

MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND



Mountaineering & Climbing Bursary

APPLICATION FORM

1. DETAILS OF APPLICANT:

(If under 18yr a parent or responsible guardian must complete this section on behalf of the applicant)

Name of Applicant:	Jonathan Richard Bull
Age of Applicant:	26
Name of Guardian (if applicable):	
Address:	204 Sullivan Court Parsons Green London SW6 3DN
Contact Details (Email, Tel etc.):	j.bull08@imperial.ac.uk mobile: 07525 176 868
Nationality:	UK
MCofS Membership Status (Club; Individual; Youth; Family etc):	Individual

2. OBJECTIVE:

Discipline (see criteria):	Alpine/big wall style
Brief Description: (Give detailed information in section 8)	We intend to make first ascents in the rarely-visited Reru Valley in the Indian Himalayas. Our team of 7 will attempt alpine-style first ascents of 5000-6000m peaks, as well as big wall rock routes.
Venue:	Himachal Pradesh, India
Duration:	From: 27/08/11 To: 30/09/11
Previous Experience relevant to the application objective:	First ascents up to 5800m/AD in Peruvian Andes, 2006 with John Biggar Alpine skills course in Chamonix: routes up to AD+ Scottish winter mixed V/6 Water ice WI 5 Multipitch trad E2 Long-distance trekking incl. GR20 in Corsica

3. DETAILS OF OTHER TEAM MEMBERS (if applicable):

(name, address, age, nationality, occupation and a summary of previous relevant mountaineering experience)

Jonathan Moodie, 27, expedition leader

Alpine routes up to TD, Scottish winter V, A2 aid, E1 rock

Dominic Southgate, 28, alpine team leader

Led 2009 Imperial College expedition to Greenland, making 3 virgin peaks and 2 new routes on other peaks.
Member of 2007 Imperial College Shimshal expedition climbing Yazghil Sar, Northern Pakistan (6001m, AD).

Many alpine routes up to AD.

Kunal Masania, 27

Member of 2008 Imperial College expedition to Morocco developing a new 600m 7a+ ob. sport route "Storm O'Clock". Member of 2010 Imperial College Obra Valley expedition to Himachal Pradesh, making several first ascents up to 6000m/AD. Multi-day alpine routes up to TD+, Scottish winter VI/7, rock E2.

Hal Watts, 24, Big wall team leader

Leader of 2008 Imperial College expedition to Morocco. Leader of 2007 Imperial College expedition to Bolivia making 8 first ascents up to E5. Many long alpine rock & mixed routes up to TD+.

Robin Jones, 25

Alpine routes up to TD, Scottish winter V, multipitch water ice, trad E3.

Joe Prinold, 25

Alpine routes up to TD+, trad E3, multipitch sport.

4. BUDGET:

(Complete all sections relevant to your application)

Costs £		Income £	
Travel:	£4900		
Food:	£1330	No. of Members:	7
Accommodation:	£incl. In	Personal contribution:	£1000
miscellaneous		(each)	
Equipment:	£3330		
Peak fees:	£980	TOTAL £7000	
Liaison officer:	£700		
Porter hire:	£8400		
Competition Fees:	£na	Other grants:	£11250
Miscellaneous:	£3000	Sponsors:	£5000
Contingency:	£1000	Other:	£390
TOTAL £23640		TOTAL £23640	

SPONSORSHIP AND OTHER GRANTS:

(Give details here of what other organisations and sponsors you have applied to for grants, and with what results)

Awarded:

£5000 from Imperial College Expedition Board

Applied for:

£1000 from MCoFS

£1500 from BMC: in progress

£1500 from MEF: interview in March

£750 from Welsh Sports Association: interview in April

£500 from Albert Reckitt Charitable Trust

£500 from Adrian Ashby Smith Memorial Trust

£500 from Old Centralians

Rejected:

£500 from Gordon Foundation

£500 from Wilderness Award

BANK DETAILS:

(The bank account into which the grant will be deposited)

Name of bank account:	Jonathan Bull
Account number:	257616
Name and address of bank:	Royal Bank of Scotland, 38 Cramond Road North, Edinburgh EH4 6AA

