

*Mamostong Kangri and P 6448.* A 31-member team of the Border Security Force was led by S.C. Negi. The roadhead at Sasoma was reached on July 18. Base Camp at Skyangpoche beyond Saser Nala, Camp I on the moraine and Advance Base were set up at 4575, 4875 and 5485 meters on July 21, 27 and 31. Hope Col (5885 meters) was crossed to the Thangman Glacier with fixed ropes. Camp III was placed on August 6 at the base of the Mamostong Glacier at 5790 meters. Despite hostile weather, the summit team set up Summit Camp at 6600 meters on August 9 and fixed 300 meters of rope above it. After bad weather, Camp III was again occupied and 200 meters more of rope were fixed on August 19. The summit team left camp at five A.M. on August 20. The summit (7524 meters, 24,686 feet) was gained at six P.M. by Jumma Khan, Jamuna Prasad, M.P. Sharma, Dharam Singh and Jagat Singh. Because of poor visibility, they bivouacked on the descent at 7250 meters. On August 24, virgin P 6448 (21,156 feet), adjoining Mamostong, was climbed by T. Dorje, S. Gombu, Madan Lal, S. Lotus, L. Negi, Kalam Singh, Kuldip Singh and S.D. Thomas.

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## **Pakistan**

*Gasherbrum I (Hidden Peak).* An expedition of 12 Japanese from Okayama University was led by Haruhisa Kuroda. It repeated the route on the southwest ridge, first climbed by Yugoslavs in 1977. A new variant was made in the lower part until they reached the Yugoslav route at the snow dome at 6300 meters. Base Camp was reached on May 24. They established camps at 5900, 6400, 7300 and 7600 meters. On July 15, the summit was reached by Tomoyuki Yamane and Takahiro Katayama with high-altitude porters Rajab Shah and Ali Raza. Hidehiko Tajiri got to 8000 meters but had to turn back from there.

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*Gasherbrum I.* Ours was a joint Franco-Pakistani military expedition. The French members were Captain Pierre Lavier, A/C Georges Derycke, Adj. Lionel Mailly, Adj. Bruno Prom, Adj. Yves Tedeschi, S/C Bernard and S/C Philippe Renard. The Pakistanis were Major Waqar, Captain Saeed, Captain Amjad, Havildar Yousaf and Havildar Mohammad Ullah. We had hoped to climb the north ridge, but the weather when we arrived at Base Camp on July 18 persuaded us to climb the west ridge, which the Japanese had just ascended. We placed Camps I and II at 5900 and 6700 meters on July 20 and 22. A light Camp III was installed at 7100 meters on July 25 by three climbers. That same day Tedeschi, Derycke, Yousaf, Mohammad Ullah and I got to Camp III, having left Base Camp the day before. At one A.M. on July 26, we set out for the summit. At dawn, we were at 7400 meters, finding the going difficult in 30cm of soft snow. Finally, at noon, we all reached the summit. After three tries, I took off and flew by paraglider to Base Camp from 7100 meters. On July 27 and 28, the other climbers made an attempt, but they were fatigued. Only Mailly and Prom