Central Tibet – Tanggula Shan

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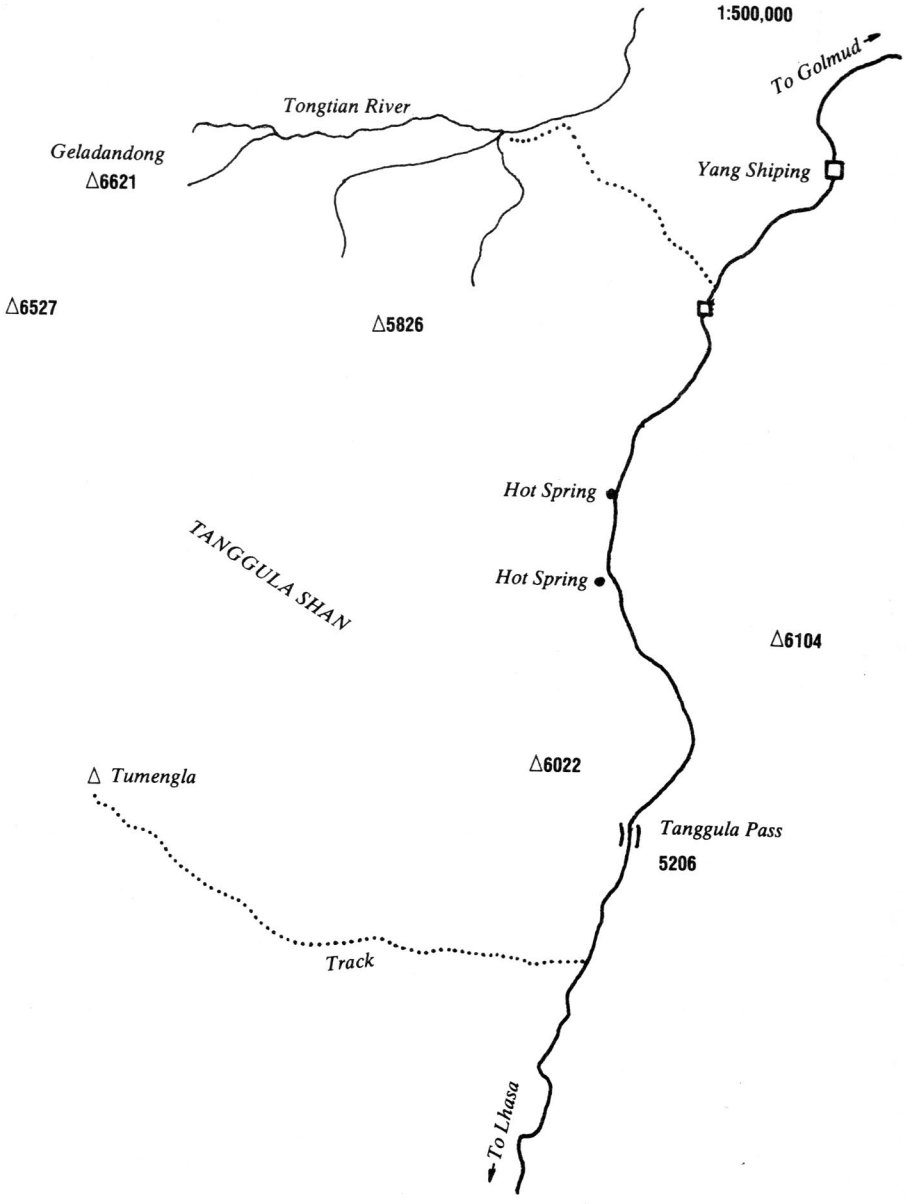
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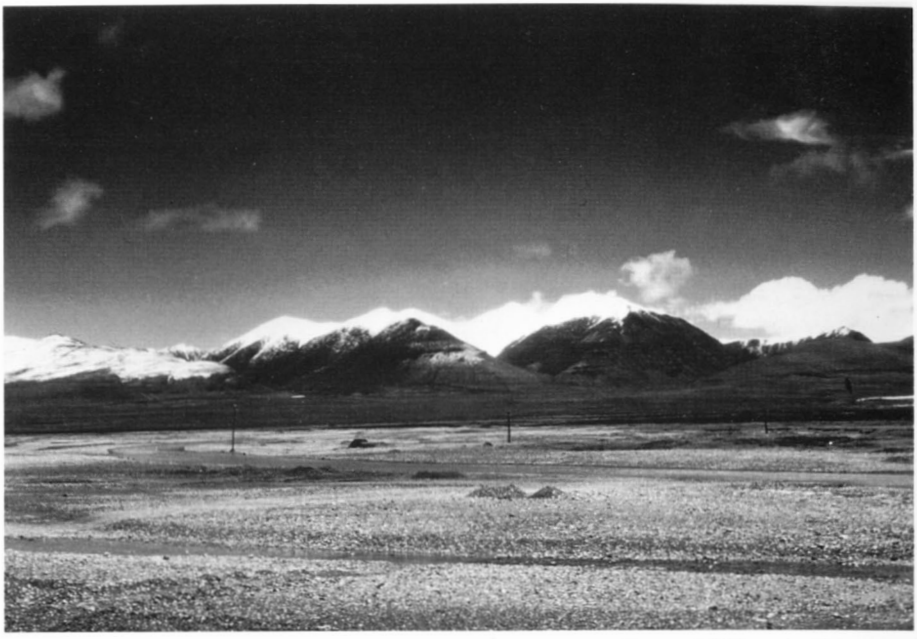
This range runs east–west across the central part of the Tibet plateau, but further east it curves to the south. It divides the Xizang Autonomous Region from Qinghai Province. The road from Lhasa to Golmud reaches its highest point as it crosses the range by the Tanggula Pass (5206m).

Close to the pass, to the west, is a peak 6022m, while to the east is a peak 6104m. Both have extensive snow-fields and rounded summits.

It is in this region that Tibetans are said to have mined 'quartz' for many months of the year, working at altitudes up to 6000m.

Further to the north and west is a group of peaks 6621m (Geladandong) and 6527m; from these the Tongtian river rises, one of the origins of the Yangtze Kiang. These peaks can be seen from the end of the track that leads from Wenguan station to the valley of the Tongtian river.


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To Golmud
Tongtian River
Geladandong
△6621
Yang Shiping
△6527
△5826
Hot Spring
TANGGULA SHAN
Hot Spring
△6104
△6022
△ Tumengla
Tanggula Pass
5206
Track
To Lhasa



28. *Peak 6104m to the E of the Tanggula Pass, Central Tibet.* (p 82)



29. *On the shore of Gozha Co (Lake Lighten), 1906–08.* (p 84)