

SALCANTAY WEST FACE 1993

EXPEDITION REPORT BY A STIMSON AND C FALDER

JANUARY 1994

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

It is with great sadness that this account must begin by reporting the deaths of Steve Kelsey and Graham Whittaker. They died while attempting the SW face of Salcantay, and our deepest sympathy goes out to their bereaved family and friends. The world is a little less bright without them.

This report aims briefly and objectively to provide information which might help future climbers visiting the area either to climb Salcantay or peaks in the area.

## 2. PRELIMINARY DETAILS

(See MEF Application forms enclosed). (BACK OF REPORT)

Grant funding

The expedition was awarded MEF and BMC funding and approval.

Members contributions:-	4 x £1000
Grants BMC	£ 500
MEF	£ 500

Sponsorship:- Berghaus kindly sponsored Carolyn and myself with clothing, boots and rucksacs.

I wish to extend my thanks to Berghaus who continue despite the recession to actively support Women's Mountaineering ventures and their equipment naturally lived up to the high technical specifications which has been a long established company trademark for many years.

## 3. DIARY OF EVENTS

### Mon May 3rd

Depart LHR. Arrive Lima. Hotel Stopover.

### Tues May 4th

Depart Lima. Arrive Cusco. Colonial Palace Hotel.

### Wed May 5th

Buy Provisions from Market, arrange transport to Mollepata.

### Thurs May 6th

Depart Cusco. Arrive Mollepata, arrange and depart with 2 Horses and driver, reach first campsite.

### Fri May 7th

Trek to Base-camp.

### Sat May 8th

Build kitchen/BC

### Sun May 9th

SK and GW climb point 5350 m.

AS and GW climb Incactiuraslca Pass 4895 BC.

**Mon May 10th**

AS - sick (Guardia)  
SK, GW, CF recce SW face BC.

**Tuesday May 11th**

AS, SW, sick. BC

**Wed May 12th**

AS sick (Guardia) BC  
SK, GW, Depart BC for SW face. Bivvy foot of route.

**Thurs May 13th**

AS, CF climb point 5350 m.  
SK, GW, sighted through binoculars 11.00 am.  
SK, GW, known to have bivvied on route.

**Fri May 14th**

SK, GW, died in fall to base of SW face.  
Accident not observed. AS and CF not expecting their return until Mon 17 May. AS, CF depart BC for south ridge, camp at I. pass.

**Sat May 15th**

AS, CF attempt south ridge, abort due to unsettled weather, poor snow conditions, camp at I. pass.

**Sun May 16th**

AC, CF return to BC  
Discover bodies of SK, GW  
Depart BC arrive Mollepata, alert Embassy.

**Mon May 17th**

AS, CF return to Cusco, liaison with Hon. Consul.

**Tues May 18th/Wed May 19th**

AS, CF return to Salcantay, evacuate bodies with help of Special Police Unit to Mollepta.

**Thurs May 20th/Fri May 21st**

AS, CF depart Mollepata, return Cusco. Deal with Authorities and Legislation regarding repatriation of SK, GW.

**Sat May 22nd**

AS, CF depart Cusco, arrive Lima received by Embassy officials.

**Sun May 23, Mon 24th, Tues 25 and Wed 26th**

AS, CF remain in Lima for final arrangements, formalities and cremation of GW.

**Thurs May 27th**

AS, CF depart Lima

**Fri May 28th**

AS, CF arrive LHR.

## 5. ACCIDENT REPORT

- a) The cause of the accident is not known.
- b)
- c) Please refer to the route diagram for an approximate indication of where the accident took place, estimated by study of film developed in SK's camera present with him on the route.
- d) Please refer to prints a, b, c etc indicating progress made on the route approximately 1.5 days climbing including a Bivvy below and on the face.
- e) Observation of the mountain on the days prior to the climb revealed it to be actively avalanching in other areas, the SW face route line chosen by SK/GW was not observed to be at risk from avalanche.
- f) Weather was unsettled giving rise to daily afternoon snow showers, making conditions difficult and suggests the expedition date was too early in the season and descent from the summit would have been hazardous.
- g) There was very little rock debris at the foot of the route suggesting that stone fall was not a high risk.
- h) The route was however steep, intimidating and certainly a hard and challenging objective, but one both SK and GW were committed to attempting given their previous experience.

## 6. MEDICAL NOTES

A comprehensive first-aid kit was taken, used items were as follows:-

Flagyl - Guardia affected 2 members. Source of infection raw Avocado eaten in Cusco restaurant.

Antihistamine cream - to treat unpleasant insect bites sustained in Mollepata but these did not live above 3500 m.

Paracetamol - treatment of altitude headaches.

Cytomax - ion replacement powder for hill days.

Diorylyte - rehydratant isotonic for dehydration caused by vomiting and diarrhoea (Guardia symptoms).

PUR - Excellent water filter, meant we should have escaped guardia, but you can't filter avocado !

Antiseptic disinfectant - cleaning bites and wounds.

## 7. REPATRIATION REPORT

- a) The special police unit allocated to us had no specialise knowledge and we were largely responsible for directing the operation in the field.
- b) The Hon. Consul assigned us an interpreter but his experience was only as a tourist guide so he was unfamiliar with Embassy procedures and unaware that the Doctor was attempting to Exort money from us. Communications from Lima to Cusco to this effect had failed.
- c) In our situation the insurers authorised the funeral arrangements through the Embassy in Lima. No money should have exchanged hands. The funeral director bills the Embassy/Insurers directly.

No action was required from us after we arrived back except the collection of death certificates.

## 8. MISCELLANEOUS DETAILS

a) Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone in <sup>Pery</sup> ~~DEM~~ and Britain that helped us, notably Father Claudio Steward and friends Tania and Jeorge. Dr Paul Delgado de la Flore (Hon Consul), Reynaldo Gammorra (interpreter and friend), Special Operations Police Unite, especially Walter Benedicta, Lima Embassy Officials, Mr Banham and Nicola. Campbell Irvine insurers, Father Fitzgerald and the Columbian order of priests, Family and friends who phoned from England.

b) South American Explorers club in GB indicated the area is free from Shining Path terrorists. This is not the advice given from the Embassy in Lima. The area around Cusco is, still at RISK although tourists have returned to the area.

