

Sir Edmund Hillary

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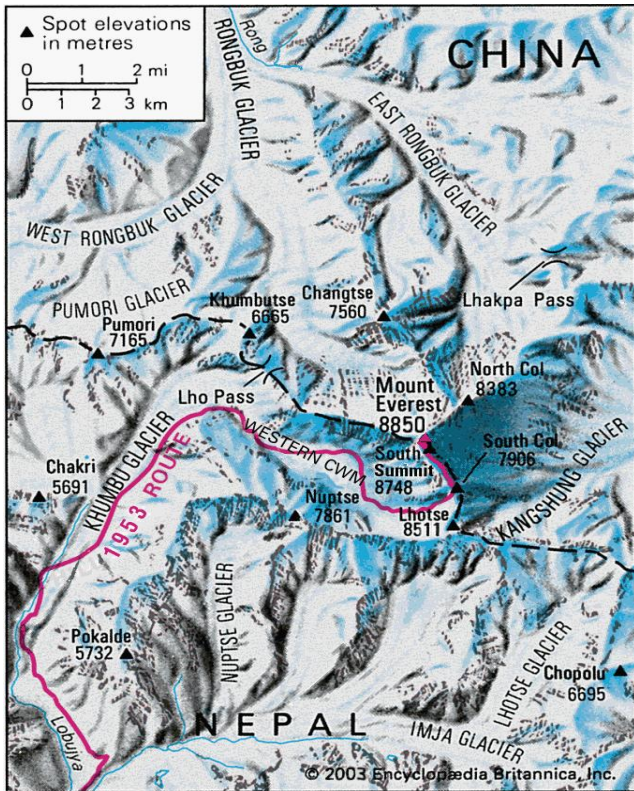


Edmund HILLARY was born on July 20th in 1919 in Auckland, New Zealand, he **is** Zew Zealander. He married Louise Mary-Rose in 1953 but she and his daughter died. He later remarried June Mulgrew in 1959. **He** had tree children. He discovered his interest for climbing during a school trip to Mount Ruapehu, at the age of 16. His first climb was the summit of Mount Olivier in the Southern Alps in New Zealand.

After, Hillary (on the left) is on the summit of Aoraki/Mt Cook on 30 January 1947, early in his career. His companion, Harry Ayres, was a professional guide in the Aoraki/Mt Cook region, and regarded as the finest climber in New Zealand.



On May 1953 he and Sherpa mountaineer Tenzing Norgay became the first climbers **known** to summit Mount Everest. He climbed ten other mountains of the Himalayas from 1956 to 1965.



After that he also attained the South Pole in 1958 with the expedition the trans-Antarctic of the Commonwealth (Fuchs-Hillary expedition). In 1977, Hillary led an expedition, called "Ocean to sky", from the mouth of the Ganges River to its source. In 1985, he accompanied Neil Armstrong, the first person to set foot on the Moon, in the Arctic Ocean and landed at the North Pole. Hillary became the first man to stand at both Poles and on the summit of Everest. Hillary was made a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire on 6 June 1953; a member of the Order of New Zealand in 1987; and a Knight of the Order of the Garter on 22 April 1995. Edmund Hillary has been the only New Zealander for a long time to appear on a banknote.





In January 2007, Hillary travelled to Antarctic to commemorate the 50th birthday of the founding of Scott Base.

On 11 January 2008, he died of an heart attack at the Auckland City Hospital, in New Zealand, at the age of 88 years old. New Zealand flag at half-mast to mark the death of Sir Edmund Hillary



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