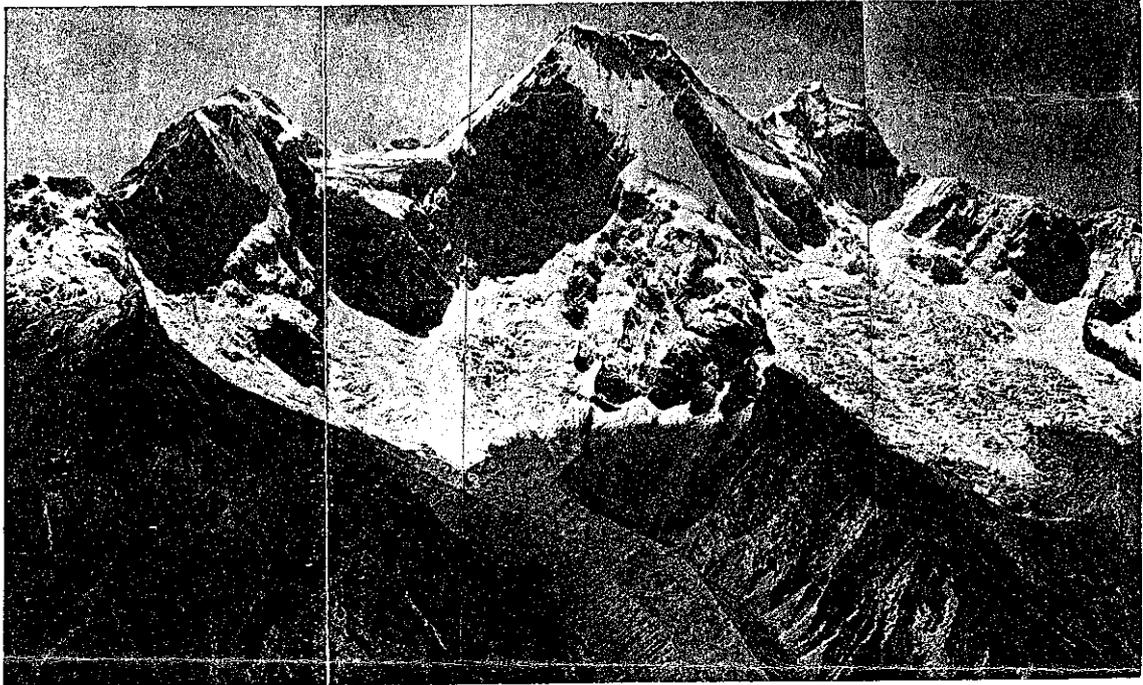


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HUANDOY ESTE

HUANDOY

HUANDOY OESTE



The intended route is a traverse of the above three peaks; Huandoy Este (19,914 ft.), Huandoy (20,981 ft.), and Huandoy Oeste (20,859 ft.). Huandoy ranks as one of the highest peaks in Peru, with Huascarán its neighbour being the highest at 22,200 ft.

This route is as yet unclimbed and will be attempted Alpine style, which involves rapid climbing at altitude. Consequently lightweight equipment is essential.

Prior to attempting the route it will be necessary to become fully acclimatised. This will be achieved by ascending smaller neighbouring peaks.

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OBJECTIVE

We were attempting to complete a traverse of Nevado Huandoy's Este, Norte and Oeste, in the Cordillera Blanca of Peru.

DATES

Arrived in Peru--24th of July

Departed.....30th of September

- (1) 28th...31st of July VALLUNARAJU (5868m)
- (2) 5th....10th of August AGUJA NEVADO 2 (5986m)
- (3) 12th...19th of August ALPAMAYO (5947m)
- (4) 26th...31st of August NEVADO HUANDOY ESTE (6070m)
- (5) 7th... 9th of September HUASCARAN SUR (6768m)

(1) Access was via Quebrada Llaca and took 1 day.

Jeremy and Rod successfully climbed the N.E. ridge of Vallunaraju. Paul and George however had to descend to recover from altitude sickness. The following day they had recovered enough to return to the base camp, but were prevented from going higher by bad weather. The next day we returned to Huaraz.

(2) Access was via Q. Paron taking 1 day.

Paul remained at base camp as he was recovering from a chest infection. Jeremy, Rod, and George ascended to a bivouac at about 5100m on the south side of the mountain. During the night Jeremy had to descend due to acute altitude sickness. The next day George and Rod climbed up to the col between Aguja Nevado 1 & 2 at about 5650m, but retreated due to unstable rock and ice conditions. (The couloir up to the col was about 150m and Scottish grade 3.)

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(2) cont'd

One of the other reasons for this trip was to view the north side of the Huandoy group and to see if access to the traverse was possible. It would have been crazy to attempt it from this side as there were frequently seracs falling.

(3) Access was via Q. Santa Cruz and Q. Arweigocha, which took us 2 days with the aid of burros (donkeys).

We took 1 day to reach a camp at about 5500m. The following day we all reached the summit of Alpamayo via the S.W. face (the Ferrari route, 300m, grade 3/4).

The next day we all reached the summit of Kitaraju via the north face (400m, grade 3).

This was the best spell of weather we had, and it broke just as we were leaving. It took us 1 day to walk out and another to return to Huaraz.

This trip confirmed that we were fully acclimatised and that we could spend at least 3 days at altitude without becoming too exhausted.

(4) The access was via Q. Llanganuco and took us 1 day.

The first day we scrambled upto a bivouac at about 5200m.

The next day we ascended the couloir to the col between the north and east peaks, (400m, grade 3). However we were caught by rockfall with Jerry sustaining a shoulder wound, but thank - fully there were no bones broken. George was also struck, fortunately his rucksac took the full force of the blow and reduced the injury to a bruised back. We bivouaced at the col (5800m) and decided that we weren't fit enough to carry on with the traverse, and so we turned our thoughts to descent. In the morning we climbed to the summit of Nevado Huandoy Este and were rewarded with the best view of trip. We continued our descent down the N.E. ridge until we were forced onto the S. face, which we began to abseil. Darkness forced us to cut ledges into the ice and also to spend the night half - way down the face. The next day we continued to abseil until at last we reached the sanctuary of the glacier and then onto our base camp. The weather deteriorated the following day, and so we returned to the luxuries of Huaraz.

(5) Access was via the small village of Musho and took us 1 day.

We all spent 2 days on the mountain and camped just below the glacier, and waited for the weather to clear, but it just got worse. So we just abandoned the attempt and returned to Huaraz.

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COST/PERSON

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| Air fare..... | £540 |
| Insurance..... | £135 |
| Travel/Living..... | £400 |
| Equipment..... | £300 |
| | <u>£1375</u> |

N.B.

We flew with K.L.M. and the service was excellent!

OTHER INFORMATION

We believe that the ascent of Nevado Huandoy Este is the first by a British party. We also think that we are the first to traverse the mountain via the S.W. and N.W. ridges. The only way we will confirm this is to contact the American Alpine Journal.

From the 10th of September to the 30th, we were touring in the south of the country. The highlight of this was walking the Inca Trail, which although being very popular, was a marvellous experience.

Please accept our thanks for your financial support, as without it, all this would not have been possible. As a result, we would be pleased to help and encourage anyone in a similar position to go on such an adventure.



George.E.Armstrong