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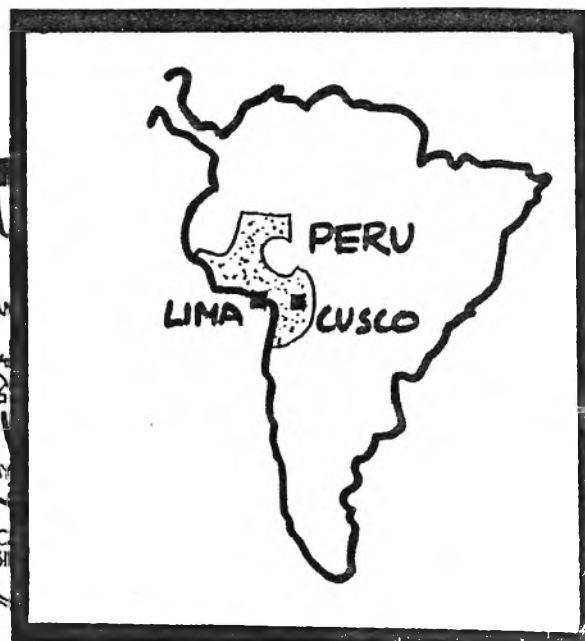
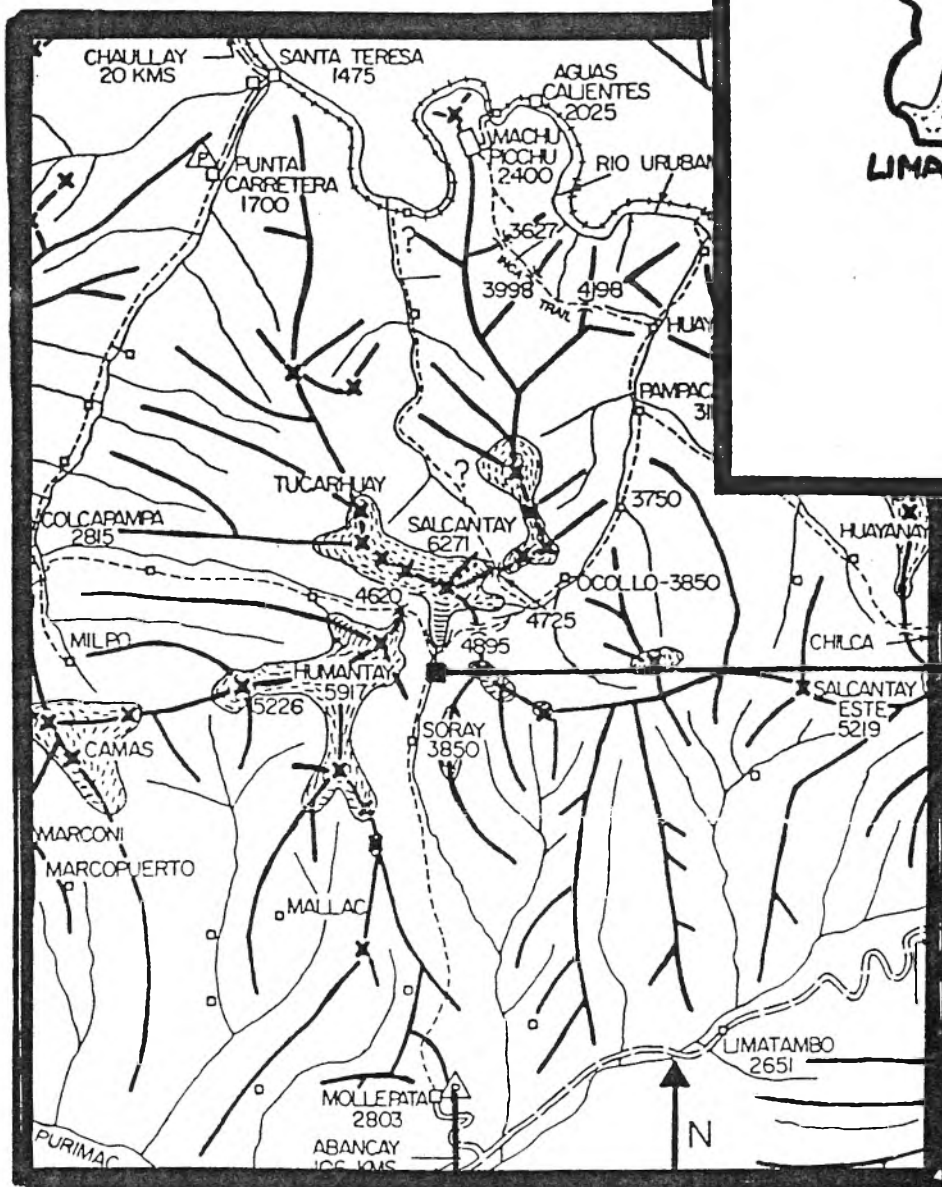
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## EXPEDITION LOCATION

