

*Peaks near Cerro Torre and San Lorenzo, 1987.* An Italian expedition made a number of excellent ascents in the Fitz Roy-Cerro Torre region and near San Lorenzo in late 1987. The members were Davide Brighenti, Monica Malgarotto, Alberto Rampini, Stefano Righetti, Sergio Valentini, Maurizio Venzo and Roberta Vittorangeli. On October 28, 1987, Rampini, Venzo and Malgarotto made a new route on the left of the east buttress of El Mocho. On the 29th, after a bivouac on the saddle, Brighenti and Valentini were among the many who in the southern spring of 1987 reached the summit of Cerro Torre. Venzo, Rampini and Malgarotto headed to the base of Piergiorgio. On November 1, they hoped to repeat the Argentine route but they did not reach the summit because of bad weather. On November 3 and 4, Brighenti and Rampini made a new route on the south-southeast spur of Cerro Nato. The route was primarily on snow and ice. Meanwhile, Valentini teamed up with Maurizio Giordani and Rosanna Manfrini (not of the expedition) to make a new route on the west face of Aguja St. Exupéry. The route ascended a long snow couloir and then the western spur. Venzo and Malgarotto made an unsuccessful attempt on a tower near El Mocho. Venzo then joined Giordani and Rosanna Manfridi in an ascent of the 1984 Argentine route on Fitz Roy. Rampini and Brighenti traveled north to the San Lorenzo group where they made an ascent of Cerro Dos Picos (2275 meters, 7464 feet) by its south face on November 21. An attempt on San Lorenzo failed in bad weather. The expedition finally headed for the Paine group where an attempt on the North Tower of Paine was frustrated by bad weather. (A fuller account appears in *Lo Scarpone* of March 16, 1988.)

*Aguja Saint Exupéry, West Face, and Fitz Roy, 1987.* After the ascent of Cerro Torre from October 27 to 31, 1987 by Rosanna Manfrini and me, in which she made the first female ascent of the very difficult peak (AAJ, 1988, page 174), good weather returned on November 3. This let us carry out our second objective, the west face of the Aguja Saint Exupéry, an unclimbed 1000-meter-high granite wall. We added Sergio Valentini, a friend we found in the region. On November 4, 1987, we attacked the central pillar of the immense face, which we managed to climb entirely free. We reached the summit on the second day by this new route and thus completed the fifth ascent of the tower. We began the descent immediately in the evening of the 5th to avoid being caught in a threatening storm. The ascent rose 960 meters and was of 5.9 to 5.11 difficulty. From November 20 to 22, Rosanna, Maurizio Vanzo and I climbed the 1984 Argentine route on Fitz Roy in doubtful weather.

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*Aguja Rafael, West Face, and Saint Exupéry, North Face and Upper East Ridge.* On January 25, my wife Sue Harrington and I climbed 14 pitches up the British-American route on the west face of Aguja Rafael, which has also at times been called Torre Innominata. We began climbing at noon and followed the