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Mount Everest, 1933.

His Holiness the Dalai Lama having granted permission, a British expedition will leave early next year for Tibet en route for the attack on the mountain.

The composition of the party is as follows:—

H. Ruttledge, Leader; N. E. Odell; C. G. Crawford; Captain E. St. J. Birnie; Captain J. E. Boustead, M.C.; P. Wyn Harris; C. R. Greene, Medical Officer; W. W. McLean, Medical Officer; J. L. Longland; E. E. Shipton; E. O. Shebbeare; F. S. Smythe and G. W. Wood Johnson.

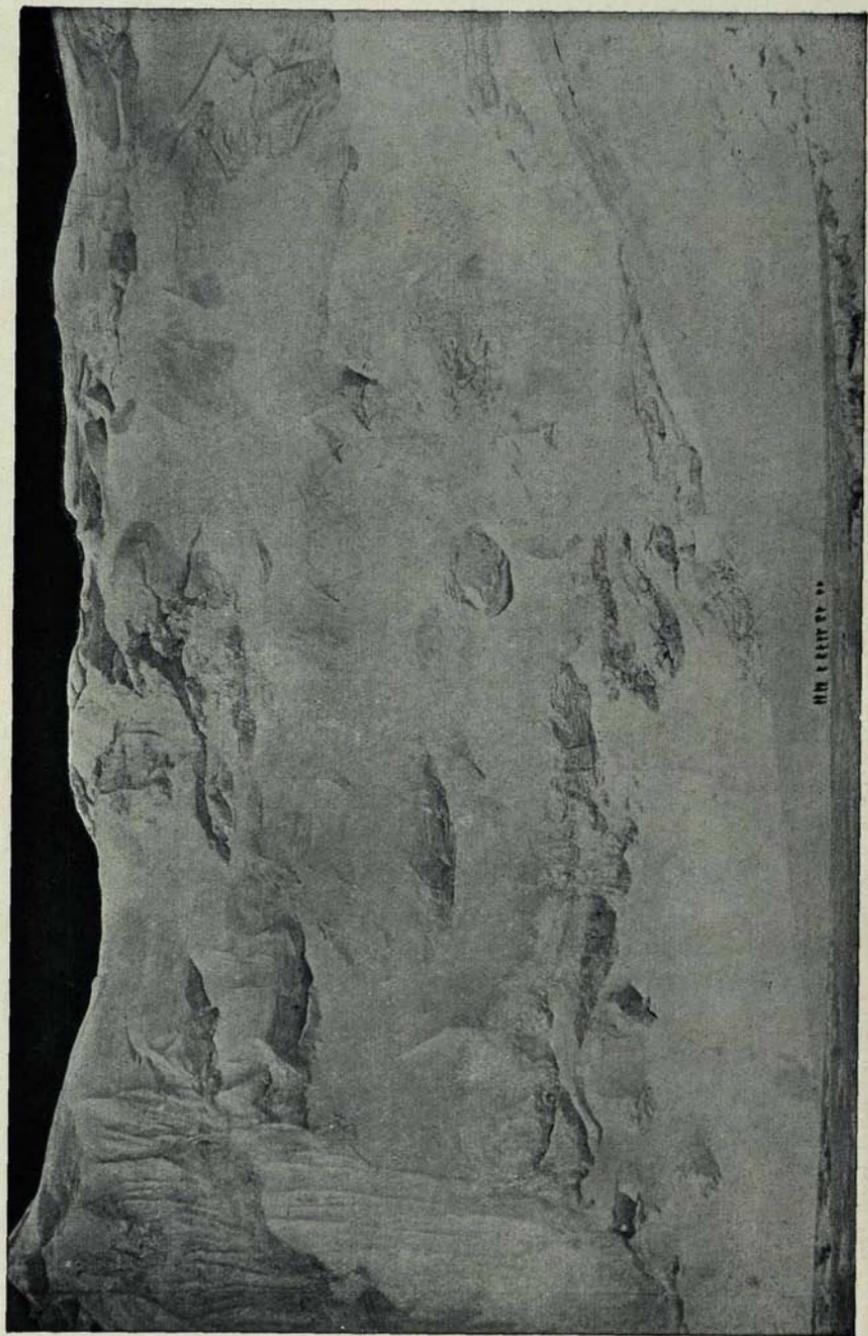
In the unavoidable absence through military duties of Brigadier E. F. Norton and Major J. G. Bruce, Ruttledge should prove a great leader; a happier choice could not have been made. Odell and Crawford are veterans of the 1924 and 1922 expeditions respectively, whose splendid achievements in the Himalaya and Canadian Rockies are well known. Birnie and Boustead are soldiers with much experience of the Himalaya. Harris has had great seasons in the Alps, and has distinguished himself on Mt. Kenya. Greene and McLean are the medical officers of the party; the former took part in the ascent of Kamet in 1931, the latter has accomplished much in the Alps. Longland possesses a guideless Alpine history second to no young, living mountaineer. Shipton, with the traverse of Mt. Kenya, the first ascents of Kamet and other mountains, Kilimanjaro and the traverse of many peaks of Ruwenzori, all within a year, to his credit, is the ideal man for the summit of Everest. Smythe's dossier needs no introduction, while Shebbeare, with the Kangchenjunga and 1924 Everest expeditions behind him, may be regarded as the finished transport officer. The same may be said of Wood Johnson. Altogether, as strong a party as any country could supply. If some doubt should exist as to the limitations through age of Odell and Crawford (slightly over 40), we would remind sceptics that Norton reached the highest point so far attained by man on foot at the same sturdy epoch of his life! As for