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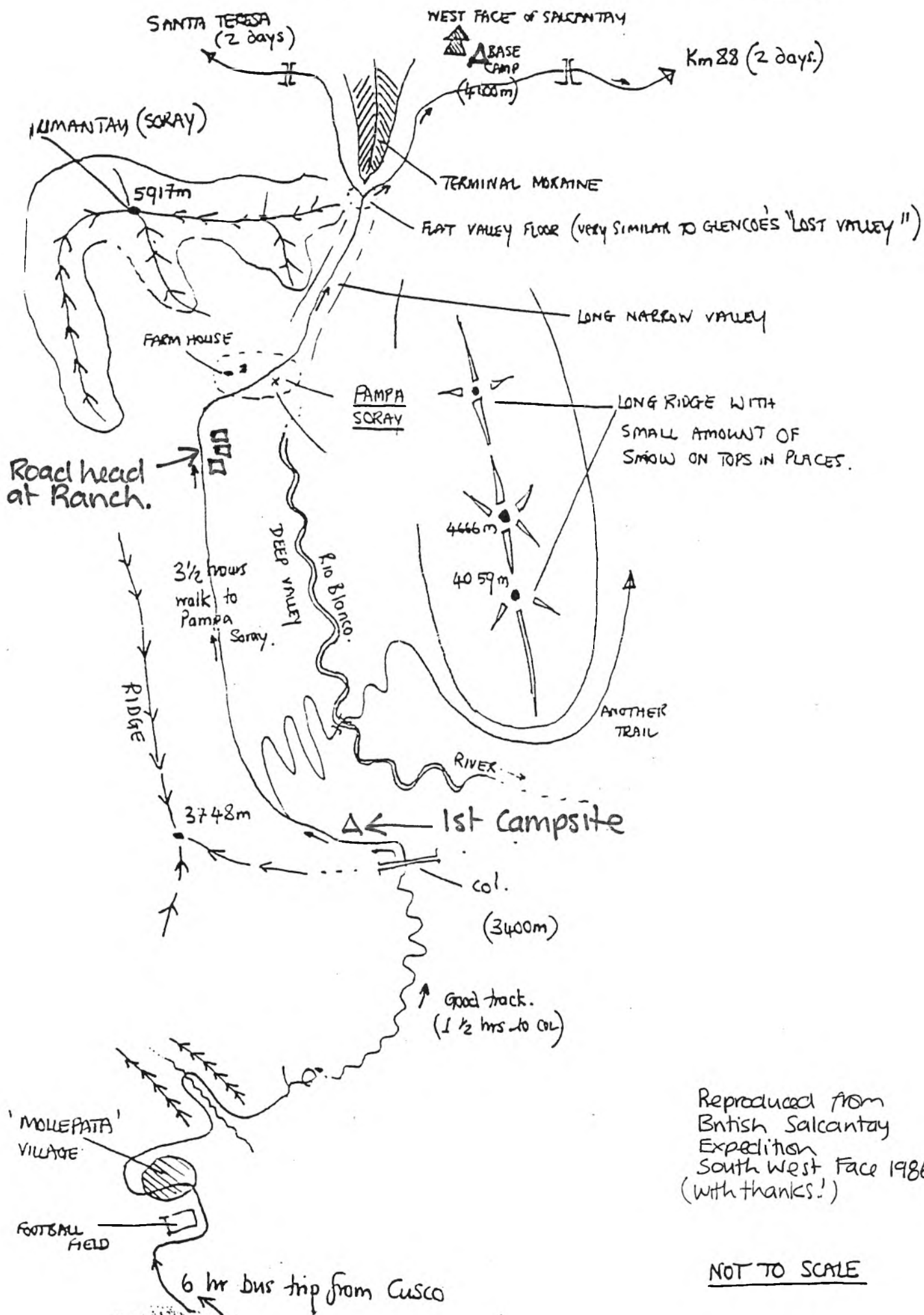


BASE CAMP

→ 80K TO CUZCO .

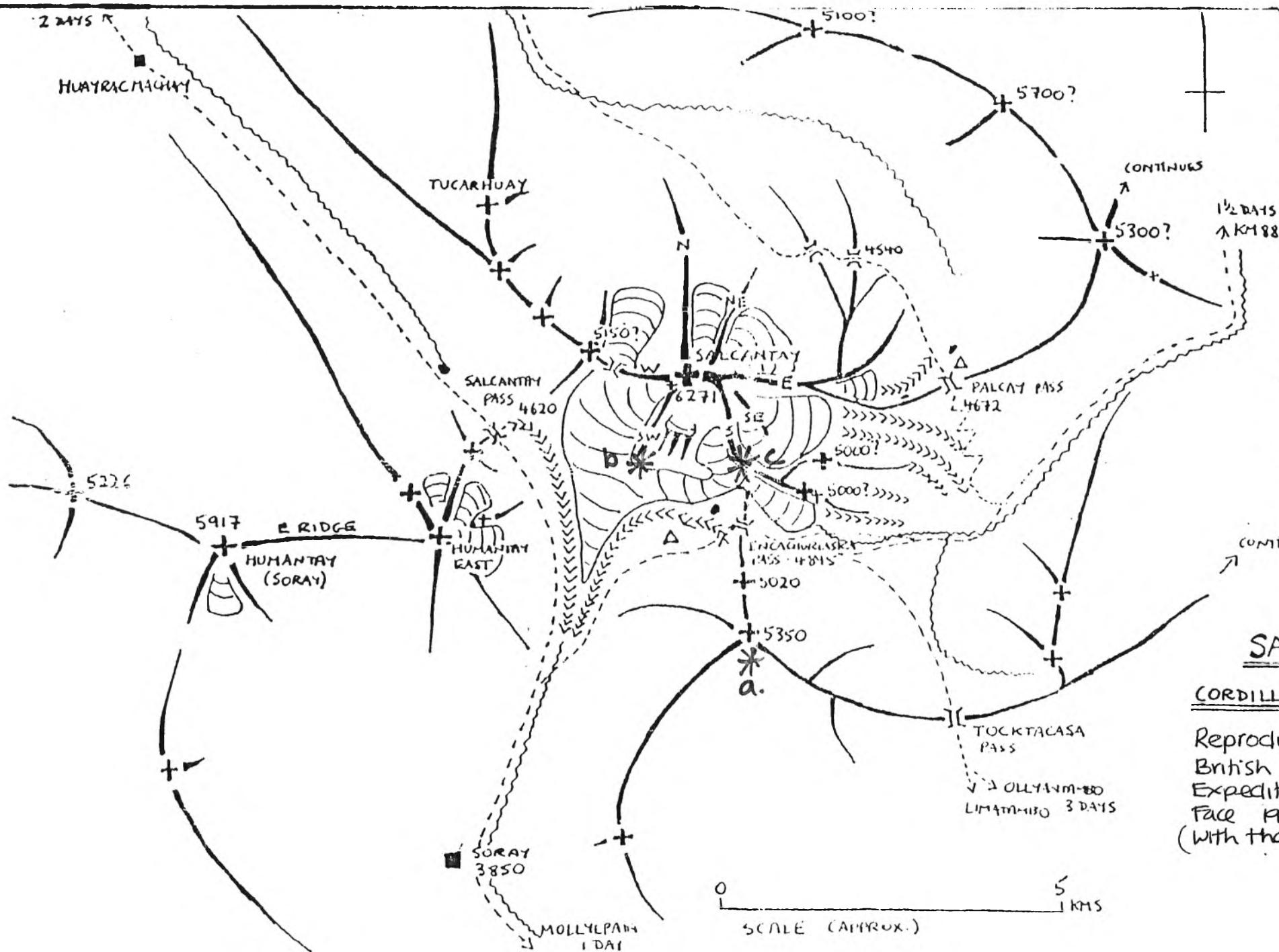
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# SKETCH MAP OF WALK-IN TO N. SALCANTAY (6271m) FROM MOLLEPATA



Reproduced from  
British Salcantay  
Expedition  
South West Face 1986.  
(with thanks!)

