

This turned out to be a classic, if somewhat exposed and delicate, route. The same party climbed Chopiraju Oeste via the west face and ridge on August 9. On August 10 our camp guardian L. Catalino and I scrambled up Choco via the southeast ridge. Our final visit was to the Quebrada Llanganuco where on August 16 Bussey and I climbed Yanaraju via the southwest face and ridge. On August 18 Bussey, Heslop and I climbed Pisco Oeste via the standard route. Prior to our departure from Huaraz, we donated our medical supplies to the local hospital. A detailed account of the expedition appears in the *Canadian Alpine Journal*, 1979.

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Pucamataraju. The Quebrada Rurec opened to our admiration, dominated by imposing Huantsán. Night closed in as Giorgio Pettigiani and I camped on the shore of Lake Tararhua at 14,450 feet. The next night we were camped at 16,000 feet, east of Cashan Este. Away at dawn on May 18, we climbed north to the col east of Pucamataraju, the summit which lies just east of Cashan Este. The ridge was heavily corniced to the north. We continued on and on along the delicate ridge and finally surmounted the sharp summit of Pucamataraju (18,111 feet).

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Huantsán, North Ridge. Our team was composed of Rémy Auda, Pascal Bonnier, Genviève and Jean Paul Bouquier, Laurent Coursol, Pierre Ferry and me. On August 8 we made the third ascent of the north ridge of Huantsán, but our approach to the ridge differed from the two previous ascents. We ascended from the Quebrada Rajucolta, where we placed our Base Camp. We set out for the summit alpine-style from Camp II at 18,375 feet and did the climb from there at the foot of the ridge in three days, up and back. The ridge was not particularly difficult but very rewarding.

GÉRARD MARTIN, *Club Alpin Français*

Ski Descents in the Cordillera Blanca. Patrick Vallençant made a number of ski descents, some of which have been noted elsewhere in this *Journal*. He skied down the normal route on Huascarán Norte on June 2. On June 23 with Dominique André, Jean-Marc Boivin and Michel Poencet he skied from the summit of Huascarán Sur. Boivin and Poencet skied the north face of Quitaraju on June 14 and Pisco Oeste by the normal route on June 30.

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Yerupajá, West Face Direct. The Germans Ulrich Eberhard and Hans Martin Götz completed the first direct ascent of the west face of Yerupajá on June 28, 1977, some two weeks before the French ascent. (The face