5. REFEREES:

(Please give the names and address of two referees who can comment on the relevance of your application)

<p>NAME: Dr Lorraine Craig (Officer of the Imperial College Expedition Board)</p> <p>ADDRESS: Department of Earth Science and Engineering Imperial College London SW7 2AZ London</p> <p>CONTACT: l.craig@imperial.ac.uk</p>	<p>NAME: John Biggar (leader of 2006 Peruvian Andes expedition)</p> <p>ADDRESS: Andes 37a St. Andrew Street Castle Douglas Kirkcudbrightshire DG7 1EN</p> <p>CONTACT: john@andes.org.uk tel. 01556 503929</p>
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6. FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING FOREIGN TRAVEL

(Please complete where applicable)

<p>Permits: To whom have you applied & when do you expect a decision:</p>	<p>Our chosen local organisers, Rimo Expeditions are handling the permit applications. Decision expected soon.</p>
<p>Regulations of the country to be visited: i. Which Ministry, Embassy or Tourist Department have you contacted:</p>	<p>Indian Mountaineering Federation</p>
<p>ii. What arrangements are being made for local employees and their compensation in case of accidents:</p>	<p>Insurance provided by Rimo Expeditions</p>
<p>iii. What steps have you taken to study the political/cultural and religious aspects relevant to your visit and how do they affect your visit / objectives:</p>	<p>Have contacted Foreign and Commonwealth Office</p>

7. COMPETITION INFORMATION.

(Please complete where applicable)

Are you a member of the British Team?	
Have you paid the IFSC International License (or UIAA License) or similar?	
What relevant current insurance do you have?	

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Give full details of your objective including the nature of the route / climb / peak, the type of difficulties envisaged and what sources of information you have consulted (written and oral). Include additionally photographs, diagrams and maps. Append additional pages if necessary.

Overview

The destination of this expedition is to the Reru valley in the Zaskar range. This range is located in the North East of India in the state of Jammu and Kashmir, between the Great Himalayan range and the Ladakh range. Until 2009 there had been no climbing expeditions to the valley, and there are a large number of unclimbed summits between 5700m and 6200m in this area: only two of the 36 identified peaks have seen ascents. Our expedition aims to take a large group of 7 members that will use a single base camp but split into two teams that will attempt different types of objective. One team will focus on technical rock climbing ascents, whilst the other team will focus on alpine style mixed snow and rock ascents of unclimbed peaks with a target elevation of around 6000m.

Sources of Information

Figure 1 in the attached appendix is a map of the valley showing all the peaks listed here, provided by Kimikazu Sakamoto from the 2009 Japanese exploratory expedition to the region. His 2010 American Alpine Journal article provided us with written information of the valley, and we have received photos of several peaks from him. We have no photos of the objectives for alpine-style climbs; however, we expect those to have more snow on them than the photographed peaks, based on information on the ridge adjoining the Reru valley and its neighbour, the frequently-visited Miyar valley.

Main Objectives

Our intention is to attempt some of the following peaks:

- Alpine-style mixed climbs to the summits of R5, R6, R10 & R12
- Technical rock climbs on R1-R4 and R13 & 14 (see Figures 2-7)

The level of climbing difficulty is hard to judge from such scant information, but given the number of unclimbed peaks we expect to find plenty of worthwhile challenges within our abilities.

Subsidiary Objectives

- Identify other potential objectives in the area for future expeditions;
- Report on the expedition to provide information and inspiration for Imperial College, grant-providing organisations and the wider mountaineering community to explore the Himalayas;
- Provide feedback to Kimikazu Sakamoto on the accuracy of the recent American Alpine Journal article on the region;
- Extend the mountaineering and expedition experience of all members;
- Continue to publicise Imperial College as a leading university in exploratory mountaineering.

8. DECLARATION:

I have read the Bursary Criteria and conditions and agree to abide by them.