the others, we imagine that somewhere about 30 years of age would be the general average.

We wish Mr. Ruttledge and his team all possible good luck, and are confident that one and all will "play for the side."

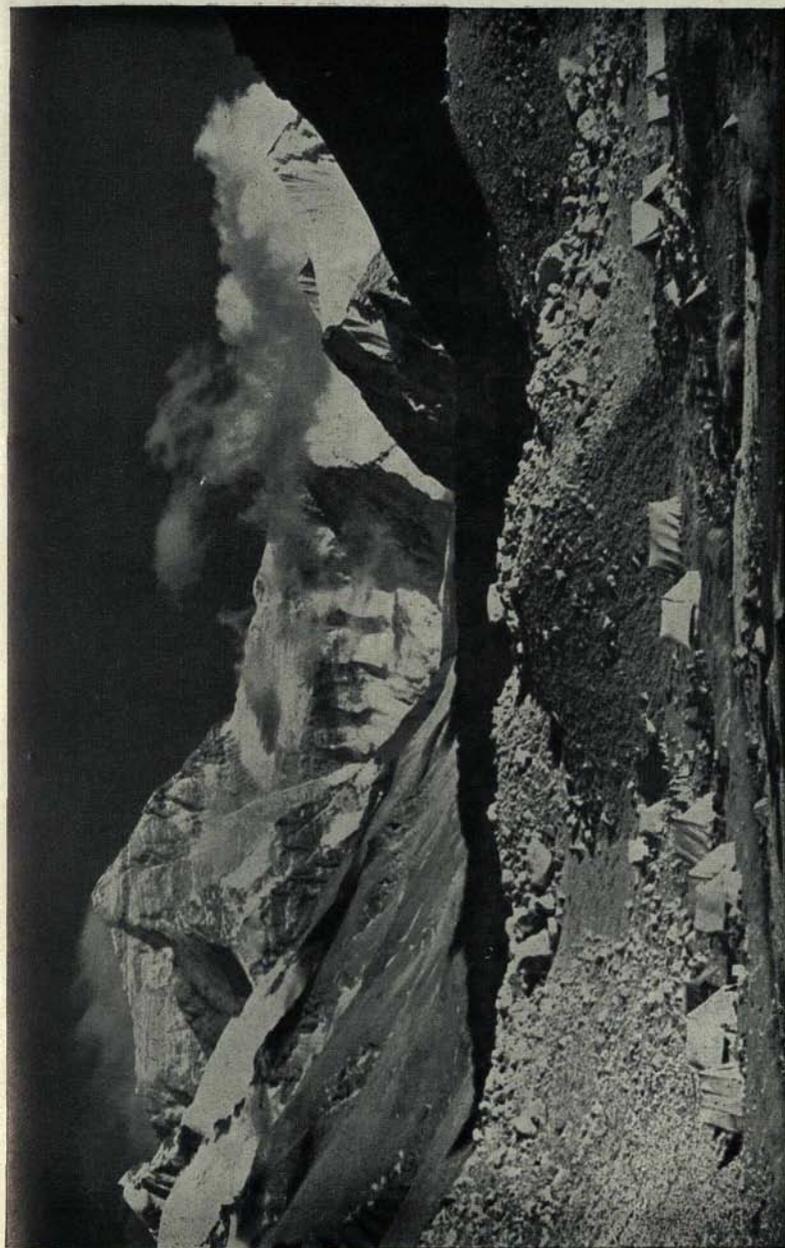
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Mr. Odell has unfortunately been obliged to withdraw from taking part in the expedition, and two new members have been added to the party—Mr. L. R. Wager and Mr. T. A. Brocklebank, the Cambridge stroke.]



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North Col and North-East Shoulder of Mt. Everest.



Base Camp and Mt. Everest in Evening Light.

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