

dawned with ominous clouds but then cleared. With dispatch Lev led the last difficult 30-meter rock pitch just below the start of the summit snow ridge, but one pitch later he elected to turn back with Ball, who again was suffering cold feet in his too small boots. Also, Lev did not like the hollow sound of the snow and the snowy look of the Zanskars behind us. Stettner and I pressed on. The knife-edged summit ridge rose relatively gently for twelve rope-lengths, but on either side it dropped steeply. I had to decide on which side to step. Some of the way we belayed, some we climbed simultaneously, but near the summit there was a kind of Hillary Step for the last two exhausting leads. On the top (7135 meters, 23,410 feet) the storm seemed imminent and unconsolidated snow seemed ready to collapse at any moment. Less than an hour later we were off the difficult rock pitch just as the edge of the storm hit. By 6:15 P.M. we were back at High camp. By May 28 Base Camp was cleared.

JOCK GLIDDEN

Kun. Our expedition made the difficult crossing of the Suru river on August 16. Fortunately we had a small pneumatic boat. We climbed the northeast ridge, the normal route. We placed Base Camp at 14,750 feet on the 18th, Camp I at 17,725 feet on the 20th (the glacier was easy but dangerously crevassed), Camp II at 19,700 feet on the 22nd (two steep walls and an easy glacier) and Camp III at 20,675 feet on the 26th (after a long but easy crossing of the plateau). On August 28 Michel Vincent, Marie Guislaine Jessenne, André Berthet, Pascal Jouenne, Léonard LaLoy, Jean Pierre Gadel, Robert Geay and Christian Deronce made a 14-hour round-trip summit climb up the difficult summit ridge. On the 29th Guy Lemoine and Christian Meynier reached the summit. An injured ankle kept me from the climb. The weather was generally bad except for August 27 and 28. We registered -25°C at Camp III on August 29 and some climbers suffered frostbite. Bears came to Base Camp on several nights. They destroyed six unoccupied tents but did not bother the occupied ones.

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Nun, North Ridge. A ten-man Indian Army team from the Dogra Regiment, led by Major Prem Chand, set up Base Camp on June 10. After establishing four more camps, on June 19 Harnam Singh, Thakur Dass, Lalit Kumar and Mohammad Amin reached the summit of Nun*(7135 meters, 23,410 feet) by way of the unclimbed north ridge.

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*Because of the large number of people ascending such high peaks as Nun, Kun, Trisul and others, we can no longer try to give accounts of all of the more commonly climbed peaks, except for new routes, interesting ascents, etc.—*Editor*.