

*K2 Attempt.* Our expedition was composed of Bernd Arnold, Roland Mattle, Thomas Mügge, Steffen Otto, Dr. Walter Treibel, Thomas Türpe, and me as leader. We attempted the Abruzzi Ridge after arriving at Base Camp on May 23. The weather was bad in the whole Karakoram from May to July. Of the 58 days we had after getting to Base Camp, there were only 15 days of good weather. We reached the shoulder of K2 first on June 15 and left supplies for a later summit attempt. We were back on the shoulder on July 7 but had to leave immediately because the large amount of snow made avalanche danger too great. The mountain never gave us a chance.

SIGI HUPFAUER, *Deutscher Alpenverein*

*K2 Attempt.* Gary Ball and I received permission to climb the Abruzzi Spur of K2 in May due to the late cancellation of another team. We arrived at Base Camp in early July and established just one fixed camp at 6800 meters above House's Chimney. During the climb we benefited from fixed rope left by Sigi Hupfauer's German expedition, but also climbed on rope in the Black Pyramid which we had fixed three years earlier! The 1990 clean-up expedition, which did a marvelous job of tidying up Base Camp, did little to improve our safety as we encountered many ropes and anchors which had simply been cut and not removed. We climbed alone on the route for five weeks, indeed a rare pleasure despite the usual intermittent K2 weather. After bivouacking at 7300 and 7500 meters, we reached the edge of the shoulder at 7600 meters on August 15 but retreated in deep snow, concerned about the threat of avalanches from the unstable snow pack.

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*Masherbrum Attempt.* A British expedition led by David Hamilton attempted to climb Masherbrum but apparently was unsuccessful. Details are still missing.

*Masherbrum II.* Masherbrum II (c. 7200 meters, 23,622 feet) had previously been climbed only once, by Italians in 1988 on the southeast ridge. After approaching from Hushe, we established Base Camp on August 31 at the junction of the Bolux and Masherbrum Glaciers. We headed up the glacier until it bifurcated at a grassy knoll. We climbed the knoll and a rock valley and returned to the glacier where it dog-legged east into a wide couloir. On the top of the couloir in a rocky col, we placed Camp I at 5200 meters. We traversed east for 200 meters to an icy couloir where we were threatened by rockfall. The couloir widened into an icefield, which we climbed to the rim of a basin at 6000 meters. A 400-meter traverse due south brought us to a heavily corniced ridge which led to the foot of the summit pyramid, where we placed Camp II at 6400 meters. A shallow rib took us past two séracs on our right. We then climbed