NOT TO SCALE



Symbol	Meaning
—+—	RIDGELINE
	GLACIER
	MORaine
~~~~~	STREAM
==	PASS
Δ	BASE CAMPS
■	SETTLEMENT
-.-.-	FOOTPATH
●	LAKE

\*a Acclimatisation Peak.

\*b Route attempted by S./E.

\*c Route attempted by A./C.

## SALCANTAY

### CORDILLERA VILCABAMBA

Reproduced from  
British Salcantay  
Expedition South-west  
Face 1926.  
(with thanks!)



A. SW FACE OF  
SALCANTAY



KEY

--- LINE OF ATTEMPTED  
ROUTE.

● POSITION OF PHOTO B.



B. GRAHAM WHITTAKER.  
LEADING TOWARDS  
ICE FALL.  
(LAST KNOWN POSITION,  
FURTHER FILM LIGHT  
DAMAGED).

PHOTOS BY STEVE KELSEY.

# SECTION "A" SUMMARY

MEF Reference: 93/23

1. Name of Expedition: **British Salcantay Expedition, 1993.**

Name and address of Leader: Steve Kelsey  
Tan-y-Fron, Melin-y-Coed,  
Llanrwst, LL26 0SW.  
(H) 0492 641799, (W) 0690 710234

2. Region to be visited: Cordillera Vilcabamba, Peru.

Objectives: New route on West Face of Salcantay (6271m).

Duration From.....May.1993..... to.....June.1993.....

3. Personnel Give name, age, nationality, occupation, and relevant experience of each member.

**Steve Kelsey, 28, British, Outdoor Equipment Shop Manager.**

1. Ascents up to E3, and Scottish V.

2. Alpine Seasons. Notable routes include the Brenva Spur of Mont Blanc.

3. Expedition to Cordillera Huayhuash, Peru. Various ascents up to 5800m

4. Expeditions to Cordillera Real, Bolivia. Notable Ascents include West Face of Huyana Potosi (6088m), traverse of Yancopiti III and IV (5800,5830 - Twin Peaks), normal routes on Ancohuma (6427) and Illamani (6410).

**Graham Whittaker, 23, British, Chemical Engineer.**

1. Ascents up to E4, and Scottish V.

2. Alpine Seasons. Notable routes include the NE Spur Direct on Les Droites, and the Comici

3. Route on the Cima Grande.

4. Expedition to Cordillera Real, Bolivia. Notable Ascents include traverse of Yancopiti III and IV (5800,5830 - Twin Peaks), normal routes on Ancohuma (6427) and Huyana Potosi (6088).

4. Budget

Costs

Travel ..... £1270

Food and Stores ..... £250

Equipment ..... £150

Peak Fees and Liaison Officer ..... Nil

Hire of Labour ..... £70

Insurance ..... £180

Miscellaneous and Contingency ..... £200

**TOTAL £2420**

Income

Number of Members .... Two.

and amount of personal contributions .....

**TOTAL**

Please give details of Grants already approved .....

Other sources .....

**TOTAL**

5. To what organisations or sponsors have you applied for grants, and with what results so far? None

If you wish to be considered for a BMC or MC of S grant, tick here



6. Permission to whom have you applied?

None required.

When do you expect a decision?

7. Whom have you consulted about the Expedition? Peruvian Guides, Mark Lowe, Dave Sharman.  
Steve Kelsey has previously visited the area.

8. Give the names and addresses of two referees to whom the Foundation may apply concerning the general standing of the Expedition and its members:

Jerry Jones, The Mount, Pentrefoelas, Clwyd. Andy MacNae, 46 Laitwood Rd, London. SW12 9QJ.

## SECTION "B" ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

9. Name and number of Bank Account to which a grant should be sent:

Name and address of Bank: MR S. P. KELSEY

10. Grants are given on the understanding that you have obtained the latest expedition regulations of the country to be visited.

(a) which Ministry, Embassy or Tourist Department have you contacted? Peruvian Embassy

(b) What arrangements are being made for local employees, and have you provided for their compensation in case of mishap?

No arrangements have yet been made. Arrangements will be made locally, or through Peruvian Guides Association.

(c) Can you call on financial reserves in the event of emergency? Yes, both team members have credit cards.  
(see paragraph 3 on page 1)

(d) Has allowance been made for the deposit of money with the customs authorities against import of equipment?

Due to the small size of the expedition, this will not be necessary.

11. What steps have been taken to study the area to be visited, in particular its geography, its political situation and previous exploratory or scientific work in your chosen fields?

The political situation of the area has been exhaustively investigated (Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Peruvian Embassy, South American Explorers Club in Lima etc.). Previous expeditions to the area have been contacted and their reports studied (where reports are held by the Royal Geographic Society). The geography of the area is already familiar to Steve Kelsey, but has been additionally studied in the RGS.

Have your plans been discussed with any scientific bodies concerned?

What arrangements will be made for publishing the results of your observations?

