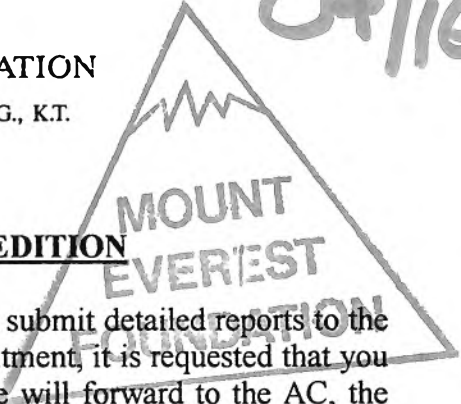


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FROM AN MEF - SUPPORTED EXPEDITION

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1 - Name of Expedition... BLANCA 2004 EXPEDITION

2 - MEF Reference: 04/16 3 - Country/Area: CORDILLERA BLANCA, PERU

4 - Names of all expedition members, indicating leader, climbing and support members:

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6 - Objective(s) of expedition – mountaineering / scientific / medical, include location of objective (or study area) with indication of special points of interest (e.g. first ascent of NW Ridge) and heights of peaks:

MOUNTAINEERING — MILLIS RAJU (5500m) NW Face F.A.
PARON (5600m) N Face F.A.
TALU RAJU (5830m) SW Face F.A.
ULTA (5875m) S Face F.A.
HUALCAN (6125m) N Face F.A.

7 - Overall dates of expedition (e.g. March-June 1999) and if possible, details of dates spent on access, on the mountain and on return:

9th June to 3rd July 2004
11th to 18th June Santa Cruz Valley — Paron
21st to 24th June Concaraca Grande
27th to 29th June Cochup Valley — Palcaraju

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8 - Brief comments about expedition, with technical details of route and maximum height reached:

Santa Cruz Valley - Millisraju NW face very unattractive, not attempted
- Paron, 10 pitch TD+ route climbed, see attached
- Tauliraju, bad conditions, fresh snow on slabs, no ice.
Very little snow during summer and bad weather for the rest of our trip hampered all other attempts. No other summits reached

9 - Weather conditions, and if appropriate, reasons for retreat:

Continuous bad weather from 21st June onwards meant no more routes were climbed, however access to all the faces was fully explored.

10 - Note of any accident to expedition members or to porters; also cases of serious illness, especially oedema - pulmonary or cerebral:

Nick, Owen + Mike were avalanched on 29th June, Mike and Owen were buried but dug out by Nick.

11 - Any other relevant comments (permit, LO etc):

Hiring donkeys in Santa Cruz Valley is becoming awkward. They work for a minimum of three days, standard for Alpanaju base camp.

12 - Brief financial details, with income and expenditure:

Income	MEF - 350	Expenses	flights - 2400
	BMC - 1000		dehyd. food - 138
			food - 120
			buses - 72
			donkeys - 50
Cash	<u>£1350</u>		
Lyon Equipment	£1000 in year	Approx. total	<u>2780</u>

13 Approx date when Final Report will be submitted. November 2004

MEF/Z

Camp next to cairn on moraine leading in to Q. Arteson. Approach is from light across rock slabs to traverse glacier, no bergschrund, 2hrs.

- ① Climb ice into hidden chimney ("Samuals Cleft") running up and left. Belay on rounded spikes. ^{55m} IV
- ② Continue up chimney past an ice smear (50m), step up and right by mixed moves into a rocky groove. 60m V
- ③ Up snow, slightly right over rocks to top of snow band. Good crack belay 45m III
- ④ Traverse right along top of snow band, pass a snowcrest and belay in good cracks 50m
- ⑤ Rocky groove leads to left starting icy chimney. Steep, exposed section at 40m. Belay at big block. 50m IV
- ⑥ Continue up groove for 10m, head up right on mixed ground. Block belays 60m III
- ⑦ Mixed ground rightwards to rock ledge at base of summit flutings. 60m
- ⑧ Enter light hard gully by steep ice (IV) and climb it on good ice 80m
- ⑨+⑩ Continue up gully trending right to exit face directly below summit mushroom on the right. 120m