Applicants Signature *Jonathan Bull* Date 07/03/11

Guardians Signature Date
(Acting on behalf of applicants under 18yr)

PLEASE SEND TO:

**The Development Officer, MCoFS, The Old Granary, West Mill Street, Perth, PH1 5QP.
Email: kev@mcofs.org.uk**

Appendix

All photos and map courtesy of Kimikazu Sakamoto.

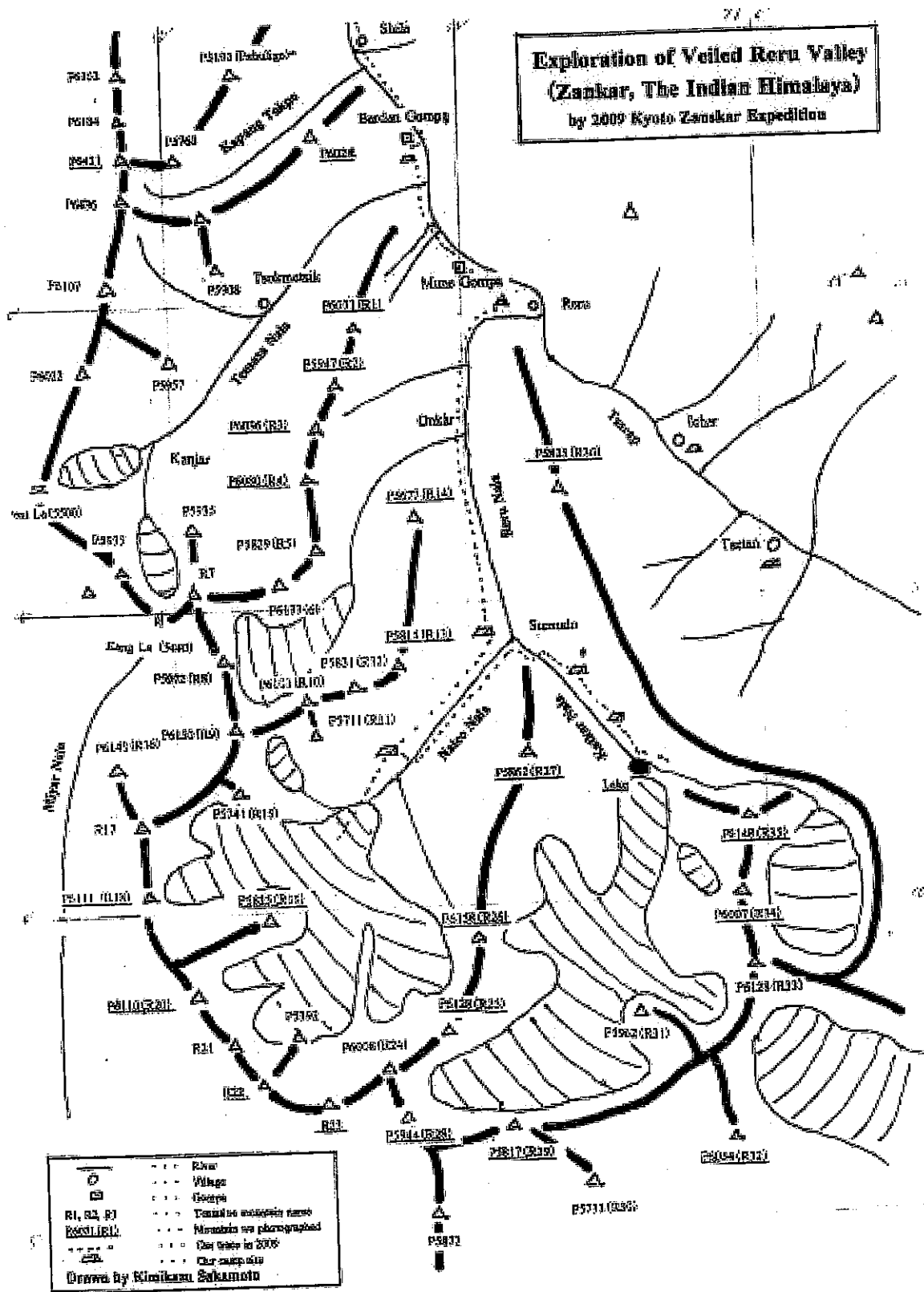


Figure 1: Map of Reru valley

Figure 2:
Peak R1
(607
1m)

