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BRITISH GREENLAND EXPEDITION 1998.

OBJECTIVE.

To make the first ascent of a unclimbed pillar (see postcard) in the Tasermit Fford area of Southern Greenland.

EXPEDITION MEMBERS.

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## INTRODUCTION.

The Tasermiut Fford region of Southern Greenland has many big walls and pillars still awaiting first ascents. The postcard shows just a small area of this region and up to the time of our ascent there were no climbs recorded here.

I took the picture used for the postcard in 1996 whilst making a first ascent with Jerry Gore and Silvo Karo on the left hand tower of Nalumasortoq.

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Vertical World at the Warehouse indoor climbing centre.  
(Equipment).

Hill Billy Clothing. (Tee-shirts).

The Workshop. (Postcards).

Mark Vincenti. (Travel arrangements).

#### ACCOUNTS.

Air Fare x 3.	£2136.00.
Boat.	£3200.00.
Food/fuel.	£ 300.00.
Insurance.	£ 210.00.
Medical Kit.	£ 60.00.
Miscellaneous.	£ 250.00.
Total.	£6156.00.

#### EQUIPMENT.

We took enough climbing gear to enable us to climb both big wall style or Alpine. This included a porta-ledge, 50 pegs, beaks, hooks, heads e.t.c. but for both climbs we only used a normal British rack. A set of friends, a set of nuts, some quickdraws and a assortment of slings.

Our ropes were 2 x 60m 11mm.

2 Vango two man tents.

A selection of pots, pans, plates, mugs e.t.c.

1 ice axe.

3 head nets for the mosquitos and midges.

Clothes used in the Alps were fine for this part of Greenland.

EXPEDITION TIMETABLE.

Wednesday 24th June.

Fly London - Keflavik - Narsarsuaq.

Sleep in waste ground above hotel in Narsarsuaq.

Thursday 25th & Friday 26th.

Boat around coast and up the Tasermiut Fford to base camp.

Sleep on boat.

Saturday 27th.

Spend day moving gear around to foot of piller.

Sunday 28th & Monday 29th.

Climb and descend from main objective.

Tuesday 30th.

Return to base camp.

Wednesday 1st July to Saturday 4th.

Hang around base camp resting and sheltering from bad weather.

Sunday 5th.

Move up to establish advanced base camp beneath wall on the left in the postcard.

Monday 6th.

Bad weather forces us to sit it out beneath wall.

Tuesday 7th.

Retreat to Base camp.

Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th.

Wait at base camp.

Friday 10th.

Move back up to wall.

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th.

Sit beneath wall waiting out bad weather again.

Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th.

Climb second objective. This climb took a route just left of centre in enclosed photo.

Tuesday 14th.

We get down of piller and keep going back to base.

Wednesday 15th.

