

Central Paine Tower, Winter Attempt. Spaniards José Luis Gallego and Raúl García were in the Paine Towers from May 1 to June 6. They attempted to climb the east face of the Torre Central despite low temperatures and high winds. They climbed 1100 meters of the wall but could not finish the climb. Gallego had already attempted the same route in the summer of 1966, when he and his brother managed to get up the first 500 meters.

Tierra del Fuego

Roncagli, Cordillera Darwin, Tierra del Fuego, 1990. On January 14, 1990, Julian Mathias, John Mothersele and I made the first ascent of magnificent Roncagli (2300 meters, 7046 feet) by its northwest ridge to the north summit. We climbed 1200 vertical meters of sustained mixed climbing in a 20-hour push from an advanced glacial camp. This was the fifth British expedition to visit the area and attempt the peak. The line climbed had originally been attempted in 1988 by Iain Peters and me after we had spotted the possible route on this complex peak when we saw it during our ascent of Pico Ohi. This year, we also made the first ascent of Pico País de Galles to the east of the Stoppani Glacier.

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Kilimanjaro, Credner Glacier. What started out as a centennial commemoration of Hans Meyer's first ascent of Kilimanjaro 100 years ago evolved into an exploration of the westernmost ridge and a new route up the remote Credner Glacier. The team was composed of Norwegian Odd Eliassen, Swiss Christoph Jezler, Englishman Richard Palmer, Americans Lane Gregory, Rob Taylor, Timothy and Nicholas Wiedman and me as leader. We proceeded up the southeast route to the Mandara and Horombo Huts, tarried for three days of medical research on descending climbers and then continued due west. During three more days we traversed the Karanga valley past the Arrow Glacier cut-off to the Great Barranco under the Breach Wall. Continuing into the Shira Plateau, we camped at the base of the Lent Group at 4250 meters. Part of the team then elected to return through Machame to the standard route. The rest of us followed the southwest ridge leading to the bergschrund of the Credner Glacier to camp at 5150 meters. We ascended the Credner Glacier on crampons on 30° alternating blue ice and crust to its top at 5690 meters. A 30-meter abseil off the ice cliff at the crater rim took us to the crater floor. We traversed the crater to the southeast through sharp-knived *nieves penitentes* down to the standard route. We met the rest of the party at Horombo. With Timothy and Nicholas Wiedman and Lane Gregory, we all reascended the next day to Gillman's Point and Uhuru.

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