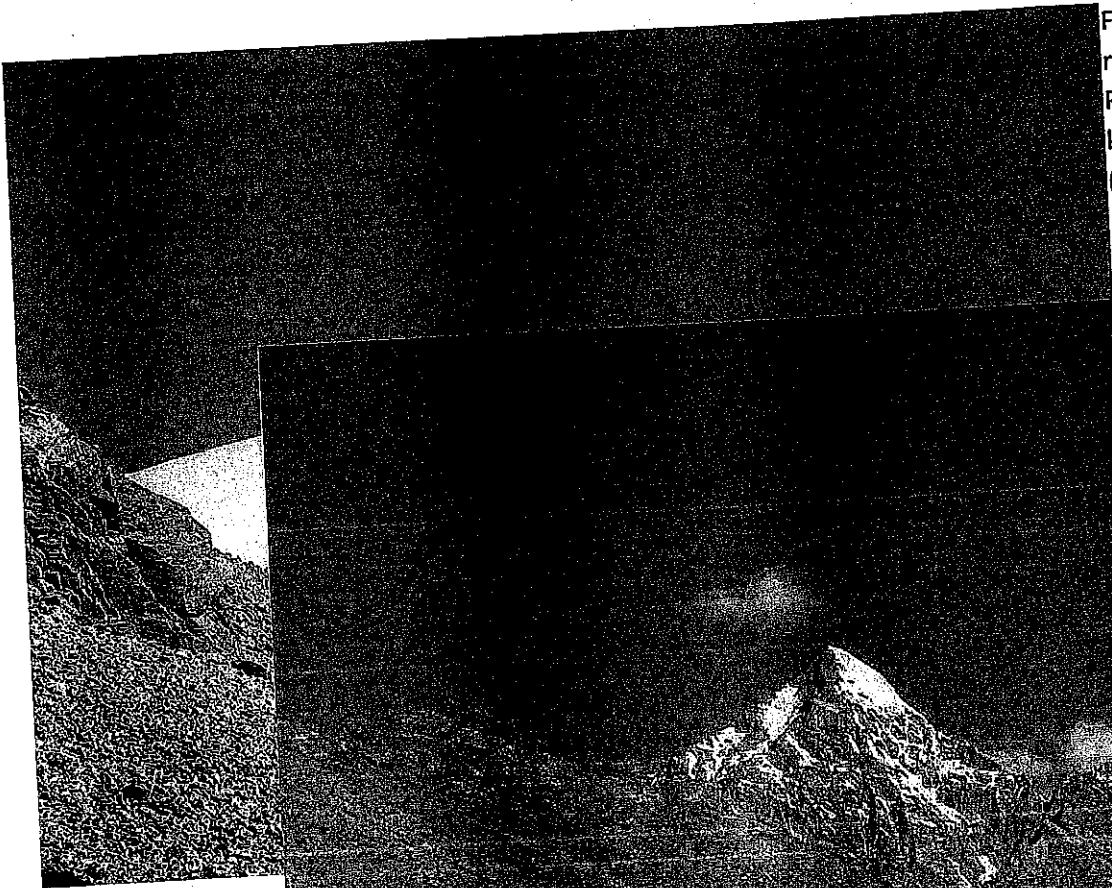


Figure 3: Peak R1



