

Sandip Sarkar and Tapan Sarkar with high-altitude porters Jeevan Lal and Alam Chand Thakur left Camp II, fixed 30 meters of rope on steep rock and took a new route, the south ridge, which merged with the west ridge. On the west ridge, they found 150 meters of rope that a Japanese expedition on the west ridge had left. They got to the summit (6163 meters, 20,218 feet) at 12:30 P.M.

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Mulkila IV. A five-member Japanese team was led by Yoshio Kondo. Masahiro Miyamoto and Indian Laxman Singh Rama reached the summit (6517 meters, 21,381 feet) on September 11.

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KR 5. A 12-member Indian expedition led by Miss Purnima Dutta climbed KR 5 (6258 meters, 20,532 feet) on July 2.

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Phabrang. A 19-member team from the Indo-Tibetan Border Police was led by Kirpa Ram. On August 12, Company Commander Nirbhai Singh, Naiks Chholda Chhering, Harnam Singh, Ranjit Singh, Constables Raj Kishen, Vijay Kumar and Chhering Lobsang reached the summit (6172 meters, 20,250 feet).

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India—Kashmir and Jammu

Cerro Kishtwar Attempt. Our team consisted of Andy Perkins, Brendan Murphy, David Cosford, Duncan Hornby, Jeremy Wilson, Kevin Dougherty and me. We managed the singular feat of never, before, during or after, actually being all in one place at the same time. We approached the Kishtwar from Leh via the Umasi La. Cosford, Wilson and Dougherty reached Base Camp at 4000 meters above the Haptal Glacier on September 15. Hornby, liaison officer Captain S.S. Mann and I followed a day later. Cosford had taken a fall on the walk in and Hornby had contracted hepatitis. Both left almost immediately. Perkins and Murphy arrived five days later. Murphy's sack had been lost by the airline and never found. On the 21st, we established Advance Base at 4400 meters below the northwest face of Cerro Kishtwar (6220 meters, 20,407 feet; the peak appears on some maps as Hattal. It lies 20 kilometers due east of Agysol). Perkins and Murphy attacked a direct line on this very steep and difficult face, setting out capsule-style on October 1. They spent 17 days on ground of considerable difficulty and regular spindrift avalanches. At 6100 meters, they moved onto the northeast face, only to find more very hard climbing. They managed only half a pitch before bailing out. Their food had run out that morning. Having been deprived of my original partner Hornby, I had to

give up my main objective: the big ramp line on the left side of the wall. Instead, Wilson and I tried the right buttress, spending a day on it. Progress was poor. Wilson had to leave on October 1. While Perkins and Murphy were on the wall, I made a circumambulation around Cerro Kishtwar via the Muni La and Chomochar Glaciers. The peak is hard on all sides and the northeast face will give a superb mixed climb.

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Hagshu Attempt. Britons John Barry and John Romo set up their Base Camp on September 12 in bad weather. They attempted the peak by the north gully but bad weather defeated them. (Apparently, the first ascent of Hagshu was made by Poles several years ago.)

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Kun and Nun. An Italian expedition reached the summit of Kun (7087 meters, 23,252 feet) on August 16. Base Camp and Camps I, II and III were at 4000, 5500, 6100 and 6350 meters. The summit climbers were Santino Calegari, Battista Scanabessi, Mario Meli and Andrea Giovanzana. A French team led by Daniel Pertraud lost a member on Kun, Michela Cisotti, an Italian member of the team. She slipped and fell at about 6800 meters. The others reached the summit via the east ridge on August 17 and 18. An international expedition of police from India (Indo-Tibetan Border Police), Britain and New Zealand climbed Nun (7135 meters, 23,410 feet) by the east ridge. On August 23, New Zealander Steve Bruce, Britons Trevor Barnes, Jonathan Wakefield, Indians Pasang Lhakpa Sherpa, Nima Wangchuk, Khem Raj, Mohan Singh and two other Indians reached the summit. Germans under the leadership of Peter Metzger climbed Nun via the east ridge on September 9, 11 and 19. Nun was climbed on August 14 on the route from the west by three members of a Japanese expedition led by Hisashi Nakaoka: Yasuhiro Hashimoto, Masakatsu Tamura and Hiroaki Nakayama. An Indian team led by Harish Kumar Arya climbed Nun via the north face. Norwegians led by Aass Morten reached 7000 meters on July 19 from the west but were stopped by steep ice. A Spanish expedition led by Juan Orellana which attempted the western route of Nun also failed to get to the summit. A French group led by Michel Cormier was unsuccessful on the west ridge.

India—Eastern Karakoram

Chong Kumdan and Other Peaks. Our expedition consisted of Indians Muslim H. Contractor, Bhupesh Ashar, Vijay Kothari, Dhiren Pania, Ajay Tambe and me as leader, Britons David Wilkinson as British leader, Paul Nunn, Lindsay Griffin, John Porter, Neil McAdie and Dr. William Church, liaison officer Captain Arun Pandey and six porters. After completing preparations and