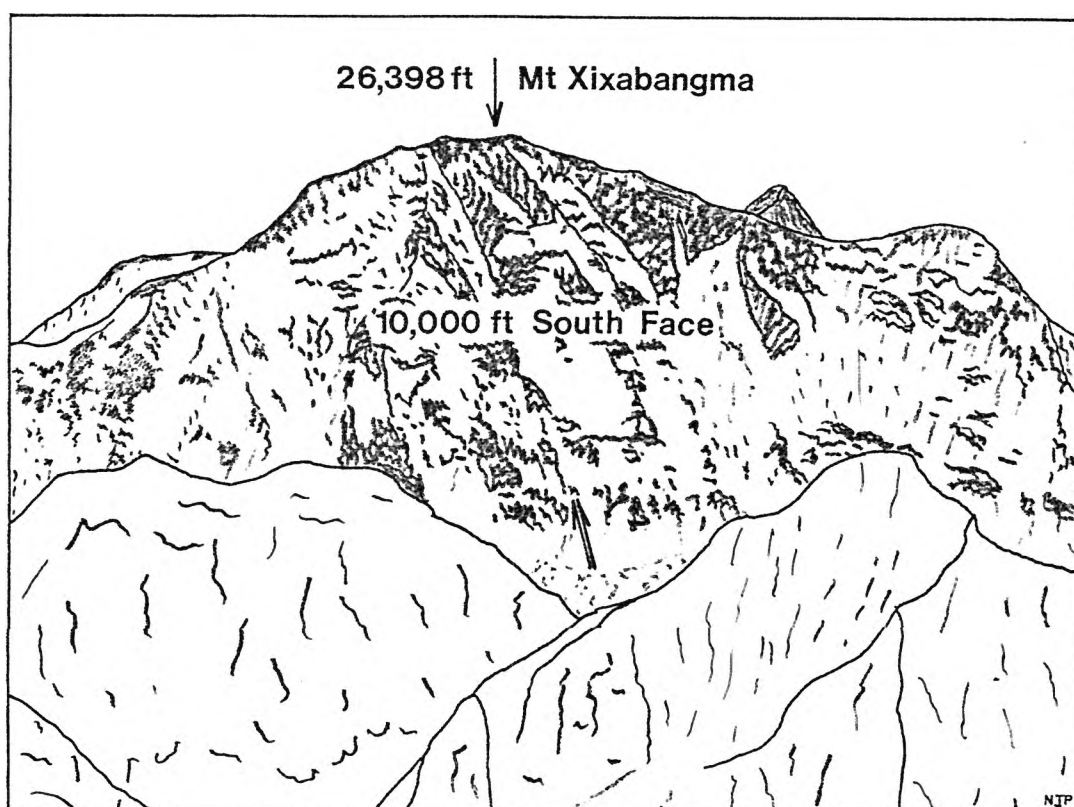


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BRITISH XIXABANGMA EXPEDITION

April May and June 1982



PATRON LORD HUNT

Elaine Brook

~~Georges Bettembourg~~

Paul Braithwaite

Roger Baxter-Jones

Alex MacIntyre

Nick Prescott

~~Alan Rouse~~

and

Doug Scott

Supported by : Mount Everest Foundation

British Mountaineering Council

OUR PLANS IN BROAD OUTLINE

Mt Xixabangma is, at 26,398 ft, the highest peak wholly within China and the thirteenth highest in the world. The Chinese are reported to have climbed the mountain in the early 1960's from the north and this route has been repeated by a German team more recently. The Chinese have given us permission to climb the huge south face in April, May and June 1982.

The mountain is situated in Tibet about 80 miles west of Everest. Our approach journey requires us to travel out to Beijing (Peking) and across China to Lhasa. The journey from Lhasa to the road-head at the base of the mountain is about 400 miles and will be made by jeep. This approach will take us across the valley of the Bramaputra River to the remote village of Tengri Dzong, from which the early British Expeditions approached Everest.

Mt Xixabangma is relatively unknown to the public, but it has fascinated Himalayan climbers for many years. The cover sketch is based on a photograph which shows the tantalising view seen by Himalayan Explorers of the south face from the Nepalese border. Climbers all over the world are expressing great interest in this newly accessible Himalayan Giant. We count ourselves lucky to have permission, and to have the first opportunity to climb the spectacular south face.