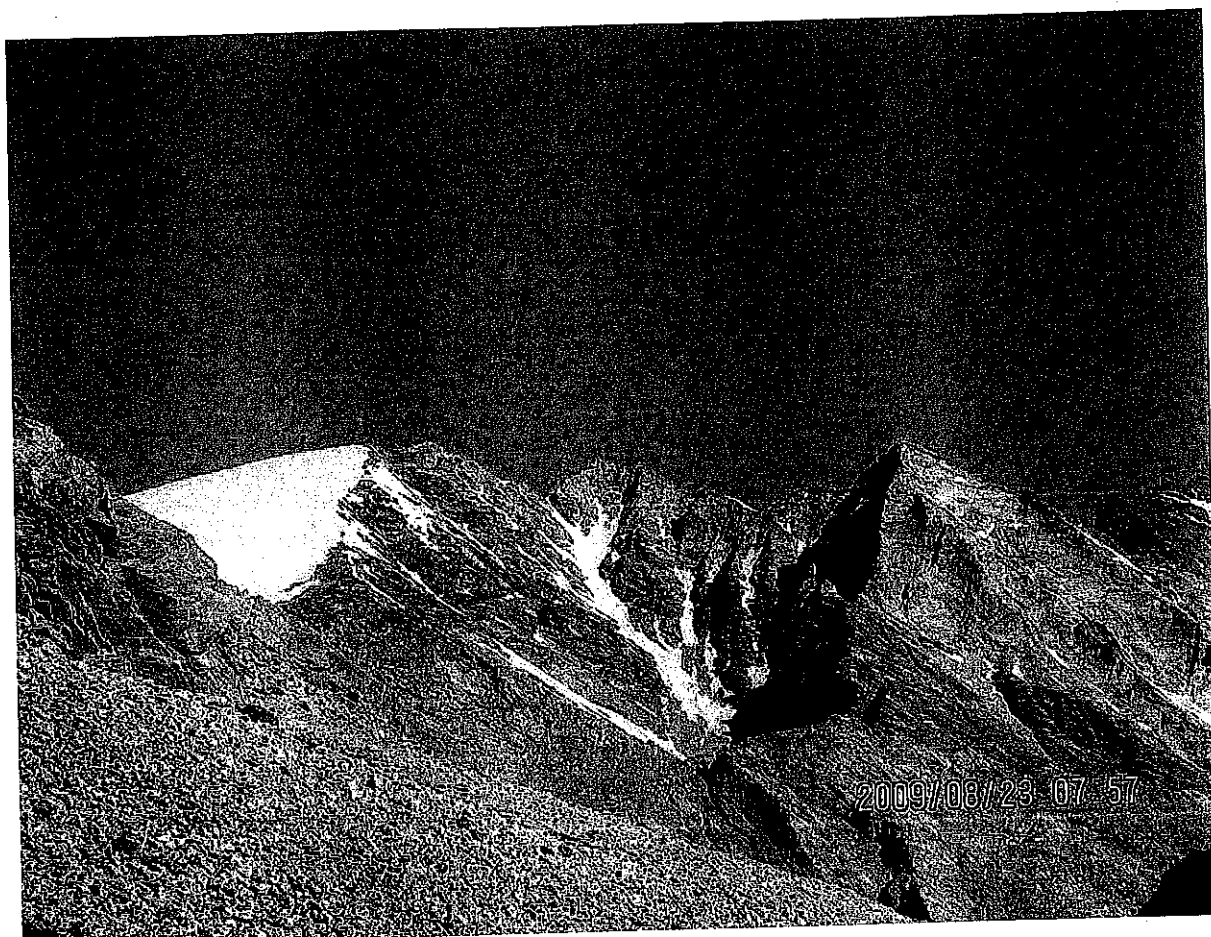


Figure 4: Peak R2 (5947m)

