Broad Peak, West Ridge Attempt. Our expedition was made up of Paul Briggs, Steve Strain, Bob McIntosh and me as leader, but McIntosh injured his knee near the tongue of the Baltoro Glacier and had to leave the expedition. We arrived in Skardu on June 19. We walked to Base Camp at 15,750 feet from June 22 to July 2. We acclimatized until July 8 around Base Camp and on July 9 we climbed to 18,500 feet up the same couloir used by previous expeditions and spent the night, during which there was an earthquake. We descended to Base Camp on the 10th. From July 11 to 17 it snowed every night; the new snow melted off by mid-afternoon but much snow accumulated high on the mountain. We had hoped for a four-day period of settled weather to make a summit bid. On July 17 Briggs and Strain climbed to Camp I at 20,600 feet, but bad weather set in and they descended. We walked out to Skardu from July 20 to 27.

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Broad Peak. We started from Dassu with 52 porters on June 24 and got to Base Camp at 16,400 feet, west of Broad Peak, eight days later with 42 porters, having been able to send ten back who had been carrying food. We had no high-altitude porters and used no artificial oxygen. We established camps at 21,000 and 23,300 feet. For the first three weeks the weather was never good enough to go above 21,325 feet. Then it turned fine until our departure. The route started up a steep gully with mostly bare ice in the upper part, where we fixed 500 feet of rope. The rest of the way to the upper camp was steep ribs and slopes, generally free from avalanches and almost no crevasses. Up to 23,000 feet there was hardly a flat spot for a tent. The last part below the col between the middle and main peaks is a basin, usually filled with much snow. From the col to the foresummit the ridge is exposed and corniced. From there to the summit it is nearly flat. By previous arrangement, we were joined on the summit climb by three Austrians: Georg Bachler, Werner Sucher and Walter Lösch. With them, Hans Kirchberger, Konrad Lewanskowski, Ralph Bärtle and I climbed to the summit (8047 meters, 26,400 feet) on July 23. The other members of our expedition were Sepp Ölker, Walter Janner and Otto Parzhuber.

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Broad Peak North, Solo Attempt. Solo I attempted the north buttress of Broad Peak North (7600 meters, 24,935 feet) during June and July but I had to give up because of bad weather. I was on the wall for 24 days, but had to stop at 23,000 feet because with the bad weather the avalanche danger became too great.

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