We are: Georges Bettembourg, who is a very experienced alpinist, and has climbed Broad Peak (26,450 ft) in 3 days, Makalu II (25,000 ft) which he skied down from the top, Nuptse (25,800 ft) North face and has been on Kangchenunga;

Paul Braithwaite, has wide experience of climbing including numerous ascents in the Andies, has climbed Peak Lenin, has been on K2 and the Ogre, and led the difficult Rock Band section on the successful Everest SW face expedition in 1975;

Roger Baxter-Jones, has extensive Alpine experience (over ten seasons) and has made many first British ascents. He has been on expeditions to Jannu and Kangchungtse in the Himalayas.

Doug Scott, has climbed some 12 Himalayan Peaks including Peak Lenin, Changabang and Everest by the SW face, has made a number of lightweight ascents including the Ogre, Nuptse North face, Kangchenjunga, the world's third highest peak (28,180 ft), by a new route and without oxygen or sherpa support, and Makalu II;

Nick Prescott, whose experience has been limited to seven Alpine seasons including a winter visit; and

Alan Rouse, has extensive Alpine experience and has made many first British ascents. He has been on a number of Himalayan expeditions and was the leader of the recent winter expedition to the West Ridge of Everest. He made a first ascent of Mt Kongur with Chris Bonnington's Expedition this summer in the Chinese Turkestan.

The plan is to warm up on a selection of the peaks which surround the Nyanam Glacier Basin in which we will be based. For the attempt on the south face, Georges, Paul, Roger and Doug will be climbing in Alpine style. Alan and Nick will support by tackling the west col route, and it is hoped that this will provide a descent route for the south face team. We consider that the strength of our team gives us an excellent chance of carrying out this plan successfully.

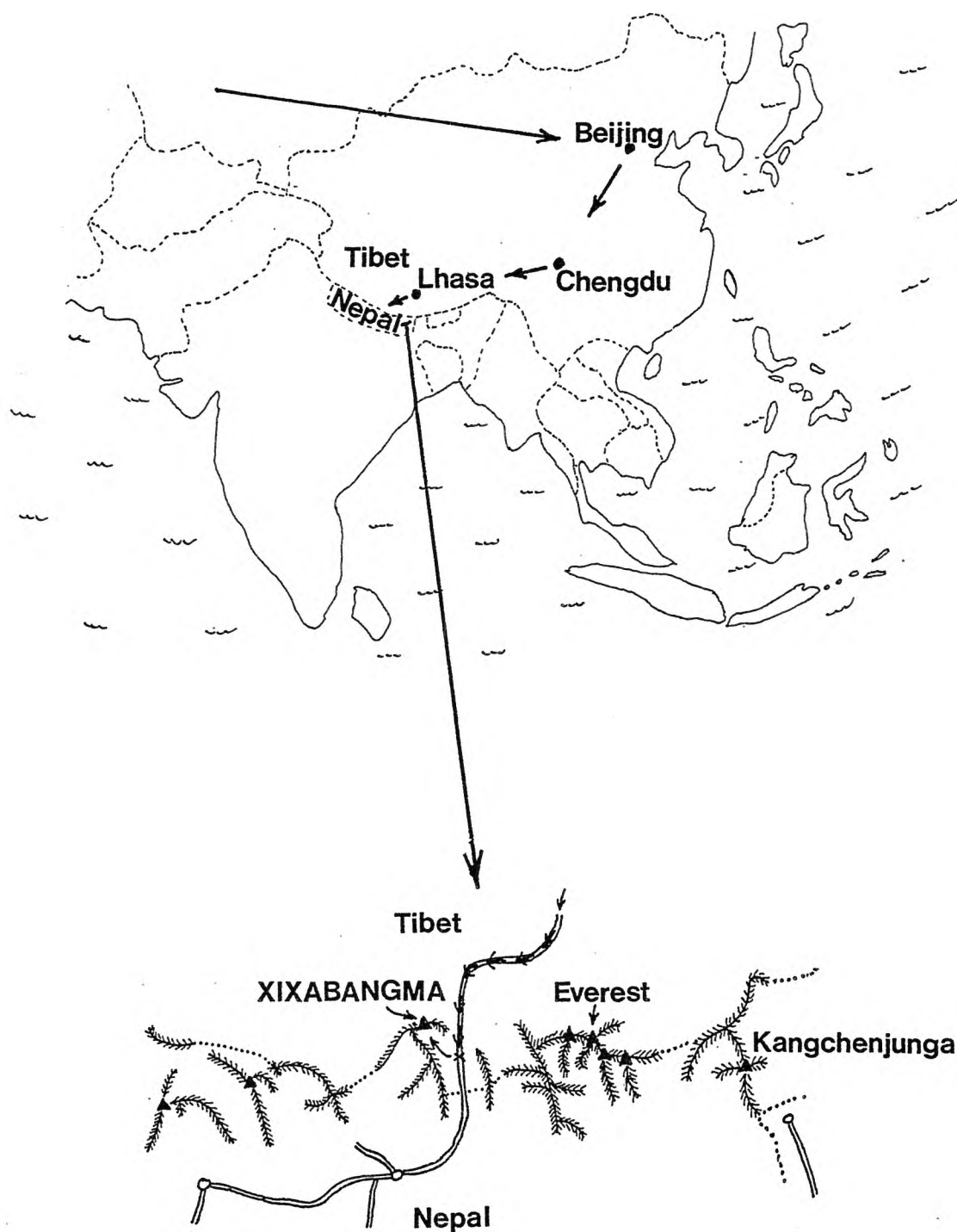
We are embarking on a new and challenging climb, and one which will require substantial financial resource. The Chinese only opened their mountains to foreigners last year, and unfortunately they are regarding expeditions as a big source of foreign currency. The costs in China are about eight times as expensive as, say, for a Nepalese expedition, and it all has to be paid before departure. We estimate the cost to be between £25,000 and £30,000. We have agreed a budget estimate cost with the Chinese for our costs in The Peoples Republic of China. Alan negotiated our protocol agreement with the CMA while he was in China in July 1981. We have paid the £926 peak fee and £3,901.95 deposit already so we are committed to this mountain financially as well as in spirit.