An expedition report will be produced on our return.

12. Do you agree to comply with the requirements of paragraph 10 on page 1 concerning the obligations to the Foundation of an expedition on its return?

Yes. A full expedition report will be produced and distributed.

13. Give any additional information which you think may help the Foundation in reaching a decision:

The objective is a new route on a major, little-climbed face, in an area which has seen few British expeditions.

*Continue overleaf only if necessary.*

Signed.....

*Gordon W. Lister*

Date.....

*30/11/92*

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Below is set out a rough guide to the expenses we expect to incur during our trip to Peru.

### SALCANTAY EXPENSES

<u>TRAVEL</u>	Per Person		Total
AIRFARES	£515	x4	£2,060
TAXIS	£20	x4	£80
PORTAGE TO B.C.	£10	x4	£40
INSURANCE	£140	x4	£560
HOTELS	£160	x4	£640
 <u>FOOD</u>			
BC	£60	x4	£240
HILL FOOD	£48	x4	£192
TOTAL		£953	£3,812

Prices for the food are based on prices from our trip to Bolivia in 1991 where the bulk of our food was bought in the local markets. This time however we intend to take some of the hill food out with us.

At the moment each member of the trip is expected to cover their share of the trip so the expected cost per person is the full £953.

This budget excludes any extra equipment that will be bought for the expedition as this will not be evenly spread across the team members.

# INSURANCE DETAILS.

THIS ENDORSEMENT SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE POLICY/CERTIFICATE

Endorsement attaching to and forming part of

Policy/Certificate/Booking Ref: 93/CIB 15307

Name of Insured: Mr G Whittaker  
Ms C Falder  
Mr S Kelsey  
Ms A Stimson

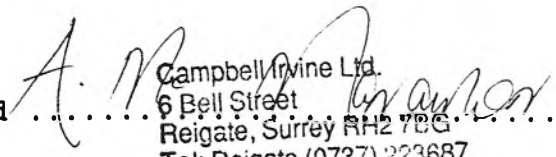
Notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary it is hereby understood and agreed that in consideration of an additional premium payable hereon this insurance is amended as follows :

Sections A and B only

It has been recorded with Underwriters that the Insured Persons shall be involved in **Mountaineering and Trekking Activities** in South America during the period of this insurance.

Additional premium : £428.00

Subject otherwise to the terms, exceptions, limitations and conditions of the aforementioned Certificate.

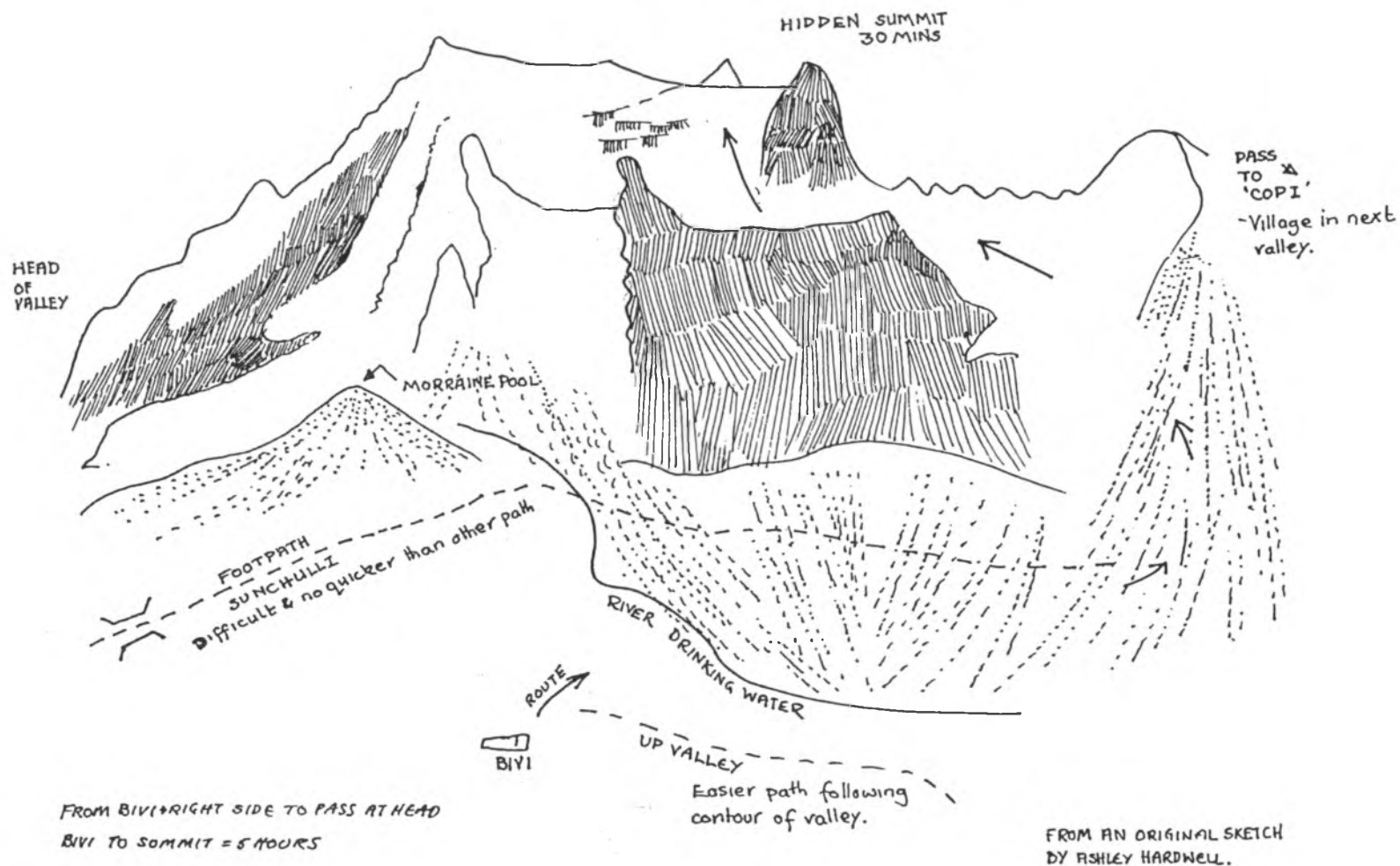
Signed  .....  
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6 Bell Street  
Reigate, Surrey RH2 7EG  
Tel: Reigate (0737) 223687

Date: 27/04/1993

\* Our thanks extends to the efficient manner in which our Insurers acted throughout.



COROHUARI 5668m



FROM AN ORIGINAL SKETCH  
BY ASHLEY HARDWELL.

SKETCH MAP - SHOWING ROUTE & MOUNTAINS - APOLOBAMBA - 1993

= PRELIMINARY REPORT =

□ V - VILLAGE (NAME NOT KNOWN)

□ V - VILLAGE (NAME GIVEN)

sch - SCHOOL

BC - BASE CAMP

BIVI - BIVI - USED PRIOR TO CLIMB.

MBIVI - MOUNTAIN BIVI - USED DURING A ROUTE

# SKETCH MAP - SHOWING ROUTE & MOUNTAINS - APOLO BAMBIA - 1993

= PRELIMINARY REPORT =

- X - VILLAGE (NAME NOT KNOWN)
- - VILLAGE (NAME GIVEN)
- SCH - SCHOOL
- BC - BASE CAMP
- BIVI - BIVI - USED PRIOR TO CLIMB.
- MBIVI - MOUNTAIN BIVI - USED DURING A ROUTE
- CI - HIGHER CAMP - TEMPORARY
- Δ - PEAK
- LINE OF RIDGE
- DRIVABLE ROAD (4x4)
- ALSO DRIVABLE BY (4x4)
- PATH
- W - WALLS



## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Climbed in the Apolobamba Mountains, achieving 1st British ascents of previously climbed mountains.
- Made a photographic record of the area explored.
- Improved our topographical understanding of the area and will produce a sketch map of the peaks, ridges and valleys of the southern area.
- Collected seed and herbarium specimens on behalf of the National Herbarium of Bolivia, La Paz and the Royal Botanical Gardens Kew (Only 10% of the flora of Bolivia has been described. The botanically unexplored Cordillera regions of Bolivia contain some of the worlds most interesting and richest flora. Many Andean plants exhibit primitive features or modification to enable them to survive in the extreme conditions found on the Altiplano, Puna and Mountain)
- Climbed Nevado Illimani.
- Everyone learned a lot about Bolivia.
- Everyone enjoyed the experiences.
- This preliminary report will be followed by a full and complete report, including maps and illustrations.

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## Peaks climbed

### From Passo Osipal

July 30th	Sunchuli 5305/17405	3rd ascent	3rd British ascent
August 1st	Iscacuchu 5650/18537	5th ascent	4th British ascent
	2 peaks of Iscacuchu		
	Mita 5500/18045	5th ascent	3rd British ascent
	Lisa 5400/17717	2nd ascent	1st British ascent

### From Passo Sunchuli

August 4th	Cuchillo I 5655/18242	2nd ascent	1st British ascent