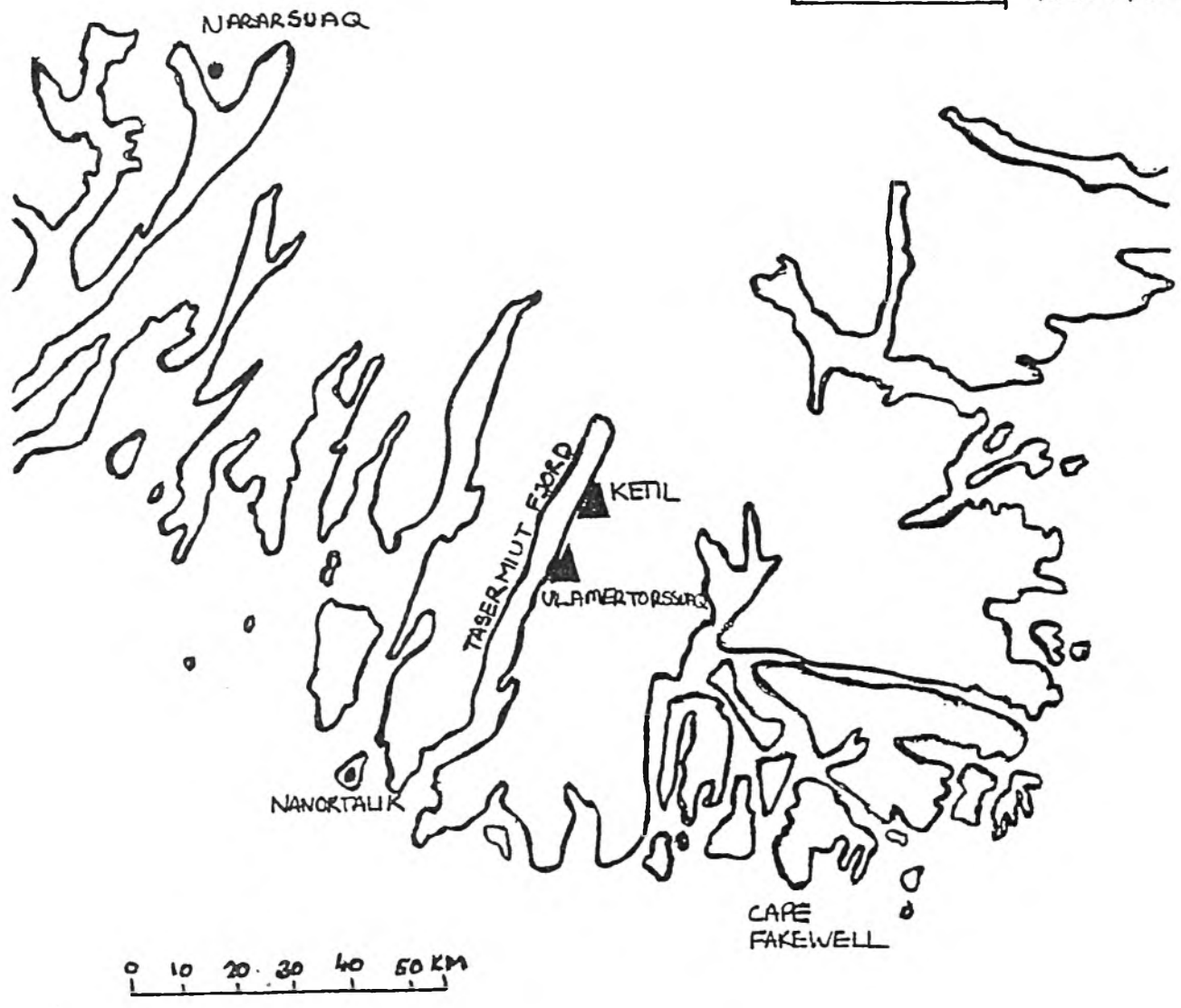
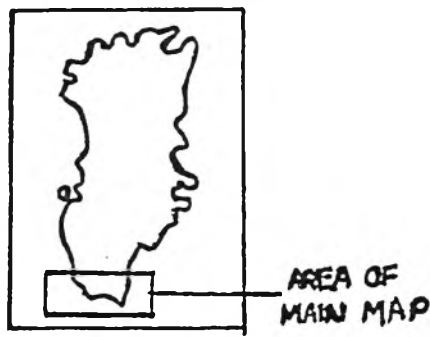
Break camp and return to U.K. in the same way we travelled out.

## THE CLIMBS.

The first climb as shown in the postcard was named the James Hopkins Pillar after a Gloucestershire based childrens charity. Overall the grade was British E4 5c and followed a line almost on the crest of the pillar. The climbing was often on friable rock but very interesting. It was 600mts in length and took 14 pitches to climb. The descent was almost down the ascent line except for one section that we decided to avoid because of loose rock and lack of reliable belays.

The second climb took a line just left of centre of the buttress in the photo and we called it Honey Buttress after Bob Honey who looked after base camp for us while we were climbing. Again the grade was E4 5c and followed a series of grooves and cracks on sometimes friable rock. The descent was back down the route and was a lot easier than the descent from the James Hopkins Pillar. This climb was 500mts and took 12 pitches.

# SOUTH GREENLAND







SKETCH MAP OF ULAMERTORSSUAQ BASE CAMP, TASERMUT FJORD, SOUTH GREENLAND.