Lord Hunt is our Patron and the Mount Everest Foundation and British Mountaineering Council are supporting us.

There follows a series of Appendices which set out the details of our plans, and give an outline of the basis of our estimated costs.

Mt XIXABANGMA SOUTH FACE - ESTIMATED ACCOUNTS, 30th NOV 1981

	Item	Debit £	Credit £
1.	<u>Costs in U.K.</u>		
	1.1 Equipment for climbers and Chinese	2,000.00	
	1.2 High altitude food	200.00	
	1.3 Climbing and camping equipment	500.00	
	1.4 Administration	200.00	
2.	<u>Travel Costs</u>		
	2.1 Flight out for expedition members 6 men, London - Beijing return @ £500	3,000.00	
	2.2 Freight for ½ tonne London to Beijing	1,200.00	
3.	<u>Costs in China</u>		
	3.1 Registration fee (3,200Y) - paid	926.86	
	3.2 20% deposit towards Chinese costs (12,740Y) - paid	3,901.95	
	3.3 Remaining Chinese costs - to pay April 1982 (50,960Y) @ £1 = 3.25Y	15,680.81	
4.	<u>Funding</u>		
	4.1 Mount Everest Foundation and British Mountaineering Council grants		2,000.00
	4.2 Personal contributions, 6 x £1000		6,000.00
	4.3 Sponsorships		19,608.81
	Totals	£27,608.81	£27,608.81



Xixabangma, pronounced Shisha Pangma, is the Tibetan name of the mountain and means "The Crest Above the Grassy Plain". This is because the mountain towers over the high altitude grasslands stretching away to Lake Pelgu in the north. It is also known as Gosainthan in Sanskrit, which means "The Abode of God". This name is used by the peoples dwelling on the south side of the Himalayan Chain.

Protocol on **BRITISH XIXABANGMA EXPEDITION**

The Chinese Mountaineering Association (CMA), complying with the application made by **BRITISH XIXABANGMA EXPEDITION**

and prompted by the desire to develop mountaineering exchanges between **CHINA AND BRITAIN**

and to promote friendship and mutual understanding between the people of the two countries, agrees to the mountaineering team of **BRITISH XIXABANGMA EXPEDITION**

coming to China for a mountaineering expedition at its own expense.

The following agreements have been reached through friendly consultation between the two parties:

1. Organization of the mountaineering team

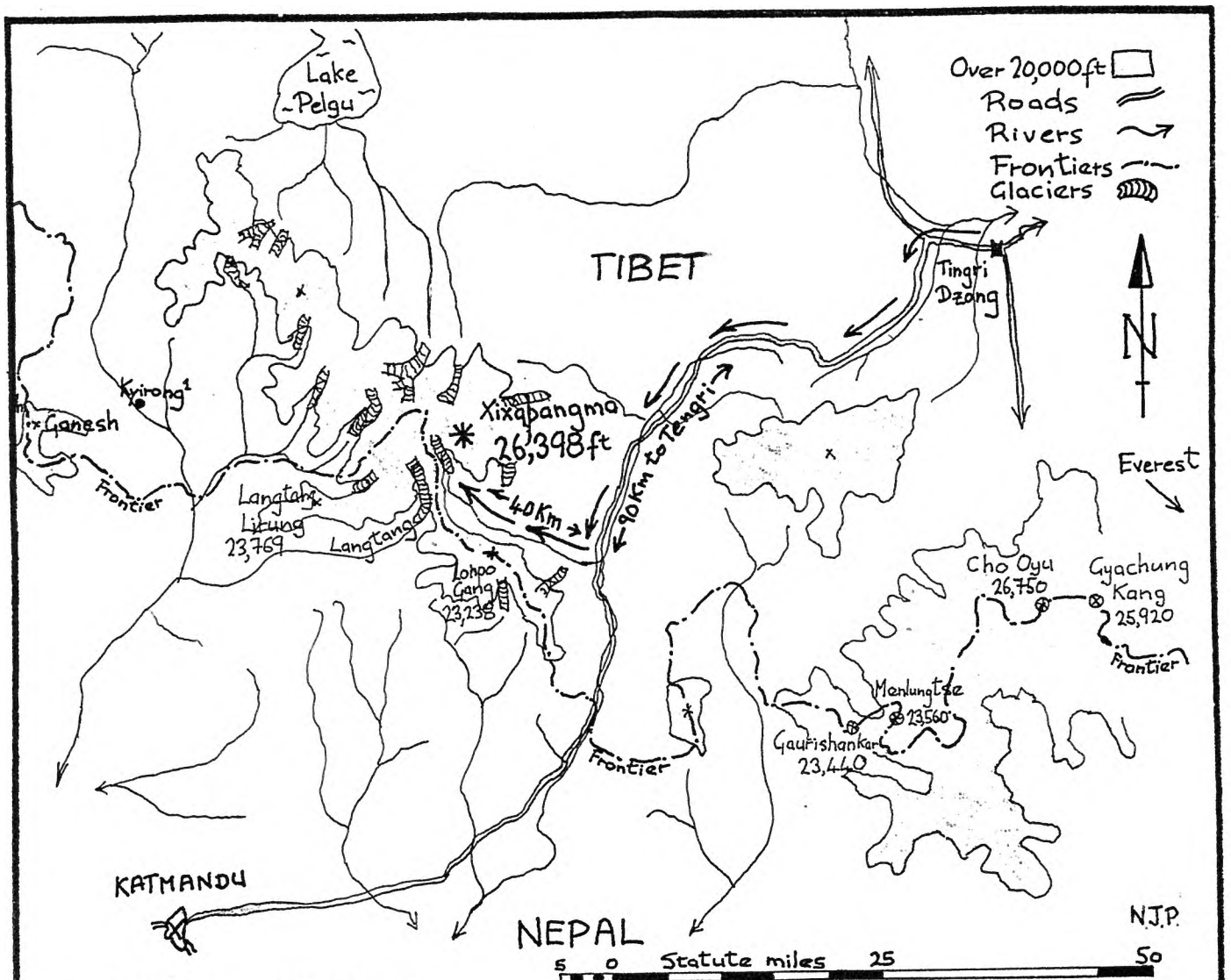
- (1) Name: **BRITISH XIXABANGMA EXPEDITION**
- (2) Total number of members: 5
- (3) Team leader: **DOUG SCOTT**
- (4) Organization at home which is responsible for the team's affairs:
MOUNT EVEREST FOUNDATION
- (5) The team's representative in Beijing:
ALAN ROUSE, JARDINES, BEIJING HOTEL