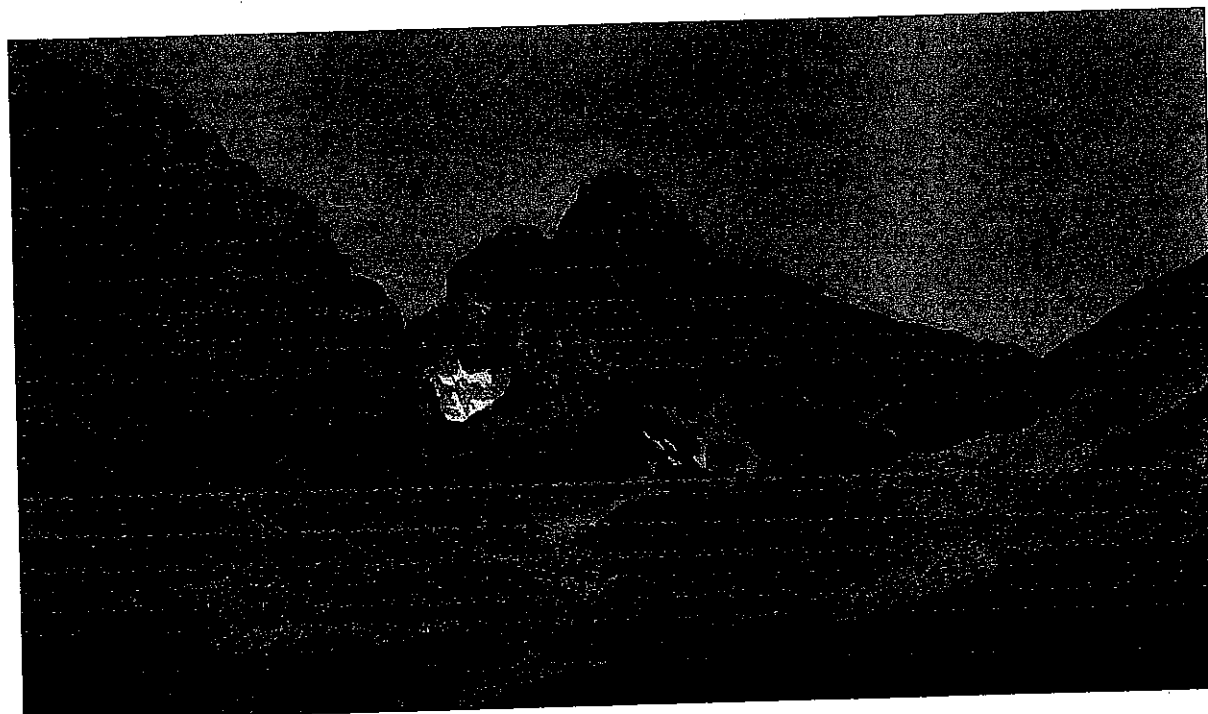


Figure 5: Peak R3 (6036m)

