

made their attempt in 1939. Strong winds and heavy snowfall hampered us, but we did establish Camp II at 18,500 feet during the first week of May. On the 10th we were ready to push off to Camp III, having already prepared the route, when a heavy snowfall forced us back to Base Camp. For seven days snow fell and fell and an avalanche swept down from 20,000 feet, moving about a mile and burying Camp II fifteen feet deep. Having lost half our equipment, we were forced to abandon our attempt on 23,210-foot Tirsuli. (The name for this peak has recently appeared as *Trisuli*. It should not be confused with *Trisul* which lies southwest of it. — *Editor*.) Though no longer fully equipped, we decided to continue and make our attempt on Nanda Devi East. On May 30 we established Base Camp at Bithal Gwar (14,000 feet). The next day we moved up to Camp I and finally three days later reached Longstaff's Col but there was absolutely no place to pitch tents. It took us three more days to manage to pitch two tents — 600 feet apart. The gendarmes beyond had become terrible and two attempts revealed no decent route. On June 11, with half of the team and Sherpas lying sick, and with meagre equipment, we had to abandon the peak when the Sherpas pronounced the task impossible and refused to go up. On the retreat two ropes slipped and fell 2500 feet. Although most escaped with minor bruises, one Sherpa broke his leg and was evacuated by helicopter.

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*Jaonli Peak, Garhwal.* An expedition of Indian schoolboys and two schoolmasters, led by Hari Dang of the Doon School, attempted 21,760-foot Jaonli Peak in the Uttarkashi district of Garhwal. They were stopped at 19,300 feet by bad weather.

*Panch Chulhi.* Led by Flight Lieutenant A. K. Chowdhury, Indians visited the Panch Chulhi region. They failed to climb Panch Chulhi I (22,650 feet) and Panch Chulhi II, but they did climb Panch Chulhi III (20,710 feet), IV (20,780 feet) and V (21,120 feet).

*Nar Parbat, Garhwal.* Nar Parbat (19,210 feet), which lies east of Badrinath, was attempted by a group from Bombay, led by L. R. Chari. Heavy snowfall prevented their reaching higher than 17,900 feet.

*Mulkilli, Central Labul.* The Indian Hari Dang with the French Alain and Cecile Barbézat attempted Mulkilli (21,380 feet), but they found the route too dangerous. They did make the first ascent of M5 (c. 20,900 feet) and climbed several other peaks.

*Mukar Bey.* Students and instructors of the Himalayan Institute of Mountaineering in Manali have reported climbing a number of high