

THE EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY LAHUL EXPEDITION

MEMBERS:

Pete Smith	Leader
Fraser Alexander	Treasurer
Ulric Jessop	Secretary
Teresa Lee	Food Manager
Al Matthiesson	Equipment Manager
Jonathan Whitaker	Transport Manager

All members were climbing members

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OBJECTIVES:

The expedition aimed to make the ascents of two unclimbed peaks at the head of the Miyar Nala Glacier in Lahul, N. India. Since information about this area was very sparse, we had obtained permission to climb any two peaks of 6000m-6500m

EXPEDITION DIARY:

- 18/6/85 Flight from London - Delhi.
- 20/6/85 Overnight bus journey to Manali.
- 21-25/6/85 Arranging supplies, porters & ponies.
- 26/6/85 Bus journey to Udaipur, the roadhead.
- 27-30/6/85 Delayed in Udaipur waiting for ponies.
- 31-4/7/85 Approach march to glacier snout where ponies were paid off.
- 6-10/7/85 Loads carried through moraine to establish camp I (2 porters)
- 11-13/7/85 Camp II established (2 porters, paid off on 13th)
- 15-17/7/85 Base Camp (5150m) established.
- 19/7/85 Walk to Kangla Jot (5468m) for acclimatisation/reconnaissance.
- 21/7/85 Ascent of 6100m by the North Ridge
- 25/7/85 Ascent of 6280m by two routes, the S. Ridge & the E. Face.
- 30/7/85 Departure from Base Camp
- 6/9/85 Meeting with ponies
- 9/9/85 Arrival at Udaipur 41 days after leaving.
- 10/9/85 Bus journey to Manali.
- 14/9/85 Bus journey to Simla.
- 17/9/85 Overnight train journey to Delhi.
- 24/9/85 Fraser, Al & Jonathan return to Britain.
- 24/10/85 Pete, Ulric & Teresa return to Britain.

THE WEATHER:

- The weather on the whole was good, although there was a fair bit of drizzle & rain on the approach march. Unfortunately on the 25th, on 6280m the weather was poor: blizzards & high winds.

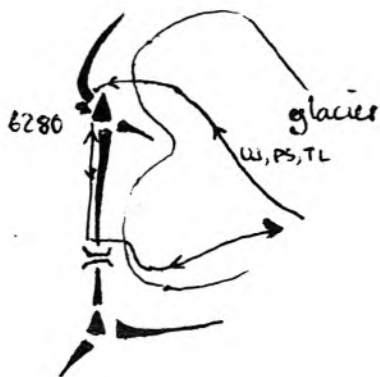
THE CLIMBS:

6100m (Marked as 6150m)



This was climbed by the W. Face and then the N. Ridge at AD standard. The descent route was considerably easier: (PD-) The weather was excellent on this day.

6280m (Marked as 6036m)



An ascent of this peak was made by two routes: The south ridge (AD-) was climbed and descended by Fraser, Al & Jonathan while the East Face (D+) was climbed by Ulric, Pete & Teresa, who then descended the S. ridge. The weather was horrendous on this occasion.


ILLNESS:

Only our Liaison Officer suffered at all from altitude and he returned to Udaipur before any harm was done. There were two crevasse incidents, both in the heavily crevassed region around the Kangla Jot. Al. the first victim emerged unhurt, but Ulric in the second incident was knocked unconscious for a few minutes. No severe harm was done and he extricated himself without further incident.

COST:

The total cost of the expedition was £5,500 excluding personal equipment.

THE GLACIER SYSTEM OF THE MIYAR NALA VALLEY

-  : Glacier
- : Proposed route to basecamp
- == : road
- - - : boundary
- : river
- : settlement

SCALE: 1:500,000