2. Activities of the mountaineering team

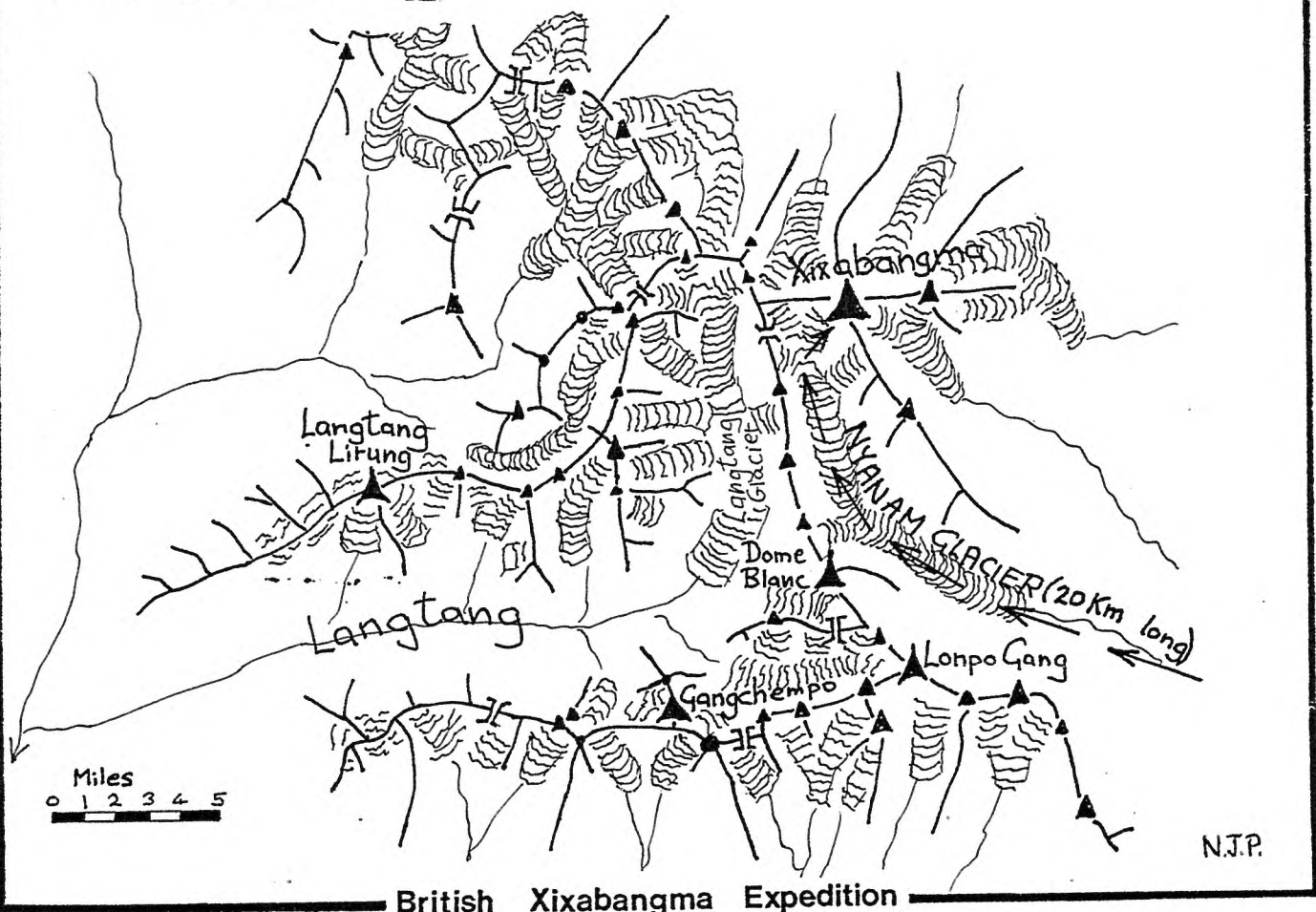
- (1) Peak to be climbed:
XIXABANGMA
- (2) Route of the climb:
NYANAM GLACIER SOUTH FACE