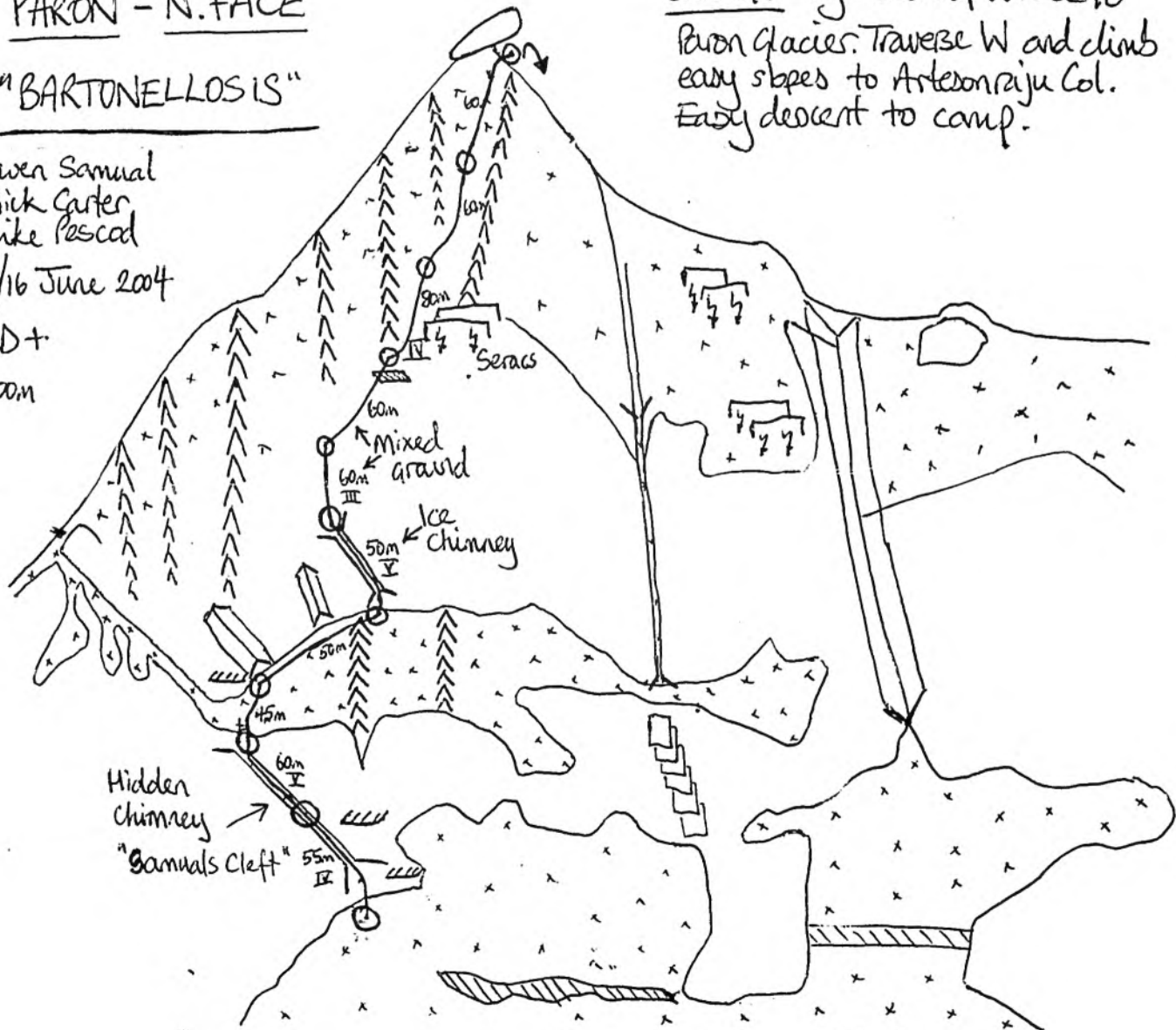
PARON - N. FACE

"BARTONELLOSIS"

Owen Samuel
Nick Carter
Mike Pescad

15/16 June 2004

TD+
400m



Descent by abseil of W face to Paron Glacier. Traverse W and climb easy slopes to Artesonriju Col. Easy descent to camp.

n.b. all grades are Scottish