

SUMMARY REPORTM.E.F. REFERENCE 85/34EXPEDITION : South Wales 1985 Karakoram ExpeditionMEMBERS : (all climbers)

M. Harber (Leader)	D. Hillman
M. Morris	R. Williams
D. Parsons	H. Parsons

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OBJECTIVE : The objective was the traverse of the Biafo and Hispar Glaciers of the Western Karakoram Mountains of Pakistan; to make the first ascent of Snow Lake Peak (21,630 ft.), which overlooks Snow Lake at the head of the Biafo Glacier; and finally to reconnoitre the S.E. Ridge of Trivor.

EXPEDITION : The expedition took place during July and August of 1985. The walk-in to base camp on Snow Lake took 11 days. David Parsons and his wife Helen left the expedition before reaching base camp. 5 days were spent at or above base camp before Hillman and Williams left to return via the Hispar Glacier to Gilgit which took 8 days. The remaining pair, Harber and Morris, were not seen again.

WEATHER : Conditions were very good with settled weather and only one day was lost due to a storm. However, during the walk-out conditions on the mountains appeared to deteriorate.

ACCIDENTS AND ILLNESS : During the walk-in David Parsons began to be affected by a pulmonary problem that increased as the party reached Snow Lake. He sensibly left before he was incapacitated. Bob Williams was injured in a crevasse fall at advanced camp, and he left to seek medical attention being accompanied by Don Hillman. Five weeks after leaving, Don Hillman was flown back to the mountain in a Pakistan Army helicopter to search for the missing men but without a positive result.

COST : Estimated total cost is £6,300 (excluding cost of search).