

them to high-altitude climbing. From the roadhead at Sankri we trekked through Dapsa and up the Ruinsara Nala to Base Camp at 13,800 feet at the lower Kiar Koti and Advanced Base at 14,100 feet ahead of the upper Kiar Koti. Routes were reconnoitered and training imparted. On May 26 we started for Kala Nag (Black Peak). Camp I was across the lateral moraine of the Kala Nag icefall at 16,500 feet. Camp II at 18,200 feet was through a maze of crevasses and 1500 feet below the col. On May 28 our first attempt failed for want of equipment to climb the 300-foot ice wall. On May 29, Kartik Bhagat, Dhiren Toolsidas and I left Camp II at 5:30 and reached the summit (6387 meters, 20,956 feet) at 4:45 P.M. Arun Samant, Ravi Mariwala and Sher Singh repeated the ascent on May 31. After three days of rest, Samant, Toolsidas and I traversed the Bandarpunch Glacier for 4 miles to make Camp I at 15,000 feet for Bandarpunch II West. We found a route over the true left lateral moraine of the Bandarpunch West Glacier. We crossed the upper icefall and placed Camp II at 17,400 feet. We spent a day fixing ropes in the last icefall and had to cross very delicate snow bridges. Camp III was at 18,600 feet. On May 10 we made the first ascent of Bandarpunch II West (6102 meters, 20,020 feet), following the northeast ridge to the highly corniced summit. Three minor peaks of about 18,000 feet were also climbed.

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Peaks in Lahul. There was much climbing activity in Lahul. Mulkila 5 (6370 meters, 20,900 feet) was climbed in September by Indians G.J. Jambotkar, P.B. Bodhane, D.T. Kulkarni and three high-altitude porters. Mulkila 7 (6340 meters, 20,800 feet) was climbed by French Gilles Gadani and Mlle Blondine Wong in August. CB 10 (6226 meters, 20,427 feet) was ascended by Indians N.J.K. Singh, Shyam Kishor and L. Joy Kumar in August or September. A British Royal Air Force expedition climbed two peaks in September: CB 21 by C.M. Davidson, Daniel, Batson and Taylor and CB 24 by Batson, Taylor, Horth, Palmer, Cockwood, Wilson and Milmo. CB 54 (6096 meters, 20,000 feet) was ascended by Indians G. Lobo and a porter in August or September.

Koa Rong 2. This virgin peak in Lahul was climbed by a Polish team. Andrzej Zboinski, leader, and Ryzard Wrona reached the summit on August 23. The following day, Ryszard Tokarczyk, his wife Grazyna and Krzysztof Wroczyński repeated the ascent. This peak had previously been attempted by Americans and Japanese.

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CB 31. All 16 members of a Japanese expedition led by Heihachi Nomura climbed CB31. From Base Camp on the Samundar Tapu Glacier, they placed Camp I on the Candi-Ki Glacier at 4900 meters on July 26 and Camp II at 5600