

too much at 6500 meters, carrying my ski equipment, when I suddenly fell unconscious with an apparent heart arrest and pulmonary edema. Luckily I received immediate medical assistance. I was in a coma for four hours and semi-conscious for the next three days while I was being evacuated on an improvised litter made from my skis. I was helicoptered from Base Camp by an Indian Army helicopter.

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*Satopanth Attempt.* Koldo Aldaz, Juanito Cebriain and I set up Base Camp on Vasuki Tal at 4950 meters and Camp I at 5300 meters on July 31 and August 4. I fell sick and had to abandon the climb. Another of us had an accident and had to be evacuated. The remaining member could not occupy Camp II until August 26 after much snowfall. In continuing bad weather, he joined a Polish team that fixed the route to 6200 meters. On August 28, it was still snowing and an avalanche swept the whole north face and destroyed Camp I. He gave up.

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*Satopanth.* Our team was made up of Gabriel Denamur, Mirosław Bukowski, Tomasz Samson, Dr. Tomasz Juda, Jadwiga Skawińska, Kazimierz Wszótek, Mirosław Konewka, Emil Witos, Bogdan Remplakowski, Władysław Janik and me as leader. Our original objective had been a 2000-meter-high new route on the east of Satopanth from the Suralaya Bamak. However, delays of our baggage reaching New Delhi kept us from having enough food and equipment and we had to use the Swiss route from the Sundar Glacier on the north-northeast. We set up Base Camp at Vasuki Tal at 4900 meters, Advance Base on the Sundar Glacier at 5300 meters and Camp I at 6000 meters on the saddle on August 30, September 4 and 7. A first summit try on the 8th had to turn back because of the late hour some 50 meters below the top. On September 10, Wszótek, Remplakowski, Konewka and Janik reached the summit (7075 meters, 23,212 feet). On September 18, I made a solo ascent in a 10-hour round-trip.

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*Satopanth.* Our group of nine Austrians and a Swiss had first hoped to climb Satopanth (7075 meters, 23,212 feet) by its northwest ridge. We failed when five members fell sick at the beginning of the climbing period. On September 14, Klaus Reininger, Peter Burgstaller, Ivan Exnar and I started up the normal route, the north ridge, but we failed at 6700 meters because of insufficient acclimatization. Ernst Gritzner, Paul Alf, Oswald Pletschko, Heinz Zimmermann and Franz Mischka reached the summit on September 18, followed on September 22 by Exnar and me.

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