

The ascent of Stjernebannertinde was accomplished by the northwest ridge from a base camp high on the Moore Glacier. Rink Fjeld was climbed independently on the same day. Other minor climbs were also accomplished in both the Benedict and Daly Bjerger. Expedition members included Dr. Terry Baker, John Jancik, Ken Zerbst, Peter Skaftø, Dr. Joe Sears, Steve Gardiner, Jim Shaeffer, Dr. Bob Palais and Galen Rowell.

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*Watkins Mountains, Various Ascents.* It was reported that a French expedition organized jointly by Pierre Grossman and Dane Hans Christian Florian traveled to the Watkins Mountains with five objectives: to climb Gunnbjørns Fjeld (3753 meters, the highest mountain in Greenland), Cone, Dome, two unclimbed peaks and to make altitude readings of four of the five highest summits in Greenland with advanced GPS equipment in collaboration with the Danish National Survey and Cadastre. After establishing camp on June 7, the eight-man team climbed Gunnbjørn Fjeld via the south ridge on June 8. On June 10, they travelled up an unnamed glacier east of Gunnbjørn Fjeld and on the 12th skied to the top of a peak they named Qaqqaq Paul Emile Victor (3669 m). Two attempts were necessary to climb a peak five kilometers to the south of Paul Emile Victor, but on June 15 Florian, Bernard Gillet and Bernard Müller were successful. The expedition succeeded on Dome (3742 m) and Cone (3729 m) on June 18 and 19th. On June 21 the seven French were airlifted out. Norwegians Engebret Fekene, Erling Kage and Sjur Mørde took their place, and with them Florian made another ascent of Gunnbjørn Fjeld on June 23. On June 26 the new team made a first ascent of a ca. 2500-meter snow dome 10 kilometers east of base camp. The Norwegians were airlifted out on June 30, to be replaced by a British team led by Derek Fordham, which made the third ascent of Gunnbjørn Fjeld that season. (*High Mountain Sports* 171)

*Igdorssuit Havn Tower, West Face, Ujarak.* Five climbers from Croatia (Boris Cujic, Darko Dular and Vladimir Pausic) and Slovenia (Miha Kajzelj, Igor Kalan) climbed in Igdorssuit Havn, in south Greenland, from July 23 to August 8. We made a first ascent on Igdorssuit Havn Tower, a striking vertical granite tower (1160 m). Its steep west wall is 800 meters high. The base of the wall is a one and a half hour walk from base camp on the sea coast.

We named our ascent on the Igdorssuit Havn Tower's west face *Ujarak* (24 pitches, VI 7+ A3), and climbed it on July 24, 25, 26, 28 and 30-31, with 400 meters of fixed rope. During the last two days, we bivied on a natural ledge, and reached the top at 1 p.m. The same day all five climbers rappelled via the line of ascent.

The rock is very good except for the upper 150 meters. The climbing crux is in the middle of the route. Belays were equipped with pegs and bolts, which served as the rappel line. The possibility exists for a bivouac at the 16th belay.

We experienced sunny days and hard, cold winds during our stay in the Igdorssuit Havn area. Temperatures ranged from 8°-10° C (0°-2° C in the mornings). Storms came and went lazily. We climbed Igdorssuit Havn Tower in a good weather period with two rainy days and much cold wind. On the rappel from the top it started to rain, and continued after our departure on August 8.

The Igdorssuit Havn area is easy to reach; it is 20 kilometers via sea channels from the village of Augpilagtoq, which has a market, ambulance and post office and is connected with the town of Nanortalik via a public ship line; but it is unreachable if someone forgets to deliver the arranged