

*White Needle.* Our expedition was composed of Gorka Estornés, Tomás Izco, José Luis Pérez, Mikel Repáraz, Pedro Tous and me as leader. On July 10, we crossed the Suru River and placed Base Camp at 4000 meters in the valley of the Shafat Glacier. On July 13, we occupied Advance Base at 4500 meters. Camps I and II were placed on July 14 and 18 at 5300 and 6000 meters, the latter on the snow plateau. On July 20, Estornés and I crossed the col and climbed the east ridge to the summit of White Needle (6600 meters, 21,654 feet). After three days of non-stop snowfall, another summit attempt was made along with Americans Keith Brown and Jan Harris, but equipment left on the col could not be found and the attempt failed.

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*East Kishtwar Peaks.* Our team comprised Bob Reid, Roger Webb, Dave Saddler and me. We were active to the north of the Dharlang Nala during early September. Since all high-altitude food and some equipment had been lost by the airline, the original objective, the west face of P 6400, was not attempted. Saddler and I switched our attention to the first shapely rock-and-ice peak on the east flank of the Muni Nala just above its junction with the Dharlang Nala, while Reid and Webb tackled the snow-and-ice peak on the west side. On September 7, Saddler and I finally climbed our peak (5990 meters, 19,653 feet) via the southwest face after an earlier attempt was thwarted by avalanches and bad weather. After three rock pitches, we climbed broken ground to bivouac at 400 meters height in a rock cave. Then ice chutes were climbed, mostly by moonlight, to an upper icefield and the summit ridge. We descended to the rock cave in the night, giving a total of 29 hours of continuous climbing. The face was 2200-meters-high and of Alpine D. Sup. difficulty. Reid and Webb topped out on their peak (5950 meters, 11,521 feet) on September 10 after two days of climbing. The ascent was a straightforward snow-and-ice climb (A.D.) with some objective danger.

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*P 6230, South of Umasi La, Kishtwar Himalaya.* On July 25, Ian Mills, Neil Brown and I climbed a new route, the north face of P 6230 (20,440 feet). It had previously been climbed by the south face. We ascended a steep 1500-foot glacial snout to 14,000 feet onto an unexplored glacier. From the head of the glacier we climbed an exposed rising line of snow and ice across the face until it ended 2000 feet below the summit. We ascended a 600-foot ice wall capped by a continuously corniced summit ridge and finally reached the loose, rocky summit. We took six days to make the climb and two to descend the same route.

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