August 6th	Yanaorco 5600/18373	2nd ascent	1st British ascent
August 7th	Corohuari 5668/18579	2nd ascent	1st British ascent
	Point 5600/18373		1st British ascent
August 8th	Cavayani 5702/18707	3rd ascent	1st British ascent
	Point 5550/18209		1st British ascent
	Point 5420/17782		1st British ascent
August 14th	Point 5400/17717		1st British ascent
August 15th	Cuchillo II 5450/17881	2nd ascent	1st British ascent

### From La Paz

August 28th	Illimani 6438/21122
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23rd July	Fly out of Heathrow
24th July	Land in La Paz some people suffer altitude effects
25th July	Shopping and check equipment/tents
26th July	Visit Guarachi and CAB while others also make enquiries about transport. Allippio agrees then reneges around 5 in the afternoon. Visit British Embassy
27th July	Transport arranged finally through <i>Guarachi</i> \$1200 for the next day
28th July	Set off for the Apolobamba - a long day- drivers get lost and we are dumped on the Passo Osipal at around 7.30 pm
29th July	Set up camp area and organise food. Small peaks climbed by Ray & Pam also Paul, Danielle, Ian and Sue
30th July	Sunchuli Peak 5306m climbed by Paul & Ken, then Ray & Les followed by Ian & Ashley
31st July	Snow overnight, a grey day most people stay in camp. Ken & Paul visit valley area near Lisa.
1st August	3.00am start for Iscacachu 5650m - climbed by Ashley & Paul followed by Ken & Ian. Mita 5500m and an intermediate summit also climbed. Ray, Pamela and Sue climb Lisa
2nd August	Move on to the base camp at Sunchuli using local miners transport \$120
3rd August	New base camp built by most people. Pam collects seed and plants.
4th August	Cuchillo I 5655m climbed from base camp by Ashley, Pam & and Les then Paul and Ken. Ian ill on way up. A Condor visited us on mountain.
5th August	Ken & I walked up the valley to make a higher camp. Ashley & Les set off for bivi and plan to ascend Corohuari 5668m the next day .
6th August	Yanaorco 5550m climbed by Ken & Paul. Les & Ashley attain summit of Corohuari 5668m then use same bivi site overnight. Ray & Sue trekked round & see Corohuari climbed. Pam & Ian ascend to Camp 1.
7th August	Pam & Ian, Ken and Paul climb onto ridge -west of Cuchillo I. Slow progress means a bivi at 5620m on rock outcrop after ascending Point 5650m. Les & Ashley return to camp via Sunchuli
8th August	Cavayani 5704 climbed on continuation of day 1 by Ken, Ian, Pam & Paul; also two more tops. All 4 go down to base- Ray, Les, Ashley and Sue go up to same camp site.
9th August	Yanaorco climbed to within 50 foot of top by Ray, Les, Ashley and Sue- bad rock!
10th August	Snow overnight 2" by morning continues during the day. Later 4 from higher camp return very tired.
11th August	Snow continued through night tents needed clearing every two hours. Kitchen collapses!
12th August	Digging out day. 2 foot of snow moved from around the tents.
13th August	Ashley, Ian and Paul make reconnaissance to Passo Sunchuli and onto the start of the ridge
14th August	Everyone except Ray set off for Cuchillo II, a little late-7.30am! Time consuming rock climb near top. Ashley, Les and Ian set off in deep snow return defeated by time and tiredness. Les & Ian abseil down but rest Bivi on the ridge. Reasonable night
15th August	Paul, Pam & Ken on one rope set off go beyond yesterdays high point then onto Cuchillo II 5450m. Ashley and Sue follow on after making sure it could be done.
16th August	Rest day. All thoughts of further peaks evaporate due to mountain conditions. Short walk by Paul, Ray & Ian south to next valley - see Acamani - an impressive sight!
17th August	Attempt on Cuchillo I by Ian, Ray and Sue is thwarted by low cloud and snowfall at midday.
18th August	More snow. Paul, Pam, Danielle and Ken visit Sunchuli.
19th August	Day 1 of walkout night at Illo Illo.
20th August	Day 2 of walkout night at Pujo Pujo.
21st August	Walk to Ulla Ulla try to contact Guarachi - failed. Visit Vicuna Centre, stay night & others picked up from Pujo Pujo. Ashley ill!
22nd August	Pick-up day - one vehicle arrives at 2 0' clock Paul, Ray, Pam, Les & Ken leave for La Paz
23rd August	Ashley, Ian, Sue and Daniele return to La Paz - late in the day! Ray & Paul visit Guarachi. Pam gives lecture to University audience 'Decorative Horticulture'. Ring Brit. Embassy
24th August	Relax - La Paz
25th August	La Paz/Chulimani. Ken & Ian set off to climb Illimani. Pam visits Comanche -rare plant
26th August	Cocacabana/Chulimani/Tiwanaku Illimani.
27th August	Isle of Sun-Titicaca. Trek to Chulimani. La Paz confirm flights then to H Illimani.
28th August	Isle of Sun-Titicaca. Illimani 6438- summit reached by Ian & Ken. Trek to Chulimani. Isle of the Dead. Cocacabana. Trek to Chulimani Pam collects more seed & plants
