

reached at 4:30 P.M. on May 17 by Captain R. H. Grant, Lieutenant C. J. Bonnington and Lance Corporal Ang Nyima Sherpa of the British Army. Other members were Major G. Lorimer, Captain W. A. Cranshaw and Flight Lieutenant S. Ward, British; Captain Prabakar Shamsher and Lieutenant Gadul Shamsher, Nepalese; and Captains Jagjit Singh and M. A. Soares (Medical Officer), Indian. The route followed was from the north and had already been pioneered by several expeditions to Annapurna IV. (24,630 feet, first ascent by Steinmet's German party in 1955. *A.A.J.*, 1956, 10:2, pp. 140-141.) Camps I to IV were set up at 17,600, 19,000, 21,000 and 22,600 feet respectively. Camp V, at 23,850 feet, marked the farthest limit of exploration towards Annapurna II and it was from here that the summit trio set off on the morning of May 17, using oxygen to traverse the remaining $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles of narrow ridge leading to the foot of the final pyramid. Meanwhile two Sherpas carried forward Camp VI to 23,650 feet (the ridge descends from Camp V) and here the successful trio arrived as night fell after a day probably as arduous as any in the annals of safe and well ordered Himalayan climbing. On May 18 and 19, ascents were made of Annapurna IV. Although sponsored by the Services of Britain, Nepal and India, the great bulk of expedition finances were from civilian and private sources. The expedition arrived back in Kathmandu on June 3.

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Ganesh Himal. The Englishman J. Wallace, accompanied only by two Sherpas, made the second ascent of Ganesh (24,300 feet) on May 31. The first ascent was made by Raymond Lambert, Mme. Claude Kogan and Eric Gauchat in October, 1955.

Pigferago. A light French expedition operated in the Rolwalung Himal, between Gaurisankar and Namche Bazar. The group was led by Robert Sandoz and consisted of Mme. Cécile Barbezat, Alain Barbezat, Pierre Girod, Claude Maillard and Maurice Martin. They abandoned their original objective, Chobutse, because of the dangers from falling ice. They then turned to Pigferago (21,720 feet), which was climbed on October 21 by M. Barbezat and the Sherpa Nawang Dorje by the steep and difficult west ridge. They also climbed three other peaks above the Tolam Bau Glacier, none of these first ascents. These were Pimu (20,830 feet) and Parchamo (20,730 feet), both first ascended in 1955 by Davis and Boulton, and Singkar (20,630 feet), climbed for the first time in 1952 by Shipton, Evans and Gregory and for the second time in 1955 by Gregory and Courtney.