

there. We had to descend in fine weather. In the couloir my shoulder was injured by rockfall. At Base Camp, we discovered that Gaby had evacuated it to the camp of an American expedition on the Biafo Glacier. Bears had struck again and ruined a tent and our remaining food. The bear population is becoming a real problem for climbers in the Biafo area.

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*Baintha Brakk Attempt.* Hans-Christian Hocke, Malte Roeper, Anton Schuegger, Jürgen Wittmann and I as leader hoped to climb the southwest buttress of Baintha Brakk (Ogre), which the French attempted in 1983 (*AAJ*, 1984, page 299). We placed Base Camp in a meadow directly at the foot of the west face of the Ogre Stump. On August 1, Wittmann and I set out. We climbed the easy first 150 meters using the Netherlands' fixed ropes. We continued on the buttress alpine-style (UIAA VI+, A2). The weather was bad, but our portaledge with Goretex covers were invaluable. In the whole wall we had only hanging bivouacs. Haul bags were not well suited as they frequently hung up. On the twelfth day we got to the top of the buttress and onto the séracs, where we dug a snow cave. On the 13th, we headed for the summit in good weather. In the afternoon, the weather turned bad. We had to retreat from the upper part of the summit wall, just below the top, because of avalanche danger, because we were out of ice gear and because the weather was getting even worse. We rappelled off on August 14. The other three had started up the wall on August 7 and on the 13th got to within two pitches of the top of the buttress. We all rappelled off together and were back in Base Camp on August 15. We regret that we had to leave much gear on the face since one of us was injured during the rappel and we had to descend as fast as possible in ever deteriorating weather. We apologize to those who follow us.

MICHAEL LENTRODT, *Deutscher Alpenverein*

*Ogre Stump, Lupkilla Brakk, "Deck of Cards," above Biafo and Uzun Brakk Glaciers.* A full article on these climbs appears as a full article earlier in this volume.

*Rakaposhi Attempt.* David Reeder, Roger Gocking, Ray Kalio and I attempted the Dutch variation to the Pakistani-Polish route on the northwest ridge of Rakaposhi in July and August. We were joined by Poles Aleksander Lwow and Piotr Snopczyński, who were attempting the same route. On July 20, we got to 6200 meters where a four-day storm halted us. A second attempt failed when one member contracted hepatitis. The expedition terminated on August 12 when a new storm moved in.

THOR KIESER, *Condor Adventures*