

ever, we fixed rope up the icefall on the ridge flank and got to the ridge at 20,400 feet on July 24. We established Camp III at 20,600 feet on July 25. The ice slope was a bit prone to rockfall late in the day but not difficult. From Camp III we went to the summit in three days with two bivouacs, both in the same place on the ascent and descent at 22,300 feet. Brindle and I reached the summit (7273 meters, 23,862 feet) on July 29, followed on July 30 by Allan and Tinker. The ridge was interesting mixed climbing and technical enough to maintain our interest! We then went to Gasherbrum II and set off on August 17 alpine-style. Unfortunately on arrival at the standard Camp I, we were struck by a massive dysentery attack and bad weather, which caused a general weakening of resolve.

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*Nameless Tower, Trango Towers, Baltoro Karakoram.* Our members were Andrew Atkinson, Stuart Holmes, Alan Scott, Ian Lonsdale and me as leader. We wanted to climb a new route on the Nameless Tower alpine-style. We arrived at Base Camp on the Trango Glacier on June 12. We hoped to complete the route in ten days and carried that amount of food and fuel. After a reconnaissance to look at the face above the Dunge Glacier, we decided that we would attempt a line from the bottom of the southwest face, much lower than the start of the 1976 American line, which took the hidden ramp. We climbed to a huge corner system which eventually led to a junction with the 1976 route just below the snowpatch. Bad weather forced a retreat on the fourth day with nine inches of snow falling. We returned after another three days to establish camp on the snowpatch, using a Photon tent and three portaledges. We then took a line up the central slabs, moving slightly right and up to the broken line below the huge rock scar. A broken crack system led up to the right of the scar on very steep rock. Only one ledge, not big enough for us five, was encountered in nearly 4000 feet of climbing. At one P.M. on the sixth day we were all just above a small snowpatch below the right end of the summit snowfield. The weather had worsened steadily all morning and it broke early in the afternoon. We had only a pitch and a half to reach easy ground, but we couldn't ascend the final 8-inch offwidth crack. Hail poured off the snowfield like cement from a cement chute. Wearing double boots on verglas, we had little choice but to go down for the night. The next morning was no better and with only one day's food and fuel, we descended after an hour's try to jumar the ropes above us, which were covered with a half-inch of ice. We had climbed 29 pitches. An alpine grade of ED would seem appropriate.

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*Trango Tower, Ascent of Southeast Face and Tragedy.* A four-man Norwegian team climbed a very difficult new route on the southeast face of the main Trango Tower (6237 meters, 20,463 feet). It took them 21 days in unstable