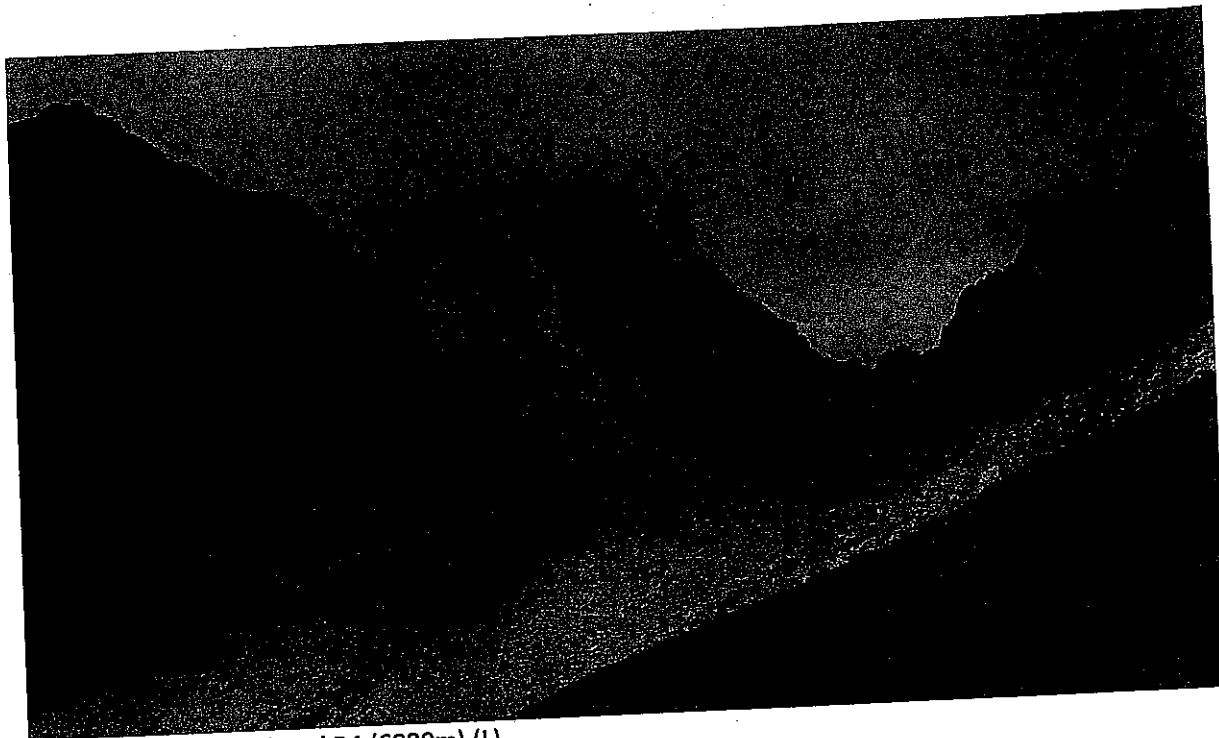


Figure 6: Peaks R3 (R) and R4 (6080m) (L)

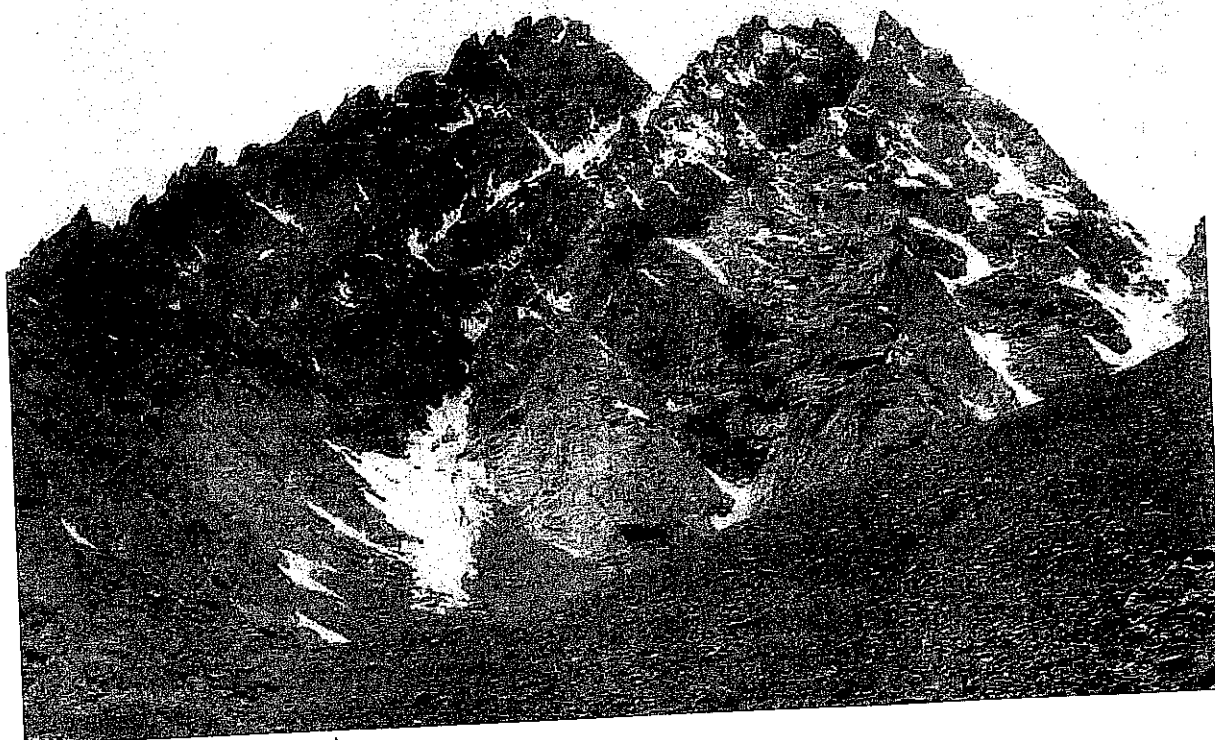


Figure 7: Peak R14 (5677m)