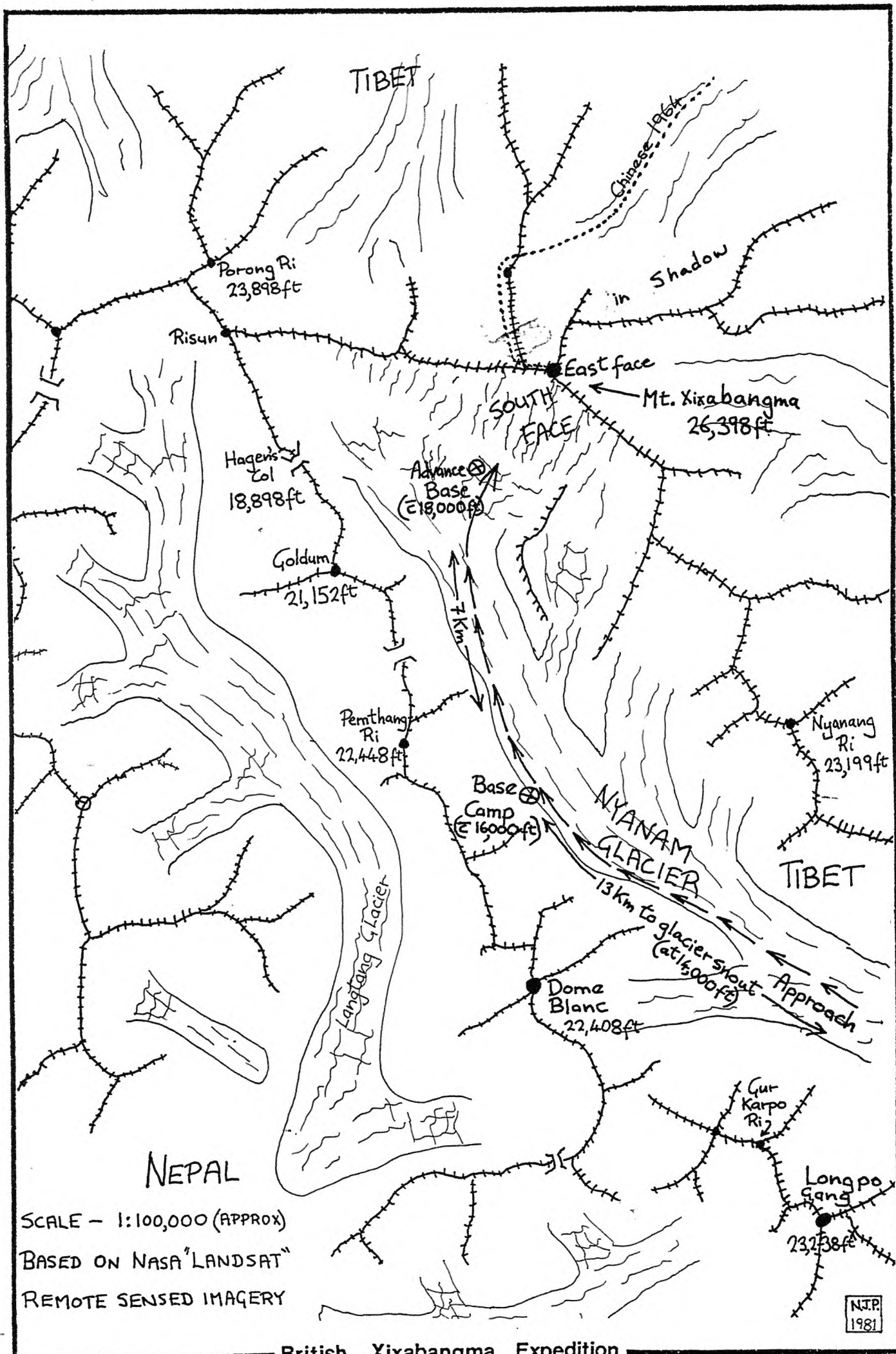
APPENDIX 1

Maps



1 - Ref. - "7 years in Tibet" - H. Harter





APPENDIX 2

The Schedule

SCHEDULE AND KEY DATES FOR ASCENT OF XIXABANGMA

1982	MARCH			APRIL						MAY			JUNE		
Week Ending	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18
1 London to Beijing					5 th										
2 Beijing/ Chengdu/Lhasa															
3 Lhasa to Tingri Dzong															
4 Tingri Dzong to road-head															
5 Walk-in to base camp															
6 Warm up climbs															
7 Ascent of Xixabangma															
8 Walk out from base camp															
9 Road-head to Tingri Dzong															
10 Tingri Dzong to Lhasa															
11 Lhasa/Chengdu/Beijing															
12 Beijing to London															



SCHEDULE DATESTo the mountain:

In Beijing 5/4/82 to 8/4/82	- 3 nights	
In Chengdu 8/4/82 to 9/4/82	- 1 night	
		<u>4 nights</u>
In Lhasa 9/4/82 to 11/4/82	- 2 nights	
		<u>2 nights</u>
Shigatze 11/4/82 to 12/4/82 (Xigazi)	- 1 night	
Tingri Dzong 12/4/82 to 14/4/82 (Xegar)	- 2 nights	
At road-head 14/4/82 to 15/4/82	- 1 night	
		<u>4 nights</u>

On the mountain:

Walk in to base camp 15/4/82 to 16/4/82	- 2 days	
Warm up climbs 17/4/82 to 9/5/82	- 23 days	
Ascent of Xixabangma 10/5/82 to 25/5/82	- 16 days	
Descent of mountain 25/5/82 to 31/5/82	- 6 days	
Walk out from base camp 1/6/82	- 1 day	
		<u>48 days</u> <u>(47 nights)</u>

