

unclimbed northeast face of Yeguas Heladas to its 4790-meter (15,715-foot) summit. (First ascent of the peak in 1942 by Chileans Edgar Kremer and Herbert Wünsche.) We decided on this as our first objective. After several mixed and ice pitches, a narrow 60° to 80° couloir divided the face in the center and took us halfway up the wall. Then we turned left on a steep snow ramp. From there to the top was mixed terrain. Next, we climbed the north face of Nevado Juncal, which is technically not difficult. On the first day, we climbed steep couloirs to bivouac at 4500 meters. Despite poor weather the next day, we continued on to bivouac at 5700 meters and reached the summit (6110 meters, 20,046 feet) the following day. We bivouacked again that night at 5700 meters on the descent. After this, all but I moved on to Patagonia. In early December, I returned to climb Juncal by the same route with Chilean Andrés Zegers, with the idea of ascending from Base Camp to the summit and back in one day. We left camp at one A.M. on December 5, 1991. I was standing on the summit 11½ hours later. Andrés had reached 5835 meters. We started the descent together and got to Base Camp at five P.M.

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*Torre San Andrés, Torres del Brujo Range, 1991.* Chileans Waldo Farías and Cristián Heitmann climbed the spectacular Torre San Andrés (3050 meters, 10,007 feet) in the first half of February of 1991, reaching the summit on February 10. The granite spire lies west of Cerro Palomo. From the Río Tinguirirca, they ascended the Ríos Azufre, Portillo and San Andrés. After an approach on the glacier, they first spent six days preparing the route and were three days and nights on the final push to complete the eleven pitches (5.10, A2). [Tragically, Heitmann died five months later while descending from another difficult mountain, Punta Zanzi. He was 24 years old.]

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*Cerro Altar, South Face Solo.* On April 7, I made the second ascent of this face. It was mixed climbing. The crux was a UIAA VI-pitch on very rotten rock. Cerro Altar rises to 5222 meters or 17,132 feet.

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*Cerro Punta Negra, South Face, 1990.* On December 9, 1990, Christian Buracchio and I climbed the beautiful ice couloir at the right side of the south face to the summit ridge and summit (4090 meters, 13,419 feet). The good ice was angled at 45° to 50°. (UIAA III.) [The couloir was first climbed in 1951. Two climbers were killed in it in 1960.—*Editor.*]

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