hours
- Physically and emotionally spent
- Weather is very average/unpleasant
- They train to survive on the mt overnight
- They're fully equipped
- Weather is expected to be fine in the morning



Wednesday

Our second ever glacier extrication under nvg's
(this one with a happy ending)

"But that's another story..."



Enroute to Fox Glacier