From the mountain:

At road-head 1/6/82 to 2/6/82	- 1 night	
Tingri Dzong 2/6/82 to 3/6/82	- 1 nights	
Shigatze 3/6/82 to 4/6/82	- 1 night	
		<u>3 nights</u>
In Lhasa 4/6/82 to 5/6/82	- 1 night	
		<u>1 night</u>
In Chengdu 5/6/82 to 6/6/82	- 1 night	
In Beijing 6/6/82 to 9/6/82	- 3 nights	
		<u>4 nights</u>
		<u>65 nights</u>

TRAVEL SCHEDULEL.O. and Interpreter to join BXE in Beijing:

Flight Lhasa to Chengdu	-	(Sat)	3/4/82
Flight Chengdu to Beijing	-	(Sun)	4/4/82

Journey from Beijing to Lhasa:

Flight Beijing to Chengdu	-	(Thurs)	8/4/82
Flight Chengdu to Lhasa	-	(Fri)	9/4/82

Journey from Lhasa to Beijing:

Flight Lhasa to Chengdu	-	(Sat)	5/6/82
Flight Chengdu to Beijing	-	(Sun)	6/6/82

L.O. and Interpreter home to Lhasa:

Flight Beijing to Chengdu	-	(Thurs)	10/6/82
Flight Chengdu to Lhasa	-	(Fri)	11/6/82

(Assumed no Chengdu/Lhasa flights on Thursdays or Sundays)

APPENDIX 3

Equipment And Food

EQUIPMENT AND WEIGHT

露營配備

CAMPING EQUIPMENT:

Tents:	2 x Vango (Base Camp)	@18	= 36
	5 x Salewa (2 man)	@ 7	= 35
	2 x bivouac	@ 3	= 6
	1 x kitchen tarpaulin	@15	= 15
			<u>92 lbs</u>

Kitchen:	* 3 x pressure cooker	@ 2	= 6
	* 2 x large pan	@ 2	= 4
	* 2 x medium pan	@ 1½	= 2½
	2 x nesting sets	@ ¾	= 1½
	* 2 x frying pan	@ 1½	= 3
	3 x Primus stoves, large	@ 2	= 6
	4 x M.S.R. stoves	@ 1	= 4
	4 x Camping Gaz stoves	@ ½	= 2
	50 x high speed gaz carts.	@ ¾	= 33
	* 7 gals petrol (in 2 containers)		= 70
	Miscellaneous domestic		= 15
			<u>147 lbs</u>

爬山配備

CLIMBING EQUIPMENT:

Ropes:	2 x 9mm Ø 150'	@13½	= 27
	3 x 7mm Ø 300'	@13½	= 40½
	1 x 5mm Ø 100'	@ 2½	= 2½
			<u>70 lbs</u>

Hardware:	20 x rock pegs		= 6
	10 x ice pegs		= 3
	Slings and chocks		= 6
	Miscellaneous items		= 5
			<u>20 lbs</u>

Ex U.K. 243½ lbs
Total 329 lbs

物件購買在中國

* Items to purchased in China (85½ lbs)

FOOD AND WEIGHT

Food Requirements:

Based on 50 days for 8 people on the hill. (B.X.E. and C.M.A.)

(To include 25 days high altitude rations for 6 climbers).

Plus 30 man days for yak drivers.

Low Altitude Food: $(50 \times 2 + 25 \times 6) + 30 + 7\% = 300$ man days.

** 300 man days x $3\frac{1}{2}$ lbs (estimated)	= 1200
+ $\frac{1}{2}$ lb packing	
	<u>1200 lbs</u>

High Altitude Food and Supplementary Items:

$(25 \times 6) = 150$ man days @ 3lbs.

Soup powder	
Fruit juice powder	
Tea/coffee	
Sugar	
Dried milk	
Oats/granola	
Chocolate	
Biscuits	
Grain bars	
Tinned fish	
Condiments	
Fruit cake	
Dried fruit/nuts	
* Cheese	} 200 lbs
* Rice	
* Dahl	
* Beans	
Miscellaneous (incl. packing)	

= 450
<u>450 lbs</u>

Ex U.K.	250 lbs
Subtotal	<u>1650 lbs</u>

** Provided complete by Chinese Mountaineering Association

* Items to be purchased in China

FREIGHT SUMMARYU.K. EXPORT:

Camping and climbing	=	243½	
Food	=	250	
5 x personal gear (climbers) @ 120	=	720	
3 x personal gear (Chinese) @ 60	=	180	
			<u>1393½ lbs</u>

Notes:

To travel with climbers to China	=	643½ lbs
To freight in advance to China	=	750 lbs

PROVIDED BY CHINESE MOUNTAINEERING ASSOCIATION AT LHASA:

Camping Equipment	=	85½	
Food - low altitude	=	1200	
Food - high altitude	=	200	
			<u>1485½ lbs</u>

Total for carry-in 2879 lbs
(1310 Kg)

Transport for Carry-in:

Hired animals required to carry 1200kg

9 yaks make 2 journeys (with 3 drivers) up to a height of 5,000m.

