

only possible in the blowing snow because of the 1200 feet of fixed rope and Rattan Singh's uncanny route sense.

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Rataban. A 16-member Indo-New Zealand team was led by Lieutenant Colonel Balwant Singh Sandhu and Graeme Dingle. They set up Base Camp on August 23 at the head of the Valley of Flowers. On September 2 Raymond John Button and Captain Lakha Singh reached the summit of Rataban (20,230 feet), followed on September 5 by Dingle, Chandra Prabha and Joan Stroker. Most of the expedition then ran 100 miles down the hazardous Alaknanda, Manakini and Ganges in fiberglass canoes.

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Chota Shigri I and P 20,300, Kulu. New Zealanders James Jenkins and Sue Parkes and I climbed Chota Shigri I, which we believe was unclimbed, from a Base Camp on the Chota Shigri Glacier. We recorded an altitude of 17,680 feet by altimeter. We then made what we believe was the first ascent of P 20,300, the northernmost peak of the range which includes Dharamsura (White Sail). The ascent was made by the obvious ice gully which splits the southern side of the mountain for over 3000 feet, starting from the glacier which lies below Devachan's northern flanks. Two summits rise from the plateau-like top. We climbed the easternmost one; both were about the same height and we found it difficult to tell which is higher.

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CB 12, Ladies Expedition. Our party consisted of five women, Sachiko Yoshii, Hisako Adachi, Hiroko Yoshida, Takako Ikoma and me as leader. We went up the Chandra River to a point upstream of Batal where a branch of the river comes in from the west at 13,300 feet, where we made Base Camp. Camp I was at 14,750 feet and Camp II on the glacier at 16,400 feet. We all made the first ascent of CB 12 (6248 meters or 20,500 feet) on August 18. After climbing to what we had thought was the summit, we saw another one over the rock ridge and went on to that.

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Brammah's Wife, Kishtwar Himal, 1978. A nine-person expedition from Lublin, led by Walenty Fiut, was active in the Nanth Nala. On