

*Bhagirathi II, East Face and Northeast Ridge.* Our expedition was composed of Włodzimierz Lipiński, Lech Łaski, Dr. Bogdan Meller, Zbigniew Mikołajczyk, Tadeusz Niedźwiedź, Marian Nowak, Marek Oreńczuk, Piotr Wójtowicz, Vlademar Zmurko and me as leader. We had hoped to climb the west face, but the fatal accident of another Polish team showed how dangerous it was. As the weather was unstable, we changed our plans. On September 28 and 29, Mikołajczyk, Nowak and Zmurko climbed to the summit of Bhagirathi II via the east face and northeast ridge, which seemed to be virgin.

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*Bhagirathi I, West Ridge.* Two separate New Zealand expeditions climbed in the Gangotri region. Geoff Gabites, Mark Gabites, Dave Stephenson and I reached the summit of Bhagirathi I (6856 meters, 22,493 feet) alpine-style via the west ridge on September 15 at two P.M. in deteriorating weather. The fifth member, Debbie Koster, reached Camp II at 6000 meters. This was the second ascent of the ridge. The climbing was mainly on steep granite and went free at 5.10. We followed the obvious crack system up a granite tower to 200 meters of mixed ground and then went up an 800-meter snow arête to the summit. The descent took 20 abseils.

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*Bhagirathi III, Southwest Buttress.* Our team consisted of (Mr.) Carol McDermott and me. We established Base Camp at Tapovan on August 24 and by September 9 had acclimatized and carried our gear to the base of the climb. After some bad weather, we started on the 13th. Our route followed that of Scots Fyffe and Barton with only minor variations. We found, as they had, that it is necessary to stay well to the left to avoid rockfall. Unfortunately, the weather, which had been good, became increasingly unsettled. It snowed every day but the first and the snowfalls got heavier the higher we climbed. As a result, it took us six days to climb the 19 pitches of granite. The route was not steep enough for efficient hauling of our large quantity of gear. On the seventh day, we climbed five pitches of steep snow-covered dirt, five pitches of hard but moderately angled ice and five pitches of an easier snow ridge. We reached the summit (6454 meters, 21,175 feet) at 5:30 P.M. on September 19. The climbing was on good granite, mainly 5.7 to 5.8 with one section of 5.9. Aid was used on five pitches, but apart from one sustained aid pitch, none had more than 20 feet of aid.

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*Bhrigupanth.* We climbed Bhrigupanth (6772 meters, 22,220 feet), above the Kedar valley. First, we had hoped to climb Thalay Sagar, but there was too much snow. We established Base Camp, Advance Base, Camps I, II and III at 4000, 4600, 5300, 5500 and 6100 meters on August 17, 19, 20, 21 and 27.