Load per yak = 66.7kg.

APPENDIX 4

China Costs

Mt XIXABANGMA - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES IN CHINA

(Sheet 1)

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1 Registration Fee:

Mt. Xixabangma, 8046m (Paid 26/8/80)

3200Y2(a) Subsidies - Wages:

Liason Officer (4/4 -10/6) 67 days @ 32 = 2144

Interpreter (4/4 -10/6) 67 days @ 32 = 2144

3 x Yak Driver (15/4 -11/9/4 and
31/4 - 1/6) 7 days @ 16 = 3364624Y2(b) Subsidies - Food and Accomodation: (all economy class)Beijing/Chengdu:

6 climbers (5/4 - 9/4 and 5/6 - 9/6)

LO + Interpreter (4/4 - 9/4 and 5/6 -10/6)

6 x 8 nights and 2 x 10 nights = 60 @ 50 = 3000

Lhasa:

8 x (9/4 - 11/4 and 4/6 - 5/6)

8 people x 3 nights = 24 @ 180 = 4320

Shigatze:

8 x (11/4 - 12/4 and 3/6 - 4/6)

8 people x 2 nights = 16 @ 90 = 1440

Tinori Dzong (Xegar):

8 x (12/4 - 14/4 and 2/6 - 3/6)

8 people x 3 nights = 24 @ 45 = 1080

In the Mountains: (14/4 - 2/6)

Climbers/CMA - 270 man days food @ 22 = 5940

Climbers - 150 man days supplementary food
@ 10 = 1500

Yak Drivers - 30 man days food @ 5 = 150

17430YSubtotal 22054Y

Mt XIXABANGMA - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES IN CHINA

(Sheet 2)

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Carry over 22054Y2(c) Subsidies - Transport:*

Beijing to Lhasa - 1/2 tonne freight @ 5000Y/t = 1667

Beijing to Lhasa - 8 x 2 ways @ 714 = 11424

Chengdu to Lhasa - 1/2t food @ 3000 Y/t = 1500

(transfer and handling charges - item 6)

Lhasa to road-head and return:

1 x truck and 1 x minibus

Lhasa - road-head, loaded, 2 ways x 615 km
1230km @ (5.5 + 4.8)Y/km = 12669Road-head - Tingri, empty, 2 ways x 90 km
180km @ (2.25 + 2.4)Y/km = 837

Parking - 2 days @ (180 + 160) = 680

Gear to Base camp and return:

9 yaks x 5 days + 6 x 1/2 days @ 32 = 2304

31081Y3 Insurance:

a. Death etc.

LO + Interpreter, 2 x 1% x 1.1 x 25000 = 550

3 yak Drivers 3 x 1% x 1.1 x 15000 = 495

b. Medical

5 Chinese, 5 x 1% x 1.1 x 5000 = 275

(1.1 is 10% CMA service charge)

1320Y4 Travelling Expenses: (Joining expedition and returning home)

LO and Interpreter travel from Lhasa to

Beijing, 2 x 2 ways @ 714 = 2856

expedition in Tibet 3 yak drivers @ 20 = 60

2916YSubtotal 57371Y

* All Chinese Spring '81 air fares increased by 12% to allow for price rises over the 12 months to Spring '82.

Mt XIXABANGMA - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES IN CHINA

(Sheet 3)

20/10/81

Carry over 57371Y5 Import Duties:

Food - 10% of 136 man days at 15Y = 204

Camping equipment (10%) = 300

504Y6 Service Charge:

Loading/unloading and storage

15% of freight transport 3167Y = 475

475Y7 Filming Fees:

Movie and TV film only

nil8 Miscellaneous:

Kitchen hardware provided by CMA = 700

Mail charges = 300

Miscellaneous contingency sum = 7550

8550YTotal 66900YPaid 3200YTo be paid 63700Y

20% deposit to pay on 8th November 1981

12740Y

Remaining sum to pay in March 1982

50960Y