29th August	Isle of Sun-Titicaca. Cocacabana. Return from Illimani. Trek to Chulimani.
30th August	Isle of Sun-Titicaca. Cocacabana. Trek to Chulimani.
31st August	La Paz. Pam's trek to Chulimani completed
1st September	La Paz everyone. Pack gear - check weight - at 6 o'clock 35k given OK
2nd September	Collect tickets from Robin- Brit Embassy. Pam's last visit to Herbarium. Fly out from La Paz, change at Rio for final leg home. Great hospitality on flight.
3rd September	Fly into Heathrow 3.30pm

# RESEARCH

## Reports & information obtained

### Apolobamba

1992 Southampton University M C Bolivian Exped	2 page preliminary rep
1992 Southampton University M C Bolivian Exped	22p one map +8maps sect
1989 Bath University Apolobamba Report	14p 4maps
1989 Loughborough Students Andes Expedition	AJ 1990/91 p258
1988 Yorkshire Ramblers Club	
1986 Anglo Scottish Womens Exped Apolobamba	2 pages
1985 Cordillera Apolobamba Exped: Peru	41p photos
1979 French Expedition Rep Club Alpin Francais	AAJ p246-247
1966 Japanese Report	AAJ 1966 p182-183
1959 Imperial College Expedition-Nudo De Apolobamba	p175-180 + photo
1959 Imperial College Expedition-Nudo De Apolobamba	AAJ 1960 p37-42 5photos
1959 Italian Exped Acct	AAJ 1959 p321-322
1958 German Exped	AAJ 1958 p102-103
Survey of Andean Ascents parts 1,2 & 3	AAJ's

### Bolivia - General & other areas

1992 EAC Expeditions to Bolivia	Gen info & report details
1991 Joint Services Expedition to Cordillera Real 1989	62p maps and photos
1991 RAF Mountain Rescue Exped Cordillera Real	39p maps & photos
1990 Exercise Inca Venture (Bolivia & Chile)	53p photos
1987 Jill Neate Mountaineering in the Andes	intro & p128-137
1979 French Exped Report	AAJ 1979 p246-247
1969 World Atlas of Mountaineering	p186-197 inc photos
1961 Franco-Swiss Peruvian Exped	AAJ 1961 p400-401
Newspaper The Independant 'Treasure in Bolivia'	Sat 2nd Jan 1988 p9
N/d Photocopy 'Titicaca, Abode of the Sun	Nat Geog 1971 p272-294
Book 'Sons of the Moon' Travels through bolivia	1991 Shukman
Book 'The Conquest of the Incas' 1513-1630	1970 Hemming
Book 'Bolivian Travel Guide'	

### Contacts & Helpers

Daniel Martinez	Camp companion
Members of the above Expeditions	Information
William Petroske	<b>MAP of the area</b>
Steve Baker	Assisting in research at Alpine Club
Bolivian Embassy	Advice
Chris Bonington	Patron
Dr E Echevarria	Information
Mark Feeney	Trekker planning 1993 trek in area
Pamela Holt	Advice/contacts (now member of group)
IGM Bolivia	Information about no maps of the area
Roy Lindsay	Obtained AAJ reports
AS Miller	Maps
RGS Map Room	Maps
SAEC	Information
RJ Shackell	Vice Consul La Paz- Advice & information
Mike Smith	Slide Show, maps and Info
John Main	General information - Bolivian mountaineering
Bernardo Guarachi - La Paz	Transport

# BRITISH ASCENTS IN THE APOLOBAMBA MOUNTAIN RANGE

Area	Metres	Feet	Name	Year Ascent	Nationality	Ref	Details
2.0	5768	18924	Palomanni Grande	1989 5th	British		South West Ridge-Bath Uni
2.0	5633	18480	Palomani Tranca	1985 1st	British		
3.0	5300	17388	BJE 2	1992	British		SE Glacier & Ridge
3.0	5050	16568	BJE 1	1992	British		Traverse from BJE 2
3.0	5050	16568	Pt 5050	1992	British		South Slope
3.1	5640	18504	Soral Oeste	1959 1st	British		S face-vert ice-falls Not attempted/ Climbed from N Side
3.1	5470	17946	Soral Este	1959 1st	British		S side tried unsuccessful /N side-Descended via Pk 5280 SE
3.1	5430	17815	Chucuyo Grande	1959 1st	British		
3.1	5430	17815	Pt NW /Soral Este	1959 1st	British		
3.1	5390	17684	Pt NW / Soral Este	1959 1st	British		
3.1	5380	17684	Pt SE / Soral Este	1959 1st	British		/ East Comer
3.1	5280	17323	Pt SE / Soral East	1959 1st	British		Traverse from pt 5380 Descent by E side of NE Ridge
3.2	5680	18635	Matchu Sutchi Coochi	1959 1st	British		Traverse•1 NW to SE
3.2	5670	18603	Matchu Sutchi Coochi	1959 1st	British		Traverse•1 NW to SE
3.2	5660	18603	Matchu Sutchi Coochi	1959 1st	British		Traverse•1 NW to SE
3.2	5660	18603	Un-named MSC Ridge	1959 1st	British		Traverse•2 East of •1 on MSC Ridge
3.2	5650	18537	Pelechuco Huaracha	1959 1st	British		From N Facing Glacier then South Facing Slopes
3.2	5650	18537	Apolo II	1992 2nd	British		West Face
3.2	5640	18504	Un-named MSC Ridge	1959 1st	British		Traverse•1 NW to SE
3.2	5640	18504	Un-named NE/MSC	1959 1st	British		Descent /North Rock Ridge
3.2	5630	18471	Kantantica Oest	1992 1st	British		West Face Descent /NW Ridge
3.2	5610	18405	Un-named	1959 1st	British		Traverse•2 East of •1 on MSC Ridge
3.2	5600	18373	Matchu Sutchi Coochi	1959 1st	British		At Extreme NW of MSC Ridge / NE Ridge
3.2	5580	18307	Ascarani	1959 1st	British		
3.2	5580	18307	Radio-aficción	1992 2nd	British		Traverse From Bures
3.2	5560	18241	Bures	1992	British		Traverse from Apollo 11
3.3	5916	19408	Cololo	1989 5th	British(1st)	Report	North Ridge- Descended / West Ridge Bath Uni
3.3	5916	19408	Cololo	1989 6th	British(2nd)	Report	Loughboro West Ridge
3.3	5760	18898	Pt 5760	1992 1st	British		Traverse from Nubi (rounded summit twixt Huanacuni & Nubi)
3.3	5710	18734	Nubi	1989 3rd	British		from Head of Lake Nubi-Bath Uni
3.3	5710	18734	Nubi	1992 4th	British		SW (German) Ridge
3.3	5500	18045	Huanacuni Eastward	1992 1st	British		East Couloir (Pk is SE of Huanacuni) Ht. is estimated
3.3	5480	17979	Posnansky South	1989 2nd	British(1st)	Report	Loughboro SW Flank - Desc South
3.3	5370	17618	Cunuaireya	1989 1st	British(1st)	Report	Loughboro NE Ridge
3.3	5305	17405	Sunchuli	1989 1st	British(1st)	Report	Loughboro East Flank

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3.3	5710	18734	Nubi	1989 3rd	British		3.3	5710	18734	Nubi	1992 4th	British		Traverse from Nubi (rounded summit twist Huanacuni & Nubi)
3.3	5500	18045	Huanacuni Eastward	1992 1st	British		3.3	5480	17979	Posnansky South	1989 2nd	British(1st)	Report	from Head of Lake Nubi-Bath Uni
3.3	5370	17618	Cunuareya	1989 1st	British(1st)	Report	3.3	5305	17405	Sunchuli	1989 1st	British(1st)	Report	SW (German) Ridge
3.3	5305	17405	Sunchuli	1989 1st	British(1st)	Report								East Couloir (Pk is SE of Huanacuni) Ht. is estimated
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3.3	5305	17405	Sunchuli	1989	2nd	British(2nd)	Report	Loughboro East Flank
3.3	5305	17405	Sunchuli	1993	3rd	British(3rd)	Report	UK Apolobamba from west col (Findlay & Hudson, Dimmock & Holbert, Hardwell & Wadsworth)
3.4	5816	19080	Huerdnollac	1989	3rd	British(1st)		Traversed W to N-Desc N Ridge
3.4	5702	18707	Cavayani	1993	3rd	British(1st)	Report	UK Apolobamba -Traversed as 2nd pk of 4 summits (Findlay, Holt, Wadsworth & Hudson)
3.4	5668	18579	Corohuari	1993	2nd	British(1st)	Report	UK Apolobamba by South side (Hardwell & Holbert)
3.4	5655	18242	Cuchillo I (Chuquillo)	1993	2nd	British(1st)	Report	UK Apolobamba by East side (Hardwell, Holbert & Holt, Hudson and Findlay)
3.4	5650	18537	Iscacuchu Central	1989	2nd	British(1st)	Report	Loughboro N Face
3.4	5650	18537	Iscacuchu Central	1989	3rd	British(2nd)	Report	Loughboro Treaverse of all peaks SW-NE
3.4	5650	18537	Iscacuchu Central	1989	4th	British(3rd)	Report	Loughboro Treaverse of all peaks NE-SW
3.4	5650	18537	Iscacuchu Central	1993	5th	British(4th)	Report	UK Apolobamba Traverse of Mita & Iscacuchu (Hardwell & Hudson, Findlay & Wadsworth)
3.4	5585	18323	Iscacuchu SW	1989	-	British(1st)	Report	Loughboro N Face (3hrs 45mins)
3.4	5585	18323	Iscacuchu SW	1989	-	British(2nd)	Report	Loughboro Treaverse of all peaks SW-NE
3.4	5585	18323	Iscacuchu SW	1989	-	British(3rd)	Report	Loughboro Treaverse of all peaks NE-SW
3.4	5585	18323	Iscacuchu SW	1993	-	British(4th)	Report	UK Apolobamba Traverse of Mita & Iscacuchu (Hardwell & Hudson, Findlay & Wadsworth)
3.4	5585	18323	Iscacuchu NE	1989	2nd	British(1st)	Report	Loughboro NE Ridge
3.4	5585	18323	Iscacuchu NE	1989	-	British(2nd)		Loughboro Treaverse of all peaks SW-NE
3.4	5585	18323	Iscacuchu NE	1989	-	British(3rd)		Loughboro Treaverse of all peaks NE-SW
3.4	5585	18323	Iscacuchu NE	1993	-	British(4th)	Report	UK Apolobamba Traverse of Mita & Iscacuchu (Hardwell & Hudson, Findlay & Wadsworth)
3.4	5600	18373	Yanaorco	1993	2nd	British(1st)	Report	UK Apolobamba by North side (Findlay & Hudson)
3.4	5600	18373	Point 5600	1993		British(1st)	Report	UK Apolobamba 1st of 4 summits (Findlay, Holt, Wadsworth & Hudson)
3.4	5550	18209	Point 5550	1993		British(1st)	Report	UK Apolobamba 3rd of 4 summits traversed (Findlay, Holt, Wadsworth & Hudson)
3.4	5500	18045	Mita	1989	3rd	British(1st)		Loughboro N. Ridge (easy axe-no crampons) Desc S/SE
3.4	5500	18045	Mita	1989	4th	British(2nd)		Loughboro N. Ridge/Desc S/SE-3hrs 15mins
3.4	5500	18045	Mita	1993	5th	British(3rd)	Report	UK Apolobamba Traverse of Mita & Iscacuchu (Hardwell & Hudson, Findlay & Wadsworth)
3.4	5450	17881	Cuchillo II	1993	2nd	British(1st)	Report	UK Apolobamba from south along ridge (Findlay, Hudson & Holt + Hardwell & Cooper)
3.4	5420	17782	Point 5420	1993		British(1st)	Report	UK Apolobamba as last of 4 summit traverse (Findlay, Holt, Wadsworth & Hudson)
3.4	5400	17717	Lisa	1993	2nd	British(1st)	Report	UK Apolobamba by East side (Dimmock, Cooper & Holt)
3.4	5400	17717	Point 5400	1993		British(1st)	Report	UK Apolobamba from Passo Sunchuli on way to ChuchilloII (Hardwell, Holbert & Wadsworth + Hudson, Holt, Findlay & Cooper)
3.4	5375	17635	Un-named South	1989	1st	British(1st)		Loughboro Laying W of Iscacuchu/from col
3.4	5375	17635	Un-named South	1989	2nd	British(2nd)		Loughboro Laying W of Iscacuchu/N-S traverse
3.4	5375	17635	Un-named South	1989	3rd	British(3rd)		Loughboro Laying W of Iscacuchu/N-S traverse