

were Sanjiv Sawhney and Maninder Singh. The mountain was first climbed in 1959 by Jagjit Singh's Indian expedition.

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Mana Peak. A six-man team led by Nanda Lal Purohit climbed this 23,860-foot peak on October 26.

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Ali Ratni Tibba, West Face, Kulu. Our seven-man expedition went to Kulu to climb alpine-style. On June 4 to 6 Alan Burgess, Bob Toogood, Bob Dearman and I climbed the 4500-foot-high granite west face of Ali Ratni Tibba. Spending 2½ days on the face, we had mixed climbing similar to Scottish Grade 4 ice and 5 Sup. Al rock climbing. After climbing a 1000-foot couloir to reach the Pass of the Obelisks, Steve Chalkeley and Dearman climbed the southeast ridge of Ali Ratni Tibba with one bivouac. This was a D. Sup. alpine-type rock ridge. Tim Norris, Chalkeley and Paul Quinn climbed Manikarin Spire by an A.D. snow ridge in a day. We had originally gone out to climb the northeast pillar of Manikarin Spire, but on arriving we found it to be only 1000-feet of high-angle and artificial climbing which seemed a waste of time with Ali Ratni Tibba right there.

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Menthosa, Deo Tibba, Indrasan, Ali Ratni Tibba. I was leader of the Army Mountaineering Association Himachal Pradesh Expedition, which consisted of 27 members of the British Services. British Army Gurkhas were also included. We aimed to climb four peaks to select the team to attempt Everest during the pre-monsoon period of 1976. We were also testing equipment, especially oxygen equipment, clothing and food. Once at the mounting base at Raisan in the Kulu valley, I split the team in two. A party of ten, under the leadership of my deputy leader, Major Gerry Owens tackled Indrasan (20,410 feet) and Deo Tibba (19,687 feet). The details of this group's activities follow: June 5, Deo Tibba from north by Sergeant Andy Anderson, Lieutenant Simon Eskell, Major Owens and traversed from south to north by Sirdar Chand, Lance Corporal Lane; July 7, Indrasan by east ridge, a new route, by Owens, Eskell, Anderson, and Deo Tibba from north by Captain Henry Day, Lieutenant Colonel Richard Hardie and traversed from south to north by Captain Hellberg, C/Sgt Gyalzen Sherpa; July 9, Indrasan by east ridge by Captain Patrick Gunson, Day, Hardie; July 12, Deo Tibba from north by Chand, Lance Corporal Norbu Sherpa; June 14, Ali Ratni Tibba (18,013 feet) on south face (Moss's route) by Gunson, Hellberg, Lane; June 16, Consolation Peak (16,800 feet) by Day, Chand;