

June 18, Ramchukor (17,200 feet) by Day, Hardie; May 26, Jagatsukh Peak (17,155 feet) by Day, Hardie; May 27, Wangyal Peak (16,800 feet) by Eskell, Hellberg, Sirdar Wangyal. The Menthosa group led by me consisted of 19. We had a much longer walk in than the other party, about 100 miles which took us over the 13,050-foot Rohtang Pass. Base Camp was established on May 17 at Udaipur. After a further three-day march up the spectacular Miyar Nallah, Advanced Base Camp on Menthosa was established at 14,200 feet, Camp I at 16,500 feet on May 23, Camp II at 18,350 feet on May 26 and Camp III at 20,300 feet on June 3. Menthosa was climbed from the east on June 3 by Surgeon Lieutenant Commander Dill, Lieutenant Thompson, Sergeant Anderson (RAF), Lance Corporal Khagendrabahadur Limbu, on June 5 by Majors Fleming, Muston and Swanston, Captain Page, Lieutenants Brister and Beckett, on June 7 by Captain Kefford, Rfm Basantakumar Rai, Rfm Pasang Tamang, Flight Lieutenant Bhattacharya, Fleming, Swanston and on June 9 by Lieutenant Colonel Peacock, Captains Lynch, West and Bridges. This provided interesting climbing and route-finding all the way. After revictualling at Base Camp we made another three-day walk up a nallah further west and established Advanced Base Camp underneath a 2500-foot icefall at 14,100 feet on June 18. On June 23 Thompson, Brister and Anderson climbed Duphao Jot (20,011 feet) from the southeast. On June 24 Peacock, West, Lynch and Bridges made the first ascent of Baihali Jog or Bahuguna Peak* (20,602 feet) from the southwest. That same day Fleming, Swanston, Kagendrabahadur Limbu, Basantakumar, Pasang Tamang and Sirdar Rikings made the first ascent of "Gurkha Parbat" (19,500+ feet). This name has been formally suggested to the Indian authorities.

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P 20,101 and others, South Parbati Region, Kulu. A small English party comprising John Cardy, Geoff Cohen, Dick Isherwood and me visited the South Parbati region. We enjoyed excellent weather and conditions and climbed six peaks, including P 20,101, which had resisted two previous attempts. All the climbs were of an alpine nature and all are believed to be first ascents. The climbs follow: P 19,000 via 1500-foot east face on September 14 by Collister, Isherwood, on September 23 by Cardy (An easy climb on loose rock, though the descent by the north-

* It is not yet certain which peak we climbed. Our map was very inaccurate. In 1969 an Anglo-Indian expedition led by Major H.V. Bahuguna (killed on Everest in 1971) claimed to have climbed Baihali Jot (*A.J.* 1970, pp. 39-47.) Having now seen the ground, we do not believe they climbed our peak. The peak which they call Baihali Jot is a high point and a bend in the ridge. When our party got to the top of our peak, the 1969 Baihali Jot was about 800 feet below them, indicating it cannot be 20,602 feet high.

east ridge was on ice.); P 18,700 via 2400-foot north face on September 15 by Collister, Cohen (The first two-thirds were a typical alpine ice face, 50° at the top and capped by a cornice. Then 60° excellent frozen snow and a rock pinnacle for a summit. Descent was down a rock ridge and ice slopes on the south.); P 20,101 via 3000-foot south face on September 17 and 18 by Collister, Isherwood (We climbed at night 500 feet up an ice couloir on the right of the face before traversing onto the face. From there to the summit ridge, the climb was almost entirely on rock of varying types and difficulty, nothing harder than UIAA IV; complicated route-finding and some stonefall. We bivouacked near the crest of the east ridge, three rope-lengths below the summit. We made 11 abseils on the descent, keeping well clear of the couloir, a death-trap by day.); P 19,100 via 1100-foot north ridge on September 18 by Cardy, Cohen (A fine short mixed climb of III and IV difficulties on rock. Descent down south ridge. Climbed from Advanced Base, a long day since a route had to be found through an icefall and into a snow bowl.); P 19,200 via 1200-foot north face on September 22 by Collister, Cohen (An unpremeditated evening climb from a bivouac in the snow bowl, unroped and by different lines.); P 18,800 by 800-foot northwest ridge on September 23 by Collister, Cohen (An impressive-looking aiguille that gave a disappointing climb.).

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Peaks near Manali. Jamshed Elavia, Nandlal Purohit and Dr. Geeta Mehta, Indians, and Joseph Franci, Marianne Schmidt, Margo Young and Carl Bruesch, Americans, in June climbed Hanuman Tibba (19,455 feet), Manali (18,600 feet), Ladakhi (17,525 feet) and Friendship (17,300 feet).

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P 19,507 and P 20,049, Chamba-Lahoul Divide. Virgin P 19,507 was climbed by seven members of the Indian-Tibetan Border Police team on July 23. The summiters were Thakur Shyam Singh, leader, K. Paras Ram, Kartar Chand, Thandup, Devi Ram, Harbhajan Singh and Kulwant Singh. On August 23 a 13-man group of the I.T.B.P. led by Sukhdev Singh climbed virgin P 20,049.

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P 21,199. This previously unclimbed mountain lies on the Spiti-Kinnaur divide just inside Spiti near the Manirang Pass. It was climbed on October 8 by Nitai Roy, Keshab Kar and Sherpas Pemba Norbu and Nima Dorje from Camp II at 20,000 feet. The leader was Amulya Sen.

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Kinnaur Kailas, Spiti. This 21,240-foot peak beat back yet another