

“Mount Duff” while Novak and I attempted the steep south ice face at Scottish grade 4 or 5 but were driven back by weather which threatened to drive the pack-ice onto the boat. After a return north to Anvers Island, the boat was nearly lost in violent katabatic winds which were driving it ashore. After sitting out five days of storm, Ducroz, Mauduit, Errel, Matt Dickinson, Frank McDermott, Novak and I made the probable first ascent of c.1530-meter Mount Williams via the east face in 24 hours round-trip. On the descent, we were avalanched and were lucky to get away without fatalities. The island also holds the highest peak on the Antarctic Peninsula, c.2900-meter-high Mont Français, which has been climbed only once subsequent to its first ascent in the early 1980s.

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Monte Parry. Chileans Aldo Boitano, Guillermo Mascaró, Mauricio Rojas, Renzo Uccelli and José Vélez were taken by the navy icebreaker *Piloto Pardo* from Punta Arenas to a Chilean base on Deception Island and thence by military helicopter for a 15-day stay on Brabant Island. Bad weather prevented activity most of the time. After six days in a high camp, they set out for the summit of Monte Parry (2522 meters, 8274 feet), which they reached in the late afternoon of February 23. Some days later, the icebreaker collected the group.

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Arch Wall, Trollveggen, Winter Ascent. Janusz Golab, Stanisław Piecuch and I made the first winter ascent of the Arch Wall on Trollveggen. We fixed the first three pitches on February 26 and then from February 28 to March 11 stayed continuously on the wall, first in good weather but with strong wind and temperatures down to -12°C, but then on five days it snowed. We couldn't climb at all one day. We spent eleven nights on the wall, with a comfortable bivouac only on the Great Flake Ledges. The last bivouac was very cold since we had thrown our bivouac equipment down. On the last day, March 11, we climbed in heavy snowfall to reach the top at three P.M. The Norwegians said it is the most difficult route in Norway.

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Gorichen II and Gorichen East. Our expedition hoped to climb Kangto (7090 meters, 23,262 feet) in order to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute in Darjeeling. There was