

medium-sized aid rack, this is a superb climb. On August 9, 1979 Robert Blatherwick and I made the first ascent of the south face of Oqshapallka (5881 meters, 19,295 feet). From the glacier above Laguna Llaca the route takes a direct line up the center of the face to the summit. Eighteen hours of difficult mixed climbing on the first day led to a bivouac in an ice cave just below the summit cornices. The following day it took us four hours to climb the remaining 150 feet of nearly vertical snow to the summit. The descent took five hours via the north face to the glacier above Ishinca.

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*Huascarán, the Garganta from the East.* Catalans Jordi Agulló, J. Angles, Toni Bros, Joaquín Prunes, R. Biosco and Spaniard Rodolfo Pajares in September climbed a new route to the Garganta up the icefall from the east and from there continued on to the summit up the left center of the north slope. An avalanche swept their route the day before they climbed it.

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*Huascarán, Southeast Ridge Attempt.* Our group consisted of Hubert Stampfer, Horst Kahl, Kurt Kirchner and me. After acclimatization climbs on Yanapactsa Noroeste and Pisco Oeste on June 3 and 6, we set off up the Quebradas Uta and Mátara to Base Camp on a lake at 15,550 feet. On June 11 we climbed to the glacier at 17,000 feet and up the southeast ridge to camp at 18,375 feet; there were short, steep steps with easier terrain between. On the 12th we climbed first snow and ice and then a rotten ridge. At 19,000 feet one of our comrades fell with a large block some 50 feet into a gully, but was held. He had head wounds, a concussion and nausea. We bivouacked there. The next day we had to help the injured climber back to 18,375 feet. The evacuation on the 14th was aided by two of our porters. He recovered in the hospital in Huaraz. The ridge is rather more dangerous because of rotten rock than difficult. It was first climbed in 1971 by New Zealanders.

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*Huandoy Norte and Cayesh.* Geoff Creighton's and my first objective was Huandoy Norte by a new route\* that ascends the steep, broad apron

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\* This may actually have been the second ascent of this route since the description sounds like the one given by the Swiss R. Schatz and E. Reiss in 1959.