

just below the summit. We reached the summit on the morning of September 23 and were back in Base Camp that night. The greatest difficulties were in the lower half of the lower wall and near the top of Shivling.

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*Shivling Attempt and Satopanth North Ridge.* Our expedition operated in two groups, Andreas Walder, Willi Wehinger, Walter Bell and I in the first and Dieter Blümel, Egon Haselwanter, Kurt Wolf, Gottfried Mayr and Traudl Stauder in the second. We are all Austrian except for Walder, who is Swiss. We established Base Camp at Tapovan on September 20. We acclimatized on Kedarnath Dome on September 26. Walder and I headed for the west ridge of Shivling. We placed Camps I, II and III at 5000, 5400 and 6100 meters on September 29, 30 and October 1. On the 2nd, we got to the summit ridge at 6400 meters but turned back because of bad weather and lack of time. We then went to camp at Vasuki Lake on October 5 and to a glacier camp north of Satopanth at 5500 meters the next day. Camp II was at 6000 meters on a col in the north ridge and Camp IV above a difficult ridge section at 6400 meters. We climbed to the summit on October 9. Because Group II's objective, a new route on the east face of Shivling had just been climbed by Yugoslavs, they changed their objective to the west ridge. Blümel and Mayr got to 6100 meters.

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*Thalay Sagar.* Our expedition made the fifth ascent of Thalay Sagar, the second by the first-ascent route on the northwest couloir and ridge made in 1979 by the Anglo-American party led by John Thackray. The other three ascents have been by the northeast buttress. Before our ascent, there had been 14 unsuccessful attempts. We were Jaume Altadill, Oscar Cadiach, Jordi Camprubí, Xavier Pérez Gil and I as leader. Our three-day approach brought us to Base Camp at 4600 meters on August 13. We placed Advance Base and Camps I and II at 4800, 5600 and 6200 meters on August 14, 20 and 23. The glacier up to Camp I was of moderate difficulty. The 900-meter-high couloir was up to 60°. On August 25, Cadiach, Camprubí and Pérez Gil bivouacked at 6600 meters, climbed to the summit (6904 meters, 22,770 feet) on the 26th and descended to Camp II. The rock in the last 400 meters was rotten and up to UIAA difficulty of V.

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*Thalay Sagar Attempt.* Paolo Pezzolato and I were driven back from the final part of the south face of Thalay Sagar by a terrible snowstorm. After reaching 6300 meters, we had to turn back, Pezzolato with a dislocated knee and I with frostbitten feet.

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