

Japanese Alpine Club, made a north-south crossing of the Southern Patagonian Icecap from Fiordo Falcón to Fiordo Europa. Finally, after bureaucratic delays, on October 23, 1971 they received official permission and naval support from the Chilean government. On November 11 they left Puerto Eden by boat for Fiordo Europa. They packed supplies and reconnoitered toward the icecap along the route they hoped to take on the way out. The Chilean naval vessel picked them up on November 27 and they returned to Puerto Eden. They were aboard ship again on December 3 and heading for Fiordo Falcón, where ice floes kept them from getting quite as far as they had hoped. They struggled through the lower terrain and up the tributary glaciers in the worst weather. The fate of the expedition was nearly sealed when a 5-gallon gas can fell into a crevasse, but it was recovered after several days of search. They reached the Continental Icecap on January 3 after establishing a dozen camps. They pressed on south in nearly constantly foggy, snowy weather. On January 21 they turned west toward the Europa Glacier and their cache just south of it. It took another seven days of hard work to reach the cache. Finally they were picked up on Fiordo Europa on February 18.

*Cerro Mascarello.* In December Eduardo Kornais, Gregorio Ancin, Osvaldo Troiani, Mario Serrano and I left for the Southern Patagonian Continental Icecap. We had hoped to go to Cerro Moyano, north of Lago Argentino, but transportation difficulties, especially with the boats on the lake forced us to the nearly unexplored region of the Mascarello range, between the Glacier Viedma on the north and Fiordo Moyano on the south. We explored as far as the Icecap. On January 22, 1973 Serrano and I climbed Cerro Mascarello (c. 8850 feet). The first part was 60° hard snow; the final section was on unpleasant rotten slate. The weather was consistently bad except for the day of the ascent.

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*Aguja Poincenot, Fitz Roy Group.* An ascent of the northwest face of the Aguja Poincenot was made from December 17 to 21, 1970. This difficult 3000-foot face was climbed by the Argentines José Luis Fonrouge and A. Rosasco.

*Fitz Roy.* An English expedition has climbed Fitz Roy by a new route, which ascended from the saddle between the French and American routes. After preparing the route in November, they lost 16 days to storm before climbing to the top on December 11. Members of the group were Dave Nicol, Ian Wade, Eddie Birch, Mo Anthoine, Guy Lee and